

## Frederick and Hannah Scherf

Frederick Scherf was born circa 1800 in Reis Prussia. He was married to Hannah Christiana ---. Of this marriage, there were nine or ten children born.

Frederick, Hannah, and their four children left Hamburg on April 18, 1847 on the ship named Brig Rudolph, and arrived in New Orleans on June 22, 1847. From there, they went to the community of York in Dearborn County, Indiana.

There is a property deed recorded on July 7, 1847, and subsequent records of property transactions through the 1800s. All of these transactions took place in Dearborn County.

Frederick Scherf received his Naturalization papers in the Clerks Office of the Dearborn Circuit Court on September 22, 1852.

Maria Amelia Scherf, the first child of this couple to be born in the United States, was born on December 28, 1850.

In a document dated February 7, 1879, the heirs (children) of Frederick conveyed the property owned by Frederick to his wife, Hannah C. Scherff. This would indicate that he died late in 1878 or early in 1879.

Hannah C. Scherff evidently died in March of 1887. This would be supported by a document conveying land to Leonard Meister for the bed and board that he had provided Hannah from November 29, 1886. This paper was signed by Henry J. Scherff to whom she had granted power of attorney on December 24, 1886.

The surname of this family has several variations of spelling : Scherff, Scherf, Scharf, Sheriff.

Frederic was said to have weighed 349 pounds, and Hannah to have weighed only 90 pounds.