

## **GOTTLIEB H MUNTER**

Gottlieb H Munter was born on September 30, 1868 in Mühlethurnen, Bern, Switzerland according to his death certificate and headstone. I have also confirmed this data with the Swiss Church records thanks to help from a professional genealogist. Gottlieb's passport issued in 1920 mentions his birth place as Lohnstorf, Switzerland. His baptismal record is likely the most correct, and I will use that location.

Based on information from family records, it looks like Gottlieb was the 5<sup>th</sup> of 12 children born to Fredrich Munter and Elizabeth Aeschbacher. It looks like 6 of these children died before reaching adulthood. I have not confirmed this yet with official records but do trust that most of the family data is correct. In my bio for Robert Munter, there is the story on the first "Munter" baby being found at the church and I won't retell that all here.

Gottlieb's passport application mentions that he emigrated to the United States sailing from Harve, France in March 1890. That information matches with a passenger list. On February 26, 1890 we see a Gottlieb Munter arriving in New York on the La Champagne. He shares that he is a farmer coming from Switzerland. His age is hard to decipher, but looks like it could be listed as 24, which would be close. According to this record, he traveled in steerage.

We have in the obituary for Gottlieb and Eliza that they were married on December 18, 1889 in Lansdorf, Switzerland. I have not yet located this location on a map.

On April 20, 1892 we find Gottlieb's Declaration of Intent for Naturalization in Piatt County, Illinois. He has his naturalization record in Delaware County, Iowa on October 13, 1896.

Eliza's obituary states that she came to the United States in 1891 with their son Adolph. It also states that the family lived in Monticello, Illinois for three years before relocating to Iowa where they remained until 1900 when they moved to Cedar County, Nebraska

We see "Geotthich Munter" in the 1895 Iowa State Census living in Milo, Delaware County, Iowa.

In the 1900 Federal Census the family is in District 0083, Milo, Delaware, Iowa. Eliza reports that they have had 6 children with 6 living. They are farming and note that their home is rented. The children who are of the appropriate age are reported as being in school.

The Munter family has done great research on the land purchases of Gottlieb Munter that I can add in here and I am forever grateful to them for the work that was done.

In 1901 Gottlieb Munter paid \$4080 to May Clark McCornack and FA McCornack of Woodbury County, Iowa for the SE Quarter of Section 26, Township 29 North, Range 1 East.

This is between the current towns of Coleridge and Randolph, Nebraska and is marked "A" on the map that follows.

In 1905, Gottlieb purchased the SE Quarter, of Section 35, Township 29N, Range 1 East and paid \$8000. This is marked "B" on the map that follows.

The 1910 Federal Census reports the family in District 0041, Precinct 17, Cedar, Nebraska. They now report 11 children born, 11 children living. The family is farming and report owning their home.

In the June 1, 1911 Cedar County News we see that Gottlieb Munter was in town consulting as to plans for a new school house in district 68. On November 23, 1911, the Cedar County News reports that the Munter School in district 68 is looking for a teacher. The paper also states that district 68 has a fine new modern school house and pays wages as high as the average in the county.

In 1913, Gottlieb Purchased the West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 23, Township 29 North, Range 1 East. He paid \$36,800. The prior two transactions are recorded as "hand paid" which means that it was paid in full. For this purchase Gottlieb takes out a mortgage for \$9,500 at 5% interest. This is marked "C" on the map that follows.

In the 1920 Federal Census we see Gottlieb and his family in District 0046, Precinct 17, Cedar, Nebraska. He reports owning his farm, reports farming as his main occupation. In this census we also see grandson Elmer Dewey living with Gottlieb. You may remember from the bio on Robert Henry Munter that he lost his first wife in 1918. Robert had not yet remarried and two year old Elmer was living with his grandparents.

The Munter family notes say that in 1922 when they retired and moved to Hartington.

The 1930 Federal Census shows Gottlieb and Eliza in District 0031, Hartington, Cedar, Nebraska. They report owning their home and record it's value at \$4000. This is higher than most of the homes on the page as there is only one recording higher at \$5000. They no longer live on the farm and the census has "Lemon Ave" noted on the side. They do also report owning a radio set.

On August 15, 1930, a formal deed was made for the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, Township 20 Range 1 selling the land to Robert and Marjorie Munter. This is part of what is marked "C" on the map.

On December 17, 1931, Gottlieb sold the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26 and the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 35 both to John Munter. These are "A" and "B" on the map.

We also see that on August 31, 1935 an indenture was filed between Gottlieb and Eliza with the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company for \$10,500 for the remaining NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23. Then on December 19, 1938 Gottlieb conveyed the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 23 to the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company. Notes say that Gottlieb foreclosed on the land that was being rented by Fred Munter.

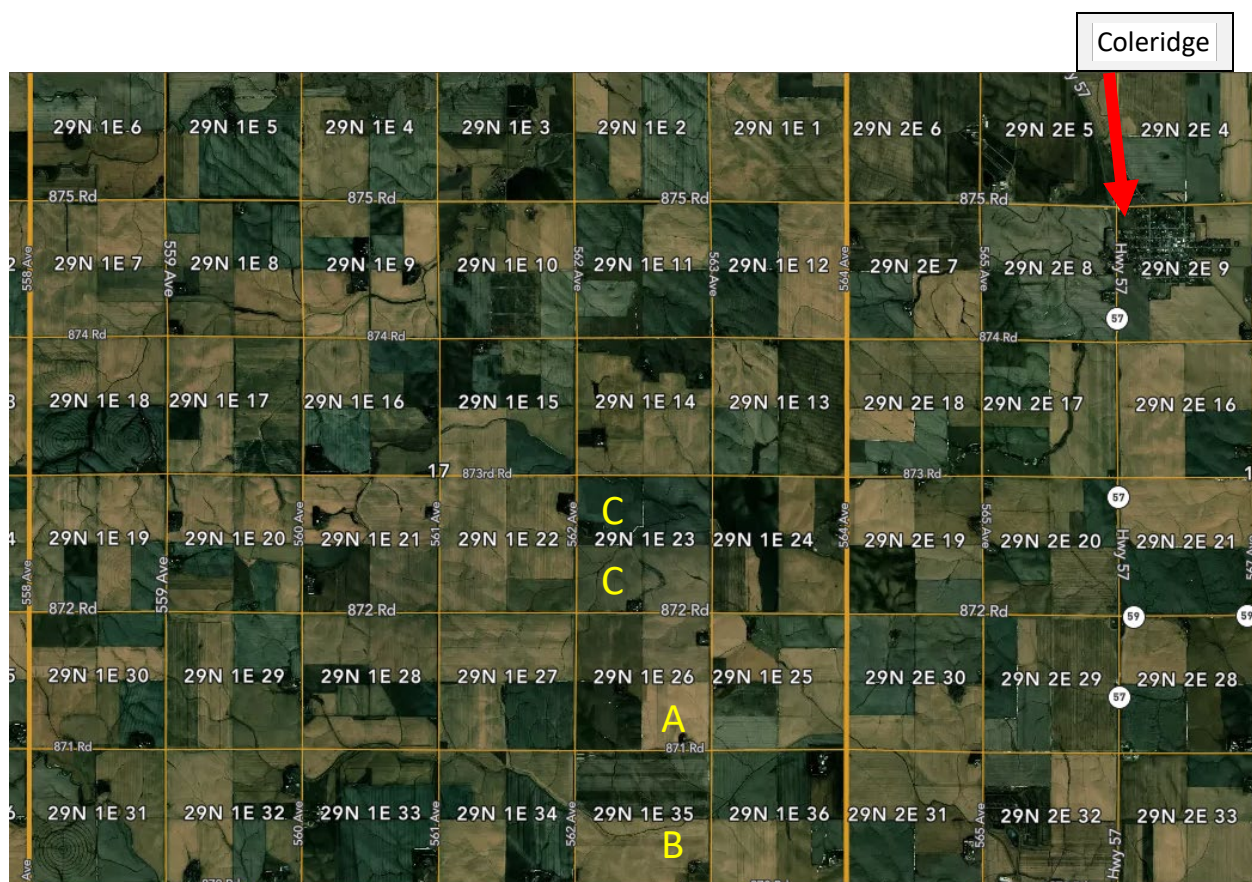
In the 1940 Federal Census Gottlieb has moved to California. Eliza has died and he is reported in 59-30, Long Beach, Los Angeles, California. He reports that he completed his education through the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of High School. He also states that he lived in Stanton, Nebraska in 1935 which was a farm. He is currently renting on Dawson Ave and the census records a hose number of 791 ½ with a Marion Arnold who was born in Missouri owning house 791 and also residing there. Marion Arnold is the husband of Gottlieb's daughter Lillian. Marion records the home value at \$3000 which is about the same as other homes on the page, and Gottlieb reports \$18 in the home value, which must be what he pays for rent.

Gottlieb Munter died on July 31, 1947 in Long Beach, Los Angeles, California according to his death certificate and is buried in the Hartington, Nebraska Cemetery

Gottlieb was a member of the German Reformed Church in Belden, Nebraska.

Gottlieb Munter is recognized as one of the Century Families in Nebraska through the Nebraska State Genealogical Society.

### Map of Gottlieb Munter Land Purchases



Gottlieb and Eliza had 12 Children

- **Adolph Munter (1890-1977)**
- **Fred Munter (1893-1971)**
- **Robert Henry Munter (1894-1988)**
- **Elizabeth Maria Munter (1896-1991)**
- **John Munter (1898-1994)**
- **Paul Munter (1900-1981)**
- **William Munter (1902-1995)**
- **Walter Munter (1903-1978)**
- **Lillian Munter (1905-2009)**
- **George Munter (1906-1930)**
- **Emma Lou Munter (1909-2006)**
- **Helen Munter (1912-1997)**

Thanks to the wonderful work of Marjorie Bayne Munter, the wife of Robert Munter, we have information in her biography on all of these children. Sadly though, I only have one picture of the family as a whole and only one picture of Gottlieb and Eliza.



*Back Row: John; Adolph, Bob, Walt, Fred, Paul, Bill. Front Row: Lizzie, George, Gottlieb, Helen, Eliza, Emma, Lillian*

I try not to delve too much into the siblings for each of my direct ancestors, but there is one here that deserves telling. Paul Munter had apparently grown frustrated with something in the family dynamics and at the age of 22 he left from home never to return. Denise Albrecht, granddaughter of John Munter, recalls that about 15 years later a letter appeared from Paul who was asking for a copy of his birth certificate and \$50 to be sent to an address in Michigan. The letter to go with the documents was accidentally left out of the envelope and was sent the next day to the same address. It was returned "address unknown" but the birth certificate and money were not returned. After much searching and looking we were able to find Paul's death certificate in Ruskin Florida. His death notice in the Tampa Tribune in April 1981 said that he had been a resident of the area for 16 years. His death certificate lists him as never married and as the Proprietor of a Plant Nursery. It was a wonderful mystery to solve, but sad to see the long estrangement.



## **ELIZA MARIE STUCKI**

Eliza Marie Stucki was born on April 17, 1870 according to her death certificate. Her death certificate states that she was born in Bern, Switzerland and her obituary states that she was born in Mumpfiz, Switzerland. This doesn't come up on a map immediately, so more research is needed to determine specifics and I hope to do some research in the Swiss records in the future. Based on her death certificate I believe that Eliza's parents were Rudolph Stucki and Susanna Speicher. Her obituary states that she had several brother and sisters in Switzerland, but I do not currently know who they were or how many.

In her obituary it is stated that Eliza was baptized and confirmed in the Reformed Church.

Sadly, I have no other information presently on Eliza or her past. As more information is available, I can update this document.

Eliza died on October 19, 1937 in the Hospital for Tuberculosis in Kearney, Nebraska. According to the notes she had been in Kearney for about a month and had been dealing with tuberculosis since September 1935.

Eliza is buried in the Hartington, Nebraska Cemetery.