

## Johann Martin Heiner & Adelgunda Dietzel Heiner

Johann Martin Heiner was born 17th March 1818 in Wasungen, Sax, Meiningen, Germany to Johannes Heiner and Anna Susanna Elizabeth Hundrof.

Adelgunda Dietzel was born 11th June 1815 in Wasungen, Sax, Meiningen, Germany to Johann Michael Dietzel and Sophia Christine Knies.

Martin (for so he was known by all his family and friends) worked for Herr Steven Dietzel and became much interested in his stepdaughter, Adelgunda Dietzel. He won her consent to become his bride and they were married by a German Lutheran Priest, 6th January 1838.

By strictest economy they were able to realize their greatest desire for in May 1845 they left for America. After forty days on the water they landed in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1849 this family moved to Waynesboro, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

Here, three years later a Mormon Missionary, Elder Jacob Secrest, brought the first news of the Latter-Day Saint Gospel to them. They were baptized and confirmed by him, 13th December 1852 with their two eldest daughters, Mary and Amelia.

They had an irresistable desire to join the Saints in Salt Lake. By working, toiling and saving, they were able to begin the treck across the Allegheny Mountains in 1859, then they traveled by boat until they reached Florence, Nebraska. Here they started in Captain Edward Stevenson's Company and all who were able to do so walked most of the way across the plains, arriving in Salt Lake City in September of 1859.

They lived in a dug-out at the mouth of Bingham Canyon for two winters and on the Alkali Flats west of Salt Lake for two years. In December 1863 they moved to Morgan, Morgan County, Utah where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Martin Heiner built the first rockhouse in Morgan for his home. They had eleven children born to them. The first four were born in Germany. They were: Mary, born 28th July 1839; Amelia, born 20th February 1841, John, born 2nd July 1842; Anthony, born 24th June 1844; George born in Baltimore, 26th March 1846; Elizabeth, born in Pennsylvania, 4th April 1848; Daniel, born in Pennsylvania, 27th November 1850; Susanna Catherine, born in Pennsylvania, 15th October 1852; Emma Ann, born in Pennsylvania, 17th August 1856; Rachael, born in Pennsylvania, 16th September 1858 and Eliza, born in Bingham Canyon, Utah, 22nd October 1860.

They were always staunch defenders of the Faith and interested in Community improvements.

Johann Martin Heiner died the 11th of March 1897 at Morgan. Adelgunda Dietzel died 24th November 1894 and they are buried side by side in the Morgan Cemetery, Morgan, Utah.

The three youngest children died young. The others married and had families. They lived honest, clean, virtuous lives, always true to the Faith.



Johann Martin Heiner



Adelgunda Dietzel



Home at Morgan, Utah