

Scene's From Princeton's Past-The Siepert Family

Gottlieb Sr. Siepert was born in Prussia on May 5, 1809, and died on April 27, 1881 and his wife Anna Caroline *Breitkrauz* Siepert was born March 18, 1818, and died March 20, 1909. Both Gottlieb Sr and Anna Siepert and their son Friedrich who was born in 1839 and died in 1909, are buried in the Black Creek Cemetery on County Road D in the Township of St Marie. Gottlieb Sr and Anna and their family departed Bremen, Germany, for America on June 27, 1870, on the ship Argonaut. Gottlieb Sr and Anna had one daughter Anna Christina and three sons, Friedrich, Gottlieb Jr., and Gustave. The Siepert Family article will continue in two weeks and will be about Gottlieb Sr and Anna Siepert's son Gustav and their grandson Fred.

Gottlieb Siepert Jr. was born on February 8, 1843 in Putzig, Provinz Posen, Germany. He died on Sunday, May 12, 1929, following a paralytic stroke. He arrived in the United States at the age of 27 on June 27, 1870. Gottlieb married Emma Krause on January 27, 1880. Gottlieb and Emma had nine children, seven sons and two daughters. Twin sons Eduard and Johann were born on January 20, 1885, Eduard died on August 12, 1885 and Johann died on August 13, 1885. An Infant son, with no name, was born on June 6, 1893 and died the same day. Gottlieb was a laborer and also worked for the Railroad when he came to America. Gottlieb's obituary stated he was not only a Christian, but was an honorable gentleman. The funeral was held at St John's Lutheran Church in Princeton and Reverend A. G. Hoyer officiated the service.

Emma *Krause* Siepert was born in Germany on July 24, 1856, in Barkendorf, Germany. She died on June 16, 1937, and her death was due to heart trouble and a stroke. Emma fell about a year before she died and broke her hip, and hadn't been able to walk, but she could sit in a chair. She came to America at the age of 16 with her parents and settled in Princeton. Emma was a devout member of St John's Lutheran Church in Princeton and was a member of the Ladies Aid Society. Emma's funeral was held at St John's Lutheran Church in Princeton, and Reverend Harold Warnke officiated the service. Flower girls at Emma's funeral were her grandchildren, Margaret, Gwendolyn, Winifred, Betty Ann, and Ione.

The 1920 Census had Gottlieb and Emma living on Water Street in Princeton, the house was torn down, but it was in the vicinity of 112 W Water Street. The 1930 Census had Emma, living on Water Street and listed as the Head of the House, Gottlieb had died in 1929, and living with Emma was her son Walter, and daughter Hattie, along with daughter Helen Lewis and her six children, Margaret, Gwendolyn, Winifred, Gordon, Calvin, and Betty. The 1940 Census, had the Siepert Family still living on Water Street, but, Walter was listed as Head of the House, Emma had died in 1937, living with him was his sister Helen and her four children, Winifred, Gordon, Calvin, and Betty. Helen did laundry for people and was very meticulous about her laundry work.

Gordon "Corky" Lewis married Bernice *Dalka* on January 18, 1947. Gordon was in the Army and served in the WWII. Gordon was in the Battle of the Bulge with General Patton. Gordon received a Purple Heart for being wounded. Gordon is buried in St John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Princeton, and his wife Bernice lives in Princeton. Calvin Lewis married Delores *Mashock* on July 9, 1947 and they were married for 25 years. Calvin passed away in 1972 and Delores in 2017. Calvin was a SSGT, US Marines RES in WWII and Korea. Calvin and Delores are both buried in St John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Princeton. Elizabeth "Betty" Lewis married Arnold "Barney" Clewien on October 25, 1947. Arnold was a TECH 4, US Army in WWII. Arnold is buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery and Elizabeth lives in Princeton area.

Gottlieb Jr. and Emma's son Walter was born on August 16, 1889 and died in Princeton died July 16, 1958. Walter was born in Princeton. He never married and was a laborer his whole life. Buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery are Gottlieb Jr. and his wife Emma, and their sons, Eduard, Johann, Infant son (with no name), and Walter Siepert. Gottlieb Jr and his wife Emma's son William is buried in the City of Montello Cemetery and their daughter Helen *Siepert* Lewis is also buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery.

The information for this article came from findagrave.com and Ancestry.com, and family member from Saskatchewan, Canada, Ken Neumann, and Princeton resident Bernice Lewis. If anyone has any information or photos of the Siepert Family or anyone else buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery, please contact City Hall at 920-295-6612 or mail to PO Box 53 or bring to City Hall at 531 S Fulton Street or email mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com or cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com.

The Band Mother's Cook Book is still available and can be purchased at City Hall in Princeton or at the Berlin Journal Newspapers Office. The City of Princeton is in the Milk Moola Program from Kwik Trip, and is saving the caps from milk products. If anyone has any caps that they are not saving for another organization, the milks caps can be dropped off at City Hall. The money from the milk caps is going toward purchasing the cleaning solution to clean the gravestones in the cemetery. Thank you to everyone who has turned in milk caps or milk bag tops.

The re-published Princeton, WI, Quas Qui Centennial Books, which is the history of Princeton from 1848 to 1973, are available and were recently reprinted by the Berlin Journal Newspapers. The Quas Qui Centennial Books can be purchased at City Hall at 531 S Fulton Street in Princeton or contact Mark Judas or Patty Wiannecki at US Bank at the Princeton Branch. The books can be sent in the mail, if anyone does not live in the area and would like to purchase a book. The Quas Qui Centennial Book will be the companion Book to the 2023 Quarto Sept Centennial Book that is being compiled and will be printed and available with the History of Princeton from 1973 to 2023. The Quarto Sept Centennial Book will be available later in the year 2022.

Gordon "Corky" and his mom Helen Siepert Lewis when Corky came home from the Army



Anna Siepert (wife of Gottlieb Sr.)



Gottlieb Jr. & Emma Siepert



Gottlieb Sr. Siepert

