

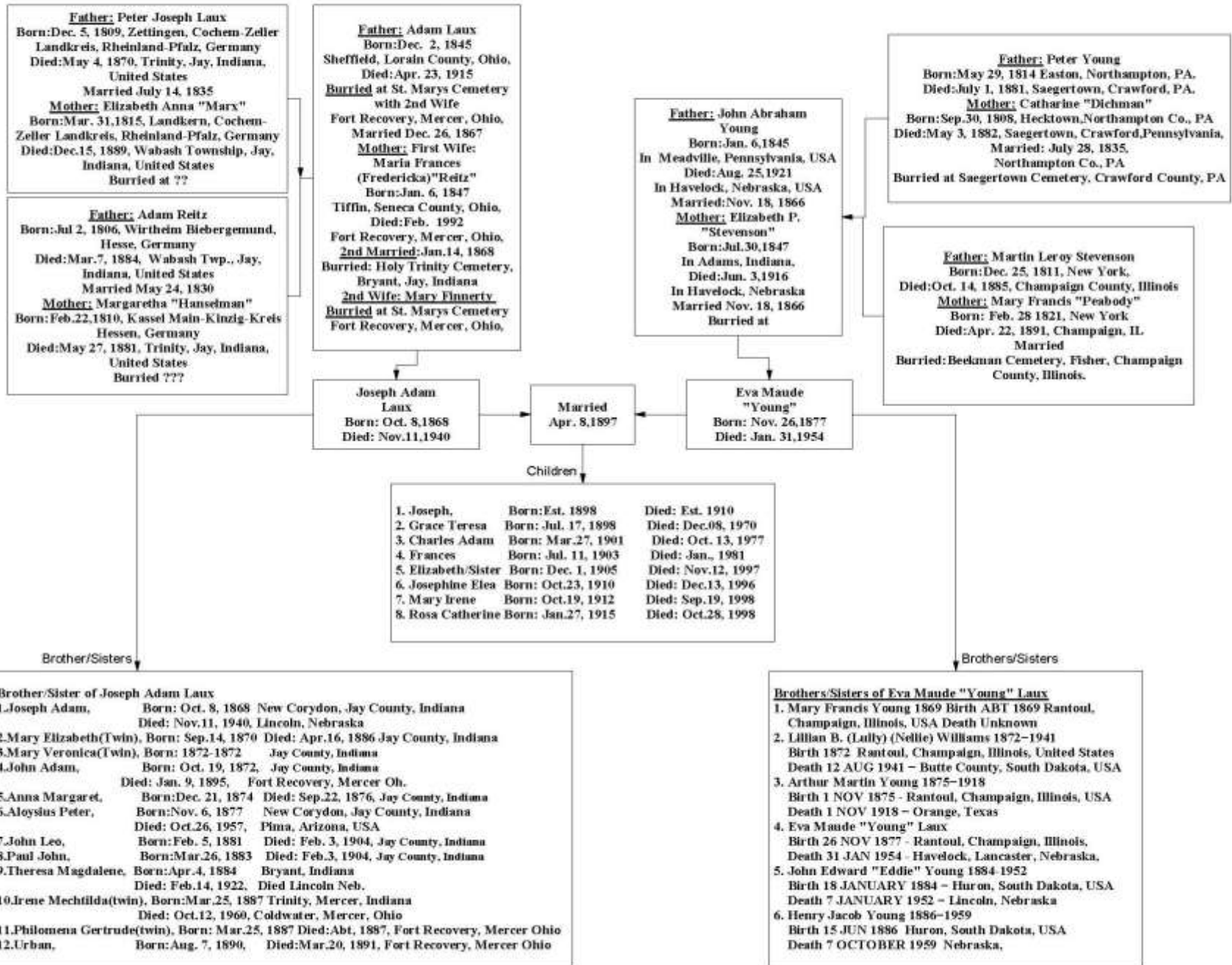
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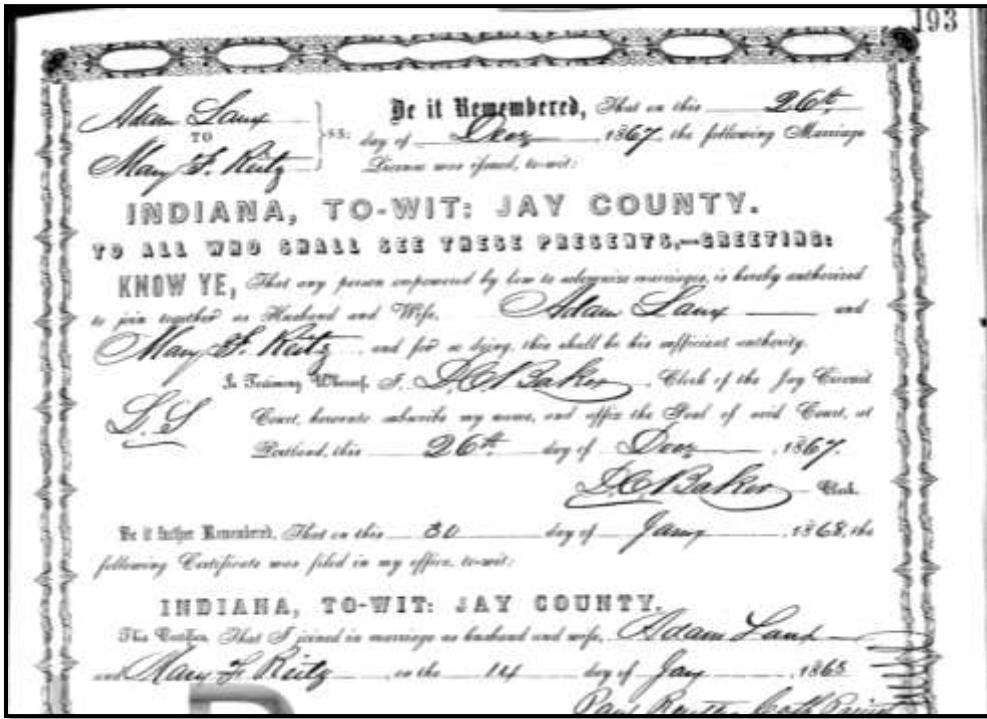
Joseph Laux's Parents, and Family



Pictured here, are **Adam Laux** and his second wife, **Mary "Finnerty" Laux** with two of Adam's grandchildren, **Charlie Laux** (left) and on the right is **Grace Laux**. Adam's Son was **Joseph Adam Laux** and Joseph married **Maude "Young"** and these were two of their children. **Joseph Laux** was the son **Adam** and **Maria Frances "Reitz" Laux**. The picture was taken in 1903 and it appeared it was taken by a **McDaniel Studio** in **Fort Recovery, Ohio** where **Adam** lived at the time.

Descendants Of Joseph Adam & Eva Maude "Young" Laux





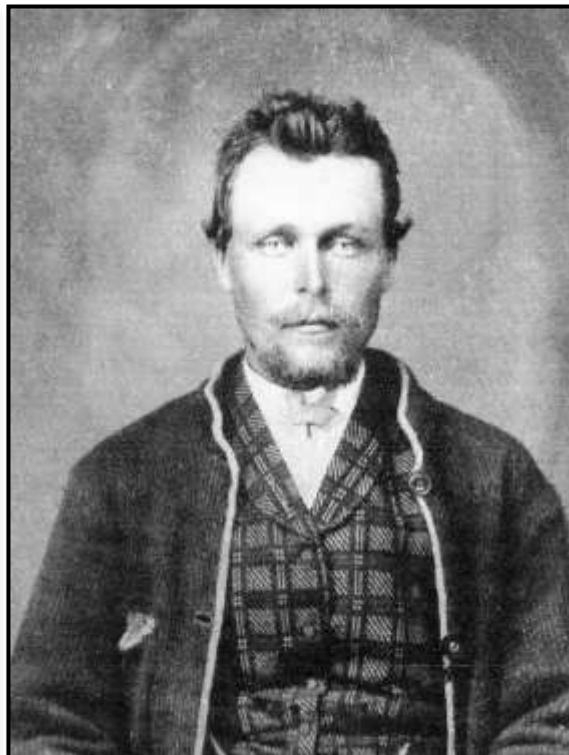
Marriage Recorded in Court House for Adam Laux and Mary F. Reitz:
 This is the record in the Jay County, Indiana Court House where the Marriage took place. They were married on Dec. 26, 1867 and it appears it was recorded in Jan. 30 of 1868. Adam & Mary Reitz Laux were the parents of Joseph Laux who was the father of Josephine “Laux” Michaels who was the mother of Elizabeth “Michaels” Kavanaugh.



Adam Laux and Family Jan 1906 Fort Recovery, Ohio. Back row: Theresa Laux, Aloysius Laux, Irene Laux, Grace Laux; Middle row: Maude Laux, holding daughter Elizabeth, Adam Laux, Mary Finnerty Laux, Joseph Laux; Front row: Frances and Charles Laux (children of Joseph and Maude)



Maria "Reitz" Laux and her Tombstone: Pictured left, is Adam Laux's first wife, Maria Reitz, and her tombstone. On the tombstone it did not list her first name, Maria, but Frances. She was born in 1847 and died in 1892. She married Adam Laux on Dec. 26 of 1867 and together they had 12 children. Many of those children died at an early age. After Maria passed away at the age of 45, Adam Laux married Mary Finnerty and they lived at Fort Recovery, Ohio. Adam passed away in 1915 and is buried with his 2nd wife Mary Finnerty.



Father: Adam Laux 1845-1915; Birth: 2 Dec. 1845, Sheffield, Lorain County, Ohio, USA. Death: 23 Apr. 1915, Fort Recovery, Mercer, Ohio, United States

Birth: 1845
Death: Apr. 23, 1915, USA

Family links:

Parents:

Peter Laux (1811 - 1870)

Spouses:

Mary *Finnerty* Laux (1848 - 1924)*

Mary Frances *Reitz* Laux (1848 - 1892)*

Children:

Anna M Laux (1874 - 1876)*

Aloysius Peter Laux (1877 - 1957)*

Theresa Margaret *Laux* Kroger (1884 - 1922)*

Irene M *Laux* Pottkotter (1887 - 1960)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial:

Saint Mary Cemetery

Fort Recovery

Mercer County

Ohio, USA

Plot: Section A, Row 10

This is information from Find-A-Grave concerning Adam Laux Burial place and family members they can trace to him and the plot/section/row where he is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Fort Recovery. It is not known why Adam is buried with his 2nd wife rather than his first wife, Mary Frances "Reitz" but it may be Mary Finnerty did not have a prior husband before she married Adam and she may have made that decision.

Birth: Feb. 29, 1848
Tiffin
Seneca County
Ohio, USA
Death: Feb., 1892
Fort Recovery
Mercer County
Ohio, USA

Family links:

Parents:

Adam Reitz (1806 - 1884)

Margaretha Reitz (1810 - 1881)

Spouse:

Adam Laux (1845 - 1916)

Children:

Anna M Laux (____ - 1876)*

Aloysius Peter Laux (1877 - 1957)*

Theresa Margaret *Laux* Kroger (1884 - 1922)*

*Point here for explanation

Note: Mary Frances may have added a year to her age her to cover her gestation period (an old practice sometimes followed by German families), hence the 1847 date on her gravestone.

Burial:

Holy Trinity Cemetery

Bryant

Jay County

Indiana, USA

Plot: Row 05, #04

Created by: Dennis Tanquey

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This is a picture of the entrance to St. Mary's Cemetery in Fort Recovery, Ohio where several of the Laux Family members are buried. Buried there are Peter Laux and both of his wives, Mary Frances "Reitz" and his 2nd wife Mary "Finnerty" along with several of their children. Fort Recovery, Ohio is located just across the eastern Indiana/Ohio border from Jay County.

This is information from Find-A-Grave concerning Mary Frances "Reitz" Laux burial place. It also lists family members they can trace to her and the plot/section/row where he is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Fort Recovery.

Children of Adam Laux and Maria Frances (Fredericka) Reitz.

1. **Joseph Adam Laux, (1868–1940)**
Birth: 8 Oct 1868, New Corydon, Jay County, Indiana, USA.
Death: 11 Nov. 1940, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, USA.
2. **Mary Elizabeth (twin) Laux (1872–1892)**
Birth: 14 Sept. 1872, Jay County, Indiana, USA.
Death: 30 Nov. 1892. Jay County, Indiana, USA
3. **Mary Veronica (twin) Laux (1872–1886)**
Birth: 14 Sept. 1872, Jay, Indiana, USA.
Death: 16 Apr., 1886, Wabash, Jay, Indiana, USA
4. **John Adam Laux (1873-1895)**
Born: 19 Oct. 1873. Jay County, Indiana, USA
Death: 9 Jan. 1895, Fort Recovery, Mercer County, Ohio, USA.
5. **Anna Margaret Laux (1874–1876)**
Birth: 21 December 1874, Jay, Indiana, USA.
Death: 22 Sept. 1876, Jay, Indiana, USA.
6. **Aloysius Peter Laux (1877–1957)**
Birth: 6 Nov 1877, New Corydon, Jay, Indiana USA.
Death: 26 Oct. 1957, Pima, Arizona, USA.
7. **John Leo Laux (1881–1904)**
Birth: 5 Feb 1881, Jay, Indiana, USA.
Death: 3 Feb 1904, Jay, Indiana, USA.
8. **Paul John Laux (1883–1904)**
Birth: 26 Mar 1883, Jay County, Indiana, USA.
Death: 3 Feb 1904, Jay, Indiana, USA.
9. **Theresa Magdalene Laux (1884–1922),**
Birth: 4 Apr. 1884, Bryant, Indiana, USA.
Death: 14 Feb 1922, Lincoln, Johnson, Nebraska, USA.
10. **Irene Mechtilda (twin) Laux (1887–1960)**
Birth: 25 Mar 1887, Trinity, Mercer, Indiana, USA.
Death: 12 Oct 1960, Coldwater, Mercer, Ohio, USA.
11. **Philomena Gertrude (twin) Laux (1887–1887)**
Birth: 25 Mar 1887, Ft. Recovery, Mercer, OH, USA.
Death: ABT 1887, Ft Recovery, Mercer County, Ohio, USA.
12. **Urban Laux (1890–1891)**
Birth: 7 Aug. 1890, Fort Recovery, Mercer, Ohio, USA.
Death: 20 Mar 1891, Fort Recovery, Mercer, Ohio, USA.

Children of Adam & Mary Frances "Reitz" Laux



Joseph Adam Laux, (1868–1940). He was the Father of Josephine "Laux" Michaels,



Aloysius Peter Laux (1877–1957)



Theresa Magdalene Laux (1884–1922)



Irene Mechtilda Laux, 1887–1960



John and Irene "Laux" Pottkotter's, tomb stone. John was born in 1885 and died in 1954. Irene was born in 1888 and died in 1960.

John and Irene "Laux" Pottkotter, married at Fort Recovery, OH., Feb., 9 1909.



John Adam Laux was the 4th child born to Adam Laux & Mary Frances Reitz. John was born on Oct. 19, 1872 and died Jan. 9, 1895 at the young age of 22 years of age. He died of Consumption which caused the death of a number of people in those days. There was 12 born in this family and many died at a very young age.

VOCATIONS TO THE SISTERHOOD

The following SISTERS of the PRECIOUS BLOOD were daughters of Holy Trinity Parish.

Family Name	Name in Religion
Mary Laux	Sister M. Christiana
Catherine Laux	Sister M. Albertina (Novice)
Anne Poiry	Sister Mary Anna
Routilla Catherine Laux	Postulant
Verena Laux	Sister M. Agnella
Elizabeth Schindler	Sister M. Castella
Therese Remaklus	Sister M. Lillian
Edna Miller	Sister Mary DePaul
Rose Mary Schmit	Sister Mary James
Prisca Remaklus	Sister M. Paulissa
Magdalene Miller	Sister M. Alphaeus
Margaret Laux	Sister M. Susanna
Leona Laux	Sister M. Albertine
Rosemary Laux	Sister M. Columba
Doris Wellman	Sister Mary Paula

The following Sisters of St. Dominic were daughters of Holy Trinity Parish.

Wilma Welling	Sister M. Alfrieda, O.P.
Ernestine Schmit	Sister Ann Carolyn, O.P.
Eileen Schmit	Sister Anita Marie, O.P.
Marie Jutte	Sister Clare Louise, O.P.
Idella Hartnagel	Sister M. Anacleta, O.P.

Taken from Centenary history.

Nuns in the Laux Family: This is a list of the Nuns who came from Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Jay County Indiana. In this list there are seven Laux Women from this church, who entered the religious life. Not sure when this list was published but it may have been for one of the anniversaries of the Holy Trinity. Most likely these women were first or second cousins to each other and could have been descendants of Peter & Elizabeth “Marx” Laux. The first on the list, Mary Laux, was the daughter of Peter & Elizabeth. **Note: Peter & Elizabeth Laux would have been the Great Grandparents to Josephine “Laux” Michaels.**

Pictured here, is Mary Christina Laux before she became a nun. She was known as Sister Mary Christina with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, Seneca, Ohio. She lived from 1847-1920. She was the Daughter of Peter Laux & Elizabeth Marx and was a member of Holy Trinity Church in Jay County before she entered the convent.





Pictured here, are Adam Laux and his two sons, Aloysius on the left and on the right is Joseph Laux. This picture was taken on Thanksgiving Day in 1914 when Adam came to Havelock/Lincoln to visit his son, Joseph and his family. Joseph had 7 children at the time. Adam lived in Fort Recovery, Ohio just across the eastern border of Indiana near Jay County, Indiana. Adam would pass away the following April of 1915. Adam's first wife died in Feb. of 1892 and his second wife was still living at the time of this picture. Adam Laux was the Father of Joseph Laux and Joseph was the father of Josephine "Laux" Michaels and Josephine was the mother of Elizabeth "Michaels" Kavanaugh.

Adam Laux while he was visiting his sons in Havelock, Nebraska during Thanksgiving of 1914. Adam passed away the following April 23, 1915. He was buried in Fort Recovery, Ohio with his 2nd wife Mary "FInnerty" Laux.



Info. on Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Jay County Indiana where the Laux Family settled in Northeast Indiana



Picture of the front entrance of Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Hwy. 67 in Jay County Indiana. This is a view of the front entrance of the church and off to the right is the cemetery where many of the early Laux family members are buried. This is how the church appears today but it was the place where many of the Laux families worshiped in the early 1800's after they immigrated to the United States from Germany. Was able to get this picture from Google Maps.



This is another view of Holy Trinity Church looking southeast. Alongside of the church is the parking lot and beside the parking lot on the right, is the church cemetery where many of the early Laux Family settlers are buried. This picture was from Google Maps.



Another view of the inside of Holy Trinity Church. This Church is a very historic church and was built in 1889 and is listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#). The reason for so many pictures & write ups of this church is because the Laux family was part of the early beginning of this historic church and many of the Laux family went into the religious life. You might say they had a part in the early history of this landmark church.



Holy Trinity Church in Jay County: European immigrants seeking escape from the political fermentation of their homeland's social structure, set their sights on distant shores and settled in the Ohio and Wabash valleys. This influx of catholic settlers was of great concern to Archbishop Purcell of Cincinnati, Ohio. Going to Europe in 1843 in quest of priests he succeeded in obtaining the services of the infant Community of the Most Precious Blood. It was through this effort that the Precious Blood Fathers cradled Holy Trinity and many other parishes, especially in Mercer County, Ohio, adjacent to Jay County, Indiana. After eighteen years, Holy Trinity Parish was started on December 25, 1861.



Holy Trinity Catholic Church is located in a community known as Bryant and is in the north east corner of Jay County, Indiana as indicated on this map by the arrow. This Church is located on Hwy 67 about 2-4 miles from the Indiana/Ohio Border. The Laux families settled there years ago and were a big part of that community.



Map of France and Germany. Shown here on a map is France and Germany and right between is Alsace also known as Alsace Lorraine which was a part of Western Germany and France depending on who won the wars fought between the two countries. The Laux Family emigrated from this area.



Another Picture of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Jay County Indiana. We received this picture from a member of the Church in Jay County after we sent in a request for information on the Church. This is how it appears today a long time from the early days when the Laux family first arrived in this part of the country. As you have seen in other places in this book, the Laux families played an important part in the early history of this church. It also has been learned there are still 5 Laux families that still attend the church today and they are very likely descendants of the original Laux families that settled in this part of Indiana. We were told there may be other descendants going there but their last names may be different because of marriage. The history also records that the Laux Family of Peter and Elizabeth “Marx” Laux came from Germany and settled in that part of the country and was very instrumental in helping to build the early church there. **Holy Trinity Parish was started on December 25, 1861.** This was such a beautiful picture of the church and the country side, just could not leave it out.



Stain Glass Window in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, in Jay County Indiana, in the community of Bryant. The picture left, is a full view of the window and the picture on the right, is the close in view of the bottom of the window “Adam & Margt. Reitz. The window, donated in memory of Adam & Maria Laux, was the window on the right side. Reitz was the maiden name of Mary Laux. Adam & Maria “Reitz” Laux of Jay County were the parents of Joseph Laux of Lincoln, Nebraska, who was the father of Josephine “Laux” Michaels of Montgomery, Indiana.



Stain Glass Window in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Jay County Indiana in the community of Bryant. The picture top left, is a full view of the window and the picture on the right, is the close in view of the bottom of the window in memory of “John Laux”. We believe this window was purchased by John Laux, who was the son of Peter & Elizabeth “Marz” Laux. John Laux also known as Johann Laux is buried at Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery, adjacent to the church. He was born 1839 and died in 1915. John married Elizabeth Stelzer January 1, 1866 and they had eight children. He owned 100 acres on the home farm and 80 acres in another farm nearby. Also, it is my understanding from Dennis Tangney, who provided me with the Laux history, that the stained glass windows were purchased by the various living family members of the church, which is why their names are at the bottom. They were not purchased in the memory of other family members.





This is a full view of the window that is behind the organ/choir loft at Holy Trinity. The window faces the East and is above the back entrance to the church. The top right picture, is a closer view, where the name of Peter Laux can be seen in the middle window. The lower right, is a close up of the bottom of this big window, where the name of Peter Laux is fully visible. This window was in Memory of Peter Laux, who was the first Laux to enter the United States and became a U.S. Citizen. Peter and Elizabeth, were the parents of Adam Laux and Adam had a son, Joseph Laux, who was the father of Josephine “Laux” Michaels.

History of German Settlement and Establishment of St. Teresa Church of Avila

On June 2, 1846, the first mass in St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church was performed by Father McLaughlin in conjunction with the dedication of the church. Peter Laux, Christian Merz, Johan Muller, and Peter Schneider served as the first trustees of the church. In 1852 St. Teresa parish built a new wood frame church (40 x 60 feet) at a cost of \$1,500, which was located on the site of the old log structure. An additional acre of land was purchased adjacent to the original site to be used as a cemetery. In December of 1880, St. Teresa parish purchased an additional one-

On Sunday, March 3, 1907, a sweeping fire destroyed the St. Teresa frame church during High Mass. Parishioners carried furniture, vestments, pews, and the organ out of the burning structure, but watched in horror as the two bells crashed to the ground from the belfry.

Undaunted, and receiving the Bishop's approval, the parish began excavations for a new church at the same site on March 30. The cornerstone for a Gothic-style brick Church with sandstone trim was set on May 19. Red brick for the church was fired in a nearby kiln, which facilitated the rapid construction a 250-person capacity structure. The new St. Teresa Church celebrated the first half acre of land from John Ferner for a Priest House.

The next year, Father Amadeus Dambach, born in Baden, Germany, was appointed as the first permanent pastor of St. Teresa Church. In 1883 St. Teresa parish completed construction of a red brick Priest House at a cost of \$2,700. In August of that year, Father Dominic Zinsmayer, also of Baden, Germany, replaced Father Dambach as pastor of St. Teresa Church.

In 1885, Father Zinsmayer purchased two bells for St. Teresa Church from Hy Stuckstede Bell & Foundry Company in St. Louis at a cost of \$282. The small bell weighed 184 lbs., while the larger one weighed approximately 800 lbs. German migration into Sheffield began in 1840. John Forster of Bayern [Bavaria], Germany arrived and purchased 50 acres of land from Captain Aaron Root, on which he built a log cabin. Other Germans immigrants soon arrived, including the Ferner and Burkett families. In 1842, German Catholic settlers in Sheffield petitioned the Diocese of Cincinnati for the services of a priest.

In response to this request, a mission was established in Sheffield with services in the home of Johan Muller. Father McLaughlin from Holy Trinity Church in Avon provided the services, but unfortunately, he did not speak the German language.

In 1844, Father Francis de Sales Brunner established a seminary in Peru, Ohio (near Norwalk) for German-speaking young men from northwestern Europe (Order of the Precious Blood). Father Brunner agreed to hold church services in Sheffield and French Creek every 6 to 8 weeks.

By 1845, the number of German families in who had settled in Sheffield numbered 20 [Nichlaus Burkert, Johan Diedrich, Wilhelm Eiten, Anton Kalz, Widow Kelling, Johan Laubenthal Jr., Peter Laux, Nichlaus Linnert, Christian Merz, Johan Muller, Jodokus

Otto, Nichlaus Rothgeri, Peter Rothgeri, Peter Schneider, Johan Schuller, Mathias Schuller, Heinrich Schwarz, Nichlaus Tannen, Joseph Tomas, and Peter Uhrig]. They decided to build a church and received help and encouragement from Reverend Peter Greist (or Kreuzsch) who organized a mission with assistance from Father Brunner. Each member of the church paid \$1 towards the purchase of an acre of land from Captain Aaron Root with the understanding that when he sold his farm (Lot 17) he would donate another acre to the church, which he did.

On this 2-acre plot, located at the corner of Conrad and Bennett Roads (present-day Colorado Avenue and Abbe Road), the parishioners built a 24 x 30-foot log church. The church was named in honor of St. Teresa Halusek, Angela Forster. 1971. The Germans in Sheffield. In: Burrell, Doris (ed.), Sheffield. Lorain County Metropolitan Park District, Elyria, Ohio. p. 17-19.

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I received the following article concerning the first Laux Family to enter the United States and that was Peter & Elisabeth "Marx" Laux. They settled near the Indiana/Ohio border.

Laux Family History, by Mary J. Galvin

In June of 1843, Peter Laux his wife, Elisabeth Marx with their two sons, Nicolas, Johan, and six-year old daughter, Anna Maria set forth from their Rheinland-Pfalz home in Koblenz for a long arduous journey to a new country. Taking a barge along the Rhine to Rotterdam where they then could arrange passage. They sailed on the brig "President" which carried a total of 105 passengers. They docked July 26th 1843, at the port of New York. Fellow passengers aboard the brig were Peter and Nicolas Schneider, Peter Minnich and families, also leaving from the same area around Landkern and traveling to Ohio. In America, the next move for the immigrants would be to take passage on a barge along the Erie Canal to Buffalo. There they could ship across Lake Erie to Cleveland. By wagon from Cleveland was only a few more short miles west to their destination at Sheffield Township on the shores of Lake Erie.

Beginning in 1833 with the arrival of the first German families in Avon, village sites along Lake Erie appealed to newly arriving immigrants. The area at that time was thickly

wooded arid and required a lot of manual labor to clear the forestry for farming. Bringing their abilities for farming the land, they adapted quickly to the many tasks needed to build homes and start life in this pristine wilderness.

Though these settlers came from Germany, they brought with them prejudices of their sectional ethnic background. There was a mixture of Bavarians, Prussians, Hessens and Alsatians. The Alsatians believed they were French and would ridicule the other Germans by calling them "Pickles," but in German, since it was the only language they spoke! Each group established separate churches in the two villages of Sheffield and Avon. There were three churches in less than five miles: Holy Trinity and St. Mary in Avon and St. Theresa in Sheffield. The Laux family descendants claimed to be Alsatian, but were listed on the census as Prussian. This probably can be explained by the frequency of German border changes due to French border disputes.

As soon as the new residents grew past twenty families, the arguments started as to where the church should be located, with one group arguing for east Avon and the other for the west side of French Creek. In 1843, the French Creek people bought an old wagon shop and converted it to a church, thus setting the place for The Church of the Immaculate Conception. By September, the Avon people began building a frame church, (size 30 x 40 feet) to be known as The Church of the Holy Trinity. The dispute is better understood if it is realized that the area was a wilderness and each farmer didn't want to plod through the heavy forest and underbrush to go to church. The problem continued until they could find missionary priests (preferably German) visiting or assigned to the churches.

When Peter and Elisabeth Marx Laux arrived in Sheffield, they were quick to join in the construction of St. Theresa, a log cabin church. Peter's property was kitty-cornered across the road from the church. There were twenty families in Sheffield by 1845 and each contributed a dollar to the purchase of an acre of land from Aaron Root. When it was collected, Aaron donated an extra acre. Hardly had the church been built, when a school was established in a log cabin built on the northwest corner of the property. The first religion teacher was our Peter Joseph Laux.

The congregation soon numbered fifty-five families. Rev. Peter Griesh was the organizer and beginning membership included John and Catherine Miller, Christian Marx and wife, John Forester, Peter and Elisabeth Laux, Henry and Magdalena Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schneider, Mathias and Mary Catherine Shuler, George and Catherine Lusbauer, Peter Urish, John and Gertrude Diedrich, Peter and Magdalena Rothgery, Andrew Guberna, Peter Young, Leopold Miller, John and Anna Conklin, John Marks, George and Theresa Glensherin, Antoine and Kunneyunda Deitsch, John and Catharine Kelling, John Miller and Christian Mark. Peter Joseph Laux and Peter Schneider were appointed trustees. Rev. Peter Greist was pastor.

The new American additions to Peter's family were recorded in St. Theresa's small baptismal book and contained many Laux entries starting in 1849 with a daughter, Mary

A. Son, Joseph, June 30, 1850 had for sponsor Elisabeth Marx's half sister, Gertrude Daum. Elisabeth's brother, Johann Marx was godfather to Helen in 1852. In 1855, Wilhelm Willing married Elisabeth's half sister, Anna Maria Daum, and they were witness to the baptism for Anna Laux. However, in 1857 as Rev. Amedeus Dambach entered Katherine's baptism, he listed her parents as Peter Laux and Elisabeth Daum instead of Elisabeth Marx (a definite slip of the pen). The last Laux entry was for Michaelon 13 April 1859.

Peter quickly applied for citizenship papers in 1845. Entry in the journal of the Court of Common Pleas in Lorain County, (volume 6, page 82) listed were Peter Laux, Mathias Statman, Peter Schneider, Christian March, John Diedrich, Peter Shaffer, Peter Lunden and William Lenden. All were natives of Prussia who stated that they had lived the required amount of time in America to make a declaration for naturalization of citizenship.

On arrival in Avon, his family probably stayed with a relative. There were several, Peter Laux and Gertrude Kramer of French Creek (1791-1877), Adam Laux and Anna Marie Drizen, who came from Forst in Cochem, also another Peter Laux 1805-1881 in Avon at this time, or with the Christian Marx family from the Landkern vicinity. As soon as Peter could purchase property, the first settlers helped the newcomers to clear the trees from the land and built the family a log cabin home. June 28, 1845, a deed was recorded for one-and-a-half acre lot for the price of two hundred dollars in Avon section (10). It was purchased jointly by Mathias Olig, Jacob Konrad, Peter J. Blesser of Avon, and J. Kelling and Peter Laux of Sheffield.

The 28th of January 1848, Peter recorded another deed from Hetty B. Hart when he purchased twenty-one acres for one hundred forty eight dollars, a parcel of land in the township of Sheffield, section seven in range 17 Lorain County, Ohio. From the tax list dated June 1st, 1850, the farm was worth \$275.00 and Peter had a milk cow, two oxen, one other cow and five pigs. His stock worth \$80.00. He paid taxes for nine bushels of wheat and seventy-five bushels of Indian corn, 28 bushels of potatoes, eighty pounds of butter and two tons of hay.

Their house was but a half-mile walk to Lake Erie's shore and quite often in the afternoon after working in the hot morning sun on the farm, Peter would take the family and hike to Lake Erie for an afternoon swim. How refreshing in the beautiful clear cool lake on a summer day. His son, John Laux, would often tell his children of the advantages of living close to the lake.

Elisabeth Laux's maternal mother, Anna Maria nee Haubrich Marx Daum had arrived in Cleveland in 1847 from Landkern, along with Johann Marx, her son and her other two daughters, Gertrude and Anna Maria Daum. Grandmother Daum and her two girls lived near William Willing in Cleveland when he married the young daughter, Anna Maria Daum in 1849.

Anna Maria Marx Daum did not think very highly of Americans, often calling them the "Barbarians." A bit on the finicky side, she preferred better accommodations than a log cabin offered, especially when crowded with young grandchildren. She liked the more cultured area in the city provided and since she was comfortably well-off, she could afford to live highly. Was she the paternal grandmother described by Emma Neitling to her granddaughter, Genny Anderson Leach, as being rather cold and stiff? This grandmother was reported by Emma to have had a beautiful home in Prussia and did not like it disrupted by grandchildren. A large hedge was said to have separated the two properties. The Laux grandfather liked the children and was known to slip them jellied sandwiches as a treat when his wife wasn't looking. They lived close to a royal preserve, and had special hunting privileges.



Picture of Peter Laux (1809-1870). First Laux Family member to enter the United States. Father of Adam Laux.



This is the only picture I have seen of **Elizabeth "Bersch" Laux**, wife of Peter Laux. She was born on March 31, 1815 and died on Dec. 15, 1889, at the age of 74 years old. She is also buried at Holy Trinity Cemetery.



Tombstone for Peter Laux. He is buried in Holy Trinity Cemetery in Jay County, Indiana near a town called Bryant. Peter was born on Dec. 5, 1809 and died on May 4, 1870. He was 60 years old at the time of his death. There are some places that listed his death as May 3, but the tombstone has it as May 4th. His wife's full name, was Elizabeth Anna Marx "Bersch".

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STATE OF OHIO
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

County of Madison
 Township of Gibson Registration District No. 853 File No. 23945
 Village of Fort Recovery Primary Registration District No. 2894 Registered No. 15
 City of _____ (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)
 (If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information.") FULL NAME Adam Laux

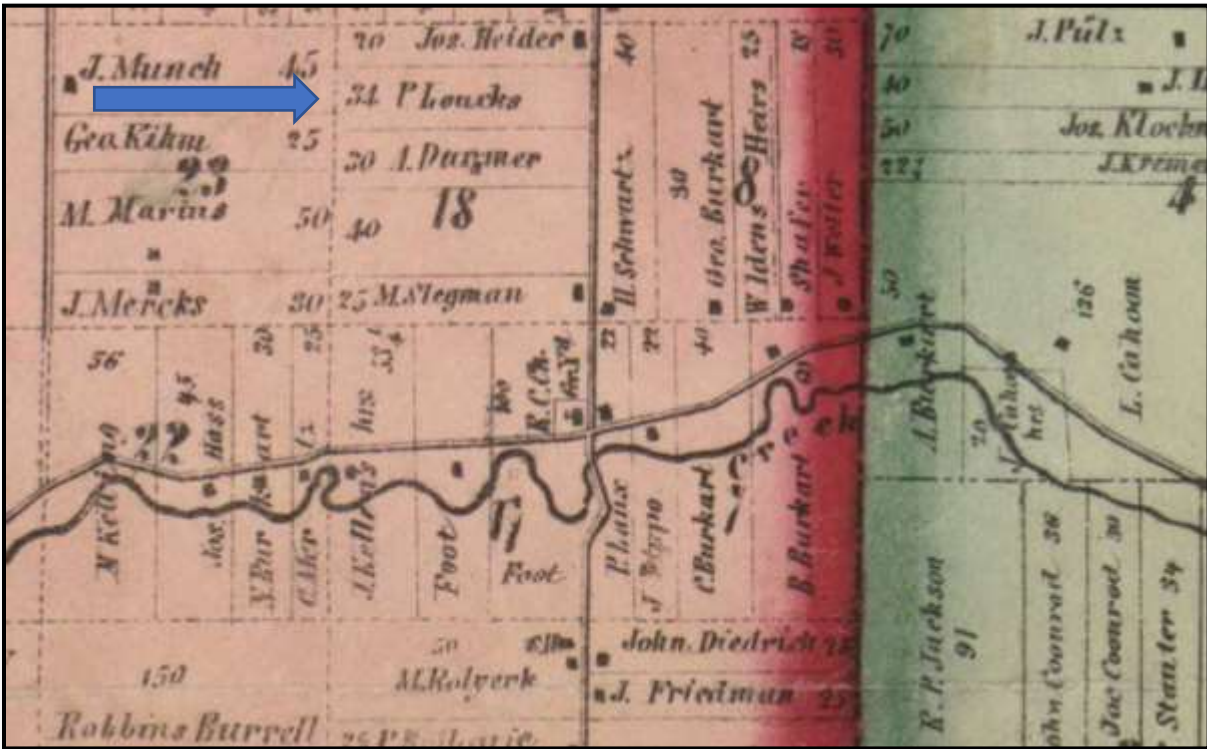
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DATE OF BIRTH <u>Feb 2 1844</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Feb. 24 1915</u> to <u>Apr. 24 1915</u> and that I last saw him alive on <u>Apr. 23 1915</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>7 P.M.</u>	
AGE <u>70</u> years, <u>4</u> months, <u>30</u> days			M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <u>Paralysis of heart</u> <u>muscles due to</u> <u>Fatty Degeneration</u> (Duration) <u>60</u> Days	
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>married</u>			Contributory _____ (Duration) _____ Days	
BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) <u>Ohio</u>			(Signed) <u>J. M. Buss</u> M. D. <u>Apr 23 1915</u> (Address) <u>Fort Recovery, O.</u>	
OCCUPATION <u>Carpenter & Miller</u>			SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recruit Residents. Former or Usual Residence _____ How long at _____ Days Place of Death _____	
NAME OF FATHER <u>Peter Laux</u>			Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____	
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Foreign Country) <u>Germany</u>			PLACE OF BURIAL or REMOVAL <u>Catholic Cem</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>Apr 26 1915</u>	
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Margaret Marx</u>			UNDERTAKER <u>W. H. May</u> ADDRESS <u>Fort Recovery, O.</u>	
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Foreign Country) <u>Germany</u>				
THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF				
(Informant) <u>Mr. Adam Laux</u> (Address) <u>Fort Recovery, O.</u>				
Filed <u>April 24 1915</u> <u>J. E. Hooley</u> Registrar				

Death Certificate for Adam Laux: Shown here, is the Death Certificate for Adam Laux, who passed away on April 23, 1915. His first wife was Mary Frances "Reitz" Laux and after her passing, he married Mary "Finnerty" Laux. She was still living at the time of his death. Adam Laux's parents were Peter Laux and Elizabeth "Marx". Adam and his first wife, Mary Frances, had 12 children. At the time of his death, there were just two sons and two daughters still living. Adam was 70 years old at the time of his death. Adam is buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Fort Recovery, Ohio with his 2nd wife. His first wife is also buried there.

GRIM REAPER

Ft. Recovery, Ohio, April 23.—
Adam Laux, 70, died last night from
a complication of diseases. He leaves
a wife, two sons and two daughters.

This notice appeared in the newspaper announcing the death of Adam Laux. At that time, they announced it under the heading of "Grim Reaper," now it is under the heading of Obituaries.



1800 Plot Map of Jay County Indiana & Western Ohio: Note the arrow on this map pointing to Number 34, with the name P. Loucks. It is misspelled as was customary back then, to spell it Loucks instead of Laux. The arrow is pointing to the farm of Peter Laux and the plot map dates sometime around 1860. I would guess this may be an 80 acre farm.

**Listed Below is the 11 Children of Peter Laux (1809-1870)
& Elizabeth "Marx" (1815-1889)**

1. Birth of Daughter Anna Maria "Emma" Laux (1837–1927)
Born: 31 Jul 1837 • Landkern, Cochem-Zell, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany
Death: 30 SEP 1927 • Stayton, Marion County, Oregon, United States of America
2. Birth of Son Johann Laux_(1839–1915)
Born: 14 August 1839 • Landkern, Cochem-Zell, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany
Death: 22 JUL 1915 • Coldwater, Mercer, Ohio
3. Birth of Son Nicholas Laux_(1842–1902)
Born: 24 Apr 1842 • Landkern, Cochem-Zell, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany
Death: 06 APR 1902 • Jay, Indiana, USA
4. Birth of Son Adam Laux (1845–1915)
Born: 2 Dec. 1845 • Sheffield, Lorain County, Ohio, United States of America
Death: 23 APR 1915 • Fort Recovery, Mercer, Ohio, United States
5. Birth of Son Christopher Laux (1846–1912)
Born: Dec 1846 • Sheffield, Lorain County, Ohio, United States of America
Death: 20 JAN 1912 • Stayton, Marion, Oregon, United States
6. Birth of Daughter Mary Christina (Sister Mary Christina) Laux (1847–1920)
Born: 6 Jan 1847 • Sheffield, Ohio, USA
Death: 16 SEP 1920 • New Riegel, Seneca, Ohio, USA
7. Birth of Son Joseph Laux (1850–1927)
Born: 1 Jul 1850 • Sheffield, Lorain County, Ohio, United States of America
Death: 11 JANUARY 1927 • Stayton, Oregon, United States
8. Birth of Daughter Helena (Lena) Laux_(1852–1940)
Born: 20 Aug 1852 • Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, USA
Death: 30 JUN 1940 • Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, United States of America
9. Birth of Daughter Anna Marie Laux_(1855–1943)
Born: 25 February 1855 • Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio, USA
Death: 1 JULY 1943 • Poplar Bluff, Butler, Missouri, USA
10. Birth of Daughter Catherine (Sister M. Albertina) Laux_(1855–1925)
Born: 26 Feb 1855 • Jay, Indiana, United States
Death: 17 JAN 1925 • Stayton, Marion, Oregon, United States
11. Birth of Son Michael Laux_(1859–1930)
Born: 11 Apr 1859 • Sheffield twp, Loraine, Ohio, United States
Death: 28 DEC 1930 • Stayton, Marion, Oregon, USA

**This Article Copied from Biographical Memoirs, page 563, 564.
Courtesy of Mary Galvin. Chicago IL.**

"John Laux of Wabash Township, is one of the prosperous, well-to-do agriculturalists of Jay County, Indiana, and was born in Germany, August 14, 1839. His father, Peter Laux, brought his family to this country in 1844 on a sailing vessel, and settled in Lorain County, Ohio. It was on this farm that John Laux passed his youthful years, coming with his father to Wabash Township, Jay County, Indiana, in 1860. The next two years he was a farmhand, hiring out by the year, and in August, 1862, enlisted as a private in Company E., Eighty-fourth Indiana, and saw much active service. The first battle in which he participated was at Chickamauga; then followed the engagements at Dalton, Ringgold, Kennesaw Mountains, and other encounters under the command of General Sherman. He contracted typhoid fever, which disabled him for service for some time, and at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain he was struck on the left leg above the knee, by a minnie ball, which wounded him so severely that he was placed in the hospital at Chattanooga and later removed to Nashville, where he spent three months. He was then sent to Louisville, thence to New Albany, Indiana, being in all almost six mos. in hospitals. He was discharged on account of his disability on May 26, 1865, and returned home."

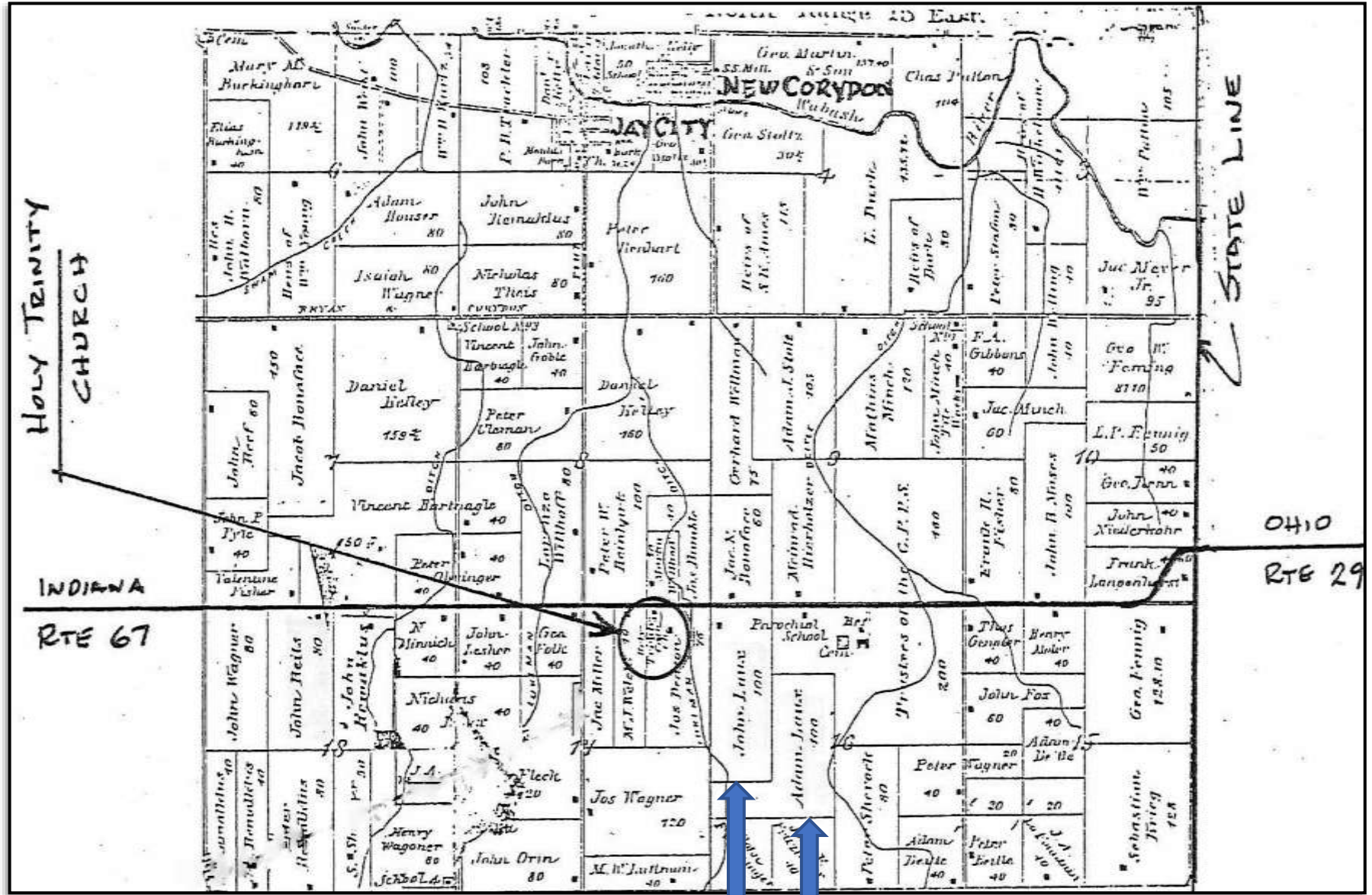
"January 1, 1866, Mr. Laux was united in wedlock with Elizabeth Stelzer, who presented him with eight children: Veronica, Frances, Mary, Joseph, Victoria, John, Frank, and Rosa who is deceased. After his marriage, Mr. Laux moved to the farm now occupied by him and which has been brought to its present state of perfection by his own efforts. He has 100 acres on the home farm and 80 acres in another farm nearby. He is a Republican in his political affiliations and a consistent member of the Catholic Church."



Pictured, left are **Johann and his wife, Elizabeth “Stelzer” Laux**. Johann was the oldest son of Peter & Elizabeth “Marx” Laux, who were the first Laux family members to immigrate to the United States. Johann, also known as John, did very well for himself and his family as you can tell by this article.



Picture of the **Tombstone for Johann and his wife Elizabeth” Stelzer” Laux** of Jay County Indiana. This tombstone is in Bryant Indiana. John (Johann) Laux is buried at the Holy Trinity Cemetery, Row 09, #24.



Plot Map of Jay County Area: The top arrow points to the farm of John Laux, which may have been 100 acres and the bottom arrow was Adam Laux Farm, which it has written 400 and wonder if that meant 400 acres. If so, the maps are not drawn to scale. John and Adam were brothers and when John first came to America, John was known as Johann, which may have been the German spelling for John. John was the older brother of Adam and they were sons of Peter and Elizabeth Laux.

Below, are the file cards in the **National Archives for the first Laux Family to enter into the United States**. Cards below for Peter Laux, his wife Elizabeth, their daughter Anna, sons Johann and Nicholas. They docked in New York on July 26, 1843.

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Peter and Elizabeth (Marx) Laux arrived in this country via the ship, President, July 26, 1843 at the Port of New York, District of New York. Below are copies of the ship tickets each had on arrival.

No These are file cards in NAT'L ARCHIVES NOT ACTUAL TICKETS -

<p>LAUX PETER</p> <p>Family Name Given Name</p> <p>Accompanied by: ELIZB, ANNA, JOHAN, NICOLAS</p> <p>Age: Yrs. Mths. Ds. Occupation: FARMER</p> <p>Nat'lty: PRU Last permanent Residence: PRU</p> <p>Part of party: NY Name of vessel: PRESIDENT Date: 7-1843</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AB1767</p>	<p>LAUX ELIZBETH</p> <p>Family Name Given Name</p> <p>Accompanied by: PETER, ANNA, JOHAN, NICOLAS</p> <p>Age: Yrs. Mths. Ds. Occupation: F</p> <p>Nat'lty: PRU Last permanent Residence: PRU</p> <p>Part of party: NY Name of vessel: PRESIDENT Date: 7-1843</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AB1767</p>
<p>LAUX ANNA</p> <p>Family Name Given Name</p> <p>Accompanied by: PETER, ELIZ, JOHAN, NICOLAS</p> <p>Age: Yrs. Mths. Ds. Occupation: F</p> <p>Nat'lty: PRU Last permanent Residence: PRU</p> <p>Part of party: NY Name of vessel: PRESIDENT Date: 7-1843</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AB1767</p>	<p>LAUX JOHAN</p> <p>Family Name Given Name</p> <p>Accompanied by: PETER, ELIZ, ANNA, NICOLAS</p> <p>Age: Yrs. Mths. Ds. Occupation: M</p> <p>Nat'lty: PRU Last permanent Residence: PRU</p> <p>Part of party: NY Name of vessel: PRESIDENT Date: 7-1843</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AB1767</p>
<p>LAUX NICOLAS</p> <p>Family Name Given Name</p> <p>Accompanied by: PETER, ELIZ, ANNA, JOHAN</p> <p>Age: Yrs. Mths. Ds. Occupation: M</p> <p>Nat'lty: PRU Last permanent Residence: PRU</p> <p>Part of party: NY Name of vessel: PRESIDENT Date: 7-1843</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AB1767</p>	