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in
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Their Marriage

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A WORD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this book possible. Appropriately it was compiled in the basement of Florence Klein's house at 807 East Lucas Street in Algona, Iowa, the home to which Nicholas and Justina Altman Bormann moved in 1936.

We especially thank Ernie Bormann, 88, and Eddie Bormann, 85 - Nick and Justina's only living children - for their tales of the past; Dolores Gales Cullen for her cover art; and Carol Gales for writing the short History of the Bormann family.

We are grateful to those who researched and wrote, in 1972, the first history of Nick and Justina and their descendants. The book gave us a good start on our work.

We have learned something from this project: that there is no time like the present to ask one's parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles about what life was like for them while they were growing up. We encourage each of the families to start collecting their own stories on tape or in writing.

We hope you enjoy our book!

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A NOTE TO THE READERS

The descendants of Nicholas and Justina Altman Bormann are identified and organized in this book according to standard outline form, as follows:

A couple's children are listed and numbered in order of age. A separate page was made for each married descendant and his or her children. Unmarried descendants have not been numbered and are listed on their parents's page only.

Nick and Justina's children are represented by Roman numerals. Hence, Mike Bormann, for example, is "I".

Each of Nick and Justina's grandchildren is represented by his or her parent's Roman numeral and his or her own capital letter. For example, Mike Bormann's second child, Clarence, is "IB".

This outlining system can be extended indefinitely to identify future descendants.

Luxembourg



LUXEMBOURG covers only 999 square miles. The greatest distance north to south is 51 miles, and the largest width east to west is 35.4 miles. The nation's official languages are French and German, but the common language is Letzburgesch, a German dialect. Shown here are LUXEMBOURG, the capital city; OBERFEULEN, birthplace of Nicholas Bormann; and IMBRINGEN, birthplace of Justina Altman.

Nick and Justina: a short history of their life and times

A man and a woman came together in 1889 — 100 years ago — and because of them we are here. Their blood flows in our veins today, and we are family because of it.

There are other things we share. Some of us have similar memories of childhood because our families spent so much time together and we went to the same schools and we were cousins.

Some of us don't know many of the relatives well, but we do know that many of the same names appear on our family trees.

All of us share the stories of the life of Nick and Justina Altman Bormann. To learn their stories is to learn forgotten chapters of our own.

NICHOLAS BORMANN AND JUSTINA ALTMAN were born in Luxembourg, a tiny European country bordered by France, West Germany and Belgium. Luxembourg is about the size of Kossuth County, Iowa.

Nicholas was born April 15, 1864, in Oberfeulen.

He was the third of nine children — all boys — of Peter and Susan Link Bormann. As was customary at that time in Luxembourg, Peter and Susan's eldest son, John, inherited the family homestead. John's descendants still live in the original house.

Nicholas was 21 when he emigrated to the United States in 1885. His father died the next year. His mother had died in 1882.

"One day he told his folks he was going to pack his suitcase and was going to America," Nick's son Eddie Bormann, now 85, remembers hearing. Three of Nick's brothers were to follow in later years.

It is not known at which American port Nick landed, nor whether he then went straight to Kossuth County. According to his obituary, published in an Algona newspaper in 1953, Nick spent a year near Dubuque before moving to the St. Joe area. None of his living relatives remember hearing about that.

In any event, when Nick arrived in Kossuth County, he was determined to learn the English language. He took night classes and went to work for a Livermore farmer who spoke only English. Nick was paid just \$1 a day.

JUSTINA ALTMAN WAS BORN Feb. 26, 1870, in Imbringen to Michael and Anna Flammang Altman. Two of Justina's half-brothers and a half-sister came to America around 1890. After selling all their property, Michael, Anna, Justina — then 11 years old — and the rest of the family set off for America. They arrived in Iowa in 1881 — four years before Nick. The Altmans settled on a farm in Section 32 of Sherman Township, Kossuth County, where Frank Reding lives today.

Though they had lived just 12 miles from each other in Luxembourg, Nick and Justina did not meet until coming to Sherman Township.

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School was less important for the older children, who were needed to help with chores at home. Only a few of the younger children completed all eight grades.

Each child spent several years at the Catholic boarding school in St. Joe to prepare for First Communion, usually received at age 10 or 12.

IT WAS A GOOD FIVE-MILE trek to St. Joe. Nick and Justina sometimes left the boarders at school after church on Sunday, especially on short winter days when the weather was bad.

"We just hated that," Eddie remembers. Lots of kids — some of the Bormanns included — cried when left by their parents for another week at school. On Fridays, if farm work was keeping Nick and the older boys busy, the boarders walked home.

The walks from St. Joe or to and from the country school were usually uneventful.

But one day as they walked to the country school, they came upon a civit cat (an animal like a skunk) caught in a trap Lorenz had set in a large potato patch out in their field. Lorenz had nothing with which to kill the creature. So, according to Ernie, now 88 years old, Lorenz "stomped" it to death.

Then they walked on to school. Lorenz's clothes were saturated with the smell of the animal. Their teacher tried to use ashes from the school's stove to rid Lorenz of the odor. But it didn't work. Lorenz was sent home.

TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BORMANNs was by horseback or horse-drawn buggy, surrey, or bobbed for many years. They usually kept about 15 horses in the big barn, which still stands today.

Living beings, horses sometimes proved more unpredictable than early cars.

After marrying and moving to his own place, Mike "always had spirited horses," remembers Raymond Kohlhaas, Susie's son and Nick and Justina's oldest grandchild.

Once, when Mike was driving a wagon pulled by a steady mare named Old Babe and a spirited colt called Dewey, Dewey pushed Old Babe off the road, through the ditch and a fence and then raced — with Old Babe, the wagon and Mike in tow — toward a flooded creek.

Perhaps Dewey thought the water was just a puddle, like the one the horses rolled in on the farm, Raymond said. At any rate, Mike saw what was going to happen and jumped off the wagon just before the horses and wagon went "end over end" down into the creek.

A light inside a house spooked those same horses the night they pulled Mike and his family home in a sled after Stella's wedding Feb. 19, 1936. Dewey pushed Old Babe up a bank, the sled tipped, and the family was dumped out.

NICK BOUGHT HIS FAMILY'S first car — a black Jackson with a canvas fold-down top — in Humboldt in 1914. One reason Nick chose the Jackson, Eddie believes, is that it had a tin-covered wooden body, instead of just the tin body other cars had at the time.

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They were married by Father John Anler on Dec. 16, 1889, in the original white building that was St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The Livermore Gazette recorded the event in its Dec. 20, 1889 issue:

"Father Anler, Catholic priest at St. Joe, performed his first wedding ceremony at that place last Monday, uniting in marriage Mr. Nick Bormann and Miss Justina Altman, both of that place, the latter being a sister to our townsman, John Altman."

THE BORMANNs MOVED IN WITH Justina's parents and two sisters, but it isn't clear how long the newlyweds stayed there. Some of Nick and Justina's children believe their parents bought a farm as early as 1892. But a warranty deed filed at the Kossuth County Courthouse indicates that Nick bought, for \$3,500, the south-east quarter of Section 21, Sherman Township, from Peter Jarding on July 16, 1894.

While considering whether to buy the land, Nick found a way to look at it without revealing his intentions to neighbors. Posing as a hunter, he slung a gun over his shoulder and walked over the property.

Unfortunately, it wasn't until after he'd bought the land and burned off the prairie grass that he learned hundreds of rocks covered the 160-acre tract. For years after that, the Bormanns were kept busy hauling rocks off the farmland.

A frame house with one room upstairs and one room downstairs was moved onto the farm, and the Bormanns lived in it until about 1899. They built a kitchen onto the west side. The tiny house — which still stands on the farm, now owned by Leo and Irene Bormann — sheltered the couple and their first five children.

A new, much larger house was built on the farm about 1899, and the tiny house became a place to wash clothes. The new house was big enough to hold Nick, Justina and all nine of their children between 1908 — when Stella, the youngest, was born — and 1912 — when Susie married and moved out.

NICK AND JUSTINA'S NINE children were born over an 18 year period. Mike was born Sept. 25, 1890. He was followed by Susie on Dec. 23, 1891; Mathias on Oct. 18, 1893; Anna on Oct. 13, 1895, and John Peter on Nov. 20, 1897. John was the baby of the family when they moved into the larger house.

Ernest Jacob was born Nov. 17, 1900, followed by Lorenz Nicholas on Oct. 18, 1902; Edward on July 14, 1904, and, finally, Stella Angela on April 3, 1908.

The family spoke *Letzburgesch* — the German dialect spoken by people in Luxembourg. Both Ernie and Eddie remember the family kneeling around Justina each night during Lent to pray the rosary in that tongue. The kids would learn English in the public school, though German was spoken in the Catholic school at St. Joe.

All the children went to school for a time at Center School, the little white one-room schoolhouse that still stands in the southeast corner of Section 16, Sherman Township. Such schools were spaced every two miles. Children attended the nearest school.

Ignoring the dirt roads, the Bormann children walked the shortest distance through the grove and across the fields to get to the schoolhouse a mile away.

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Nick drove the black car just once, Ernie said.

"He said he wouldn't buy one if he couldn't drive it," said Ernie. But apparently the car gave Nick a harrowing ride up to the schoolhouse and back, according to Ernie. "It didn't go very good, I guess."

Roads back then were made of dirt, not even coated with gravel. Rain quickly ruined automobile outings.

Once, Ernie remembers, some of the family members piled into the Jackson and drove to Humboldt for the county fair. After they arrived, it rained. The roads became impassable. So they all took the train, arriving in Livermore about midnight. Some of them stayed with relatives in town, while others spent the night at the depot.

The family bought a Model T Ford in 1919.

The car moved in low gear when a certain pedal was depressed, and in high gear when the pedal was released. Eddie remembers that the family sometimes drove all the way to St. Joe in low gear because the engine couldn't pull the car in high gear.

Whenever someone bought a new car and drove it for the first time to church in St. Joe, people gathered to peer at the new machine, according to Eddie.

"Everyone stood around and gave their two-cents worth," Eddie said. "Oh my, it was like an auction."

LONG AFTER CARS APPEARED, horses were still important on the farm. Farm implements were clumsy and small.

"You could work and work and you didn't get anything done," Ernie remembers.

He was 14 years old when he was first sent out to cultivate. The Bormanns gradually bought more land, and going up and down, up and down the rows to do anything — plow, drag, cultivate or harvest — took days.

Corn was picked by hand. Most of the family helped with the work. "If you picked a hundred bushels a day you did pretty good," said Eddie. "Stella did that many a day." She could fill a wagon with ears almost as fast as Ernie and his sister Annie could working together, Ernie said.

The family bought its first tractor, a Waterloo Boy, around 1920. John used to take the tractor a mile south to plow on another farm Nick owned. The tractor was undependable, Eddie said; once the motor killed, John seldom could get it started again without the help of a Livermore mechanic who had to be called out.

John lost sight in one of his eyes while working on one of the family's early tractors. Using a chisel, he tried to chip off part of a wheel rivet so it would fit on the tractor. One of the chips bounced off the tractor and into John's eye.

Shelling corn required extra workers who brought wagons and teams of horses to help haul grain to Livermore or LuVerne. Wagons held just 50 bushels — which was about all a team of horses could pull.

Threshing oats was another project that required cooperation among many neighbors and relatives. The Bormanns and two other families bought a threshing machine together at one time. The machine was powered in early years by a steam engine, later by a tractor.

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The Bormanns, like many others, remember threshing as a time of hard work and good, abundant food. Justina, some of her daughters and others worked for days preparing food and pies and cakes.

THE FAMILY RAISED OR GREW almost all of what it ate. More than 50 apple trees, cherry trees, plum trees, two rows of grapevines in the garden, rows of strawberry plants, pumpkins, cucumbers, potatoes and all the usual vegetables fed them. They made grape, dandelion and rhubarb wine and apple cider.

Working with three other families, the Bormanns butchered a beef four times a year. Each family took one-fourth of the meat.

In spring, the family would butcher hogs on a Monday, then spend the rest of the week processing, cutting and "frying down" the meat to help preserve it all year. Sausage was ground, packed into cleaned casings and smoked in the smokehouse along with hams. Lard was "rendered" — prepared and saved for baking and cooking.

Life was harder then, but the big family had fun, too. Having few manufactured toys to play with, the children focused their imaginations on ordinary objects. Sticks became fences and cobs became cows and pigs and people whose world was a little area the children had carefully raked in the grove. They played with cobs up until they were 10 or 12 years old, Ernie said.

They swam in the river. Some of the boys played baseball with others from Irvington or LuVerne. Mike and Math and a makeshift team once defeated the professional St. Joe Ponies in a game in Pete Bormann's pasture several miles east of St. Joe.

TYPICAL OF FARM WIVES AND mothers of the time, Justina spent all her time working in the house and farmyard. She made lye soap, canned vegetables and fruits, cooked jams and jellies, sewed the family's clothes and washed them, and kept the house clean. She baked two big batches of bread twice a week. She made cheese and butter from milk collected from their cows.

Her sons and oldest granddaughter remember that Justina was not a woman to show she was surprised.

"One time we fooled her," remembers Florence Klein, Annie's oldest daughter and Nick and Justina's granddaughter. While Nick and Justina were in church on their wedding anniversary one Sunday, their married children gathered at the farm, parking their cars behind the grove.

Nick and Justina opened the door to a houseful of people. "It almost got the best of her," Eddie said. But she quickly remembered that Eddie had swept the cobwebs in the house the day before — and then she wasn't so surprised after all.

Eddie remembered his father as a strict man. "When he said something, he meant it. He was the boss," Eddie said.

Nick liked to read the newspapers, and was interested in politics. An Algona newspaper account of the Bormanns' 50th wedding anniversary celebration listed Nick's activities:

"During his lifetime, Mr. Bormann has served as township clerk, school director, road supervisor, Kossuth County Mutual insurance director and director of the Livermore farmers elevator."

Nick smoked a pipe. "Every man should smoke a pipe; it gives him time to think," he would say, Florence remembered.

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Annie, who had cared for Nick until his death, continued to live in the house until her own death. Many of her grandchildren enjoyed summer visits with Annie at the house in Algona.

AS OF FEB. 1, 1989, NICK AND Justina's nine children produced 275 descendants, including 31 grandchildren, 131 great-grandchildren and 113 great-great-grandchildren.

The descendants of Nick and Justina have spread themselves across the face of the country the two pioneers made their home more than a century ago. Though some have continued their ancestors' farming tradition, others have gone into other fields.

Life in America has certainly changed in the past 100 years. Though life was "harder" in 1889, many of us living in today's high-pressure, fast-paced world like to think of former times as "the good old days."

"Well, they were what they were, I guess," Eddie said, reflecting on the days when he was a child and Nick and Justina were a young, vital, hard-working farm couple.

"Are these here the good days, what we have today? I hate to think sometimes what these ... young kids, what they've got ahead of them.

"Well, they'll probably live just like we lived," Eddie said. "You never know what's ahead, no."

Written in June 1989 by Carol Gales with information compiled by Helen Gales.

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Over the years, Nick applied his business skills to buying more farms. "If you don't gamble, you'll never get anywhere," he'd say.

As his sons grew older, Nick was freed of most farm work. He began helping Justina in the kitchen. "Nobody could make an apple peel as thin as he could," Florence said.

EACH OF THE NINE CHILDREN married, starting with Susie in 1912. Both Ernie and Eddie remember the Sept. 24 St. Joe wedding and the reception and dance at the farm.

With help from others, Justina was busy baking pies a week ahead of time. The family had no cooler, so they designed special shelves to hold the pies in the cool basement. They built a wooden dance floor south of the house in the yard, and put a tent over it. They made benches for the hundreds of invited guests.

In the yard, "they just put in post after post after post so when the people came with the horses they had a place to tie 'em up," Eddie said.

They put three gas lanterns in the yard. They bought more than 50 kegs of beer, which were not cooled but allowed to stay at room temperature.

Unfortunately, it rained all through the day of the wedding. The dance floor was soaked. People going in and out of the house tracked in mud. Still, everyone had fun. About 15 kegs were left from the celebration, and they were saved for an "after-wedding" party the following weekend.

Eight of Nick and Justina's nine children became farmers or farmers' wives. Seven of them stayed near St. Joe, and Math moved to the neighboring parish of St. Benedict. Stella went to school in Kansas City and became a nurse.

As his sons married, Nick helped each of them buy farms. Eddie and Ernie still live on the farms they first bought.

WHEN WORLD WAR I BROKE OUT in Europe, Math was among many St. Joe boys drafted into service. In June 1918, he and his cousin Pete Bormann went to Camp Dodge near Des Moines for six weeks of training, then took a train to New York and traveled 13 days on a ship to Liverpool, England. Ten days later, he was on a boat from Southampton to Le Havre, France.

In France, each man was given a pack and a 25-pound can of horse meat.

"It was good, too," Math remembered in a taped interview in 1975. "That horse meat, that's good."

He and Pete were about to go to the front lines when the war ended. They returned to the United States on Feb. 19, 1919, Math said.

Lorenz, the last of the children to be wed, was married in 1936. He and his bride stayed on the farm, while Nick and Justina moved to Algona. They bought a house on Lucas Street near the Catholic church.

After suffering a stroke on May 7, 1944, Justina died Aug. 30, 1945. She was 75 years old.

Annie moved to Algona to live with her father shortly after that. Her own son John had just married and was to live on her farm.

Nick died eight years later, on Dec. 18, 1953. He was 89 years old. Both Nick and Justina are buried in the cemetery at St. Joe.

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BORMANN GENEALOGY

1775 (?)

JOHN BORMANN.....M.....Catharina Berscheid
 1745??

GENTINGEN, PARISH Korperich (Kreis Bitburg)
 Germany (that time: Luxembourg)

Jan. 12, 1801

PETER BORMANN.....M.....Catharina Zenner
 1775 (?) Gentingen LIPPERSCHEID, Lux. ? Lipperscheid, Lux.
 Dec. 7, 1850 Lipperscheid, Lux. March 29, 1850 Lippers.

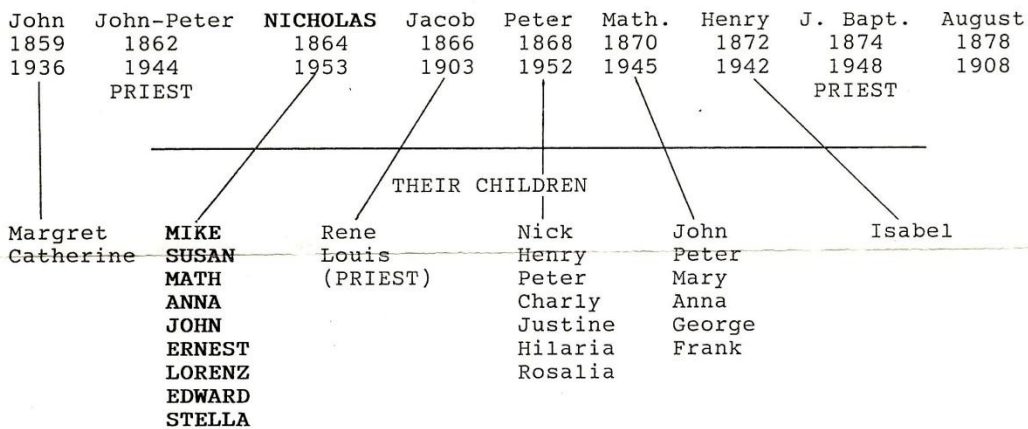
May 17, 1831

JOHN BORMANN.....M.....Maria Hartmann
 Jan. 5, 1802 Lippers. LIPPERSCHEID, Lux. ? Welscheid
 Juny 13, 1884 Lippers. Aug. 18, 1870 Lippers.

1859

PETER BORMANN.....M.....Susan Link
 Oct. 19, 1833 Lippers. OBERFEULEN 1833 Oberfeulen
 Jul. 31, 1886 Oberfeulen Lux. Apr. 14, 1882 Oberf.

CHILDREN OF PETER AND SUSAN LINK BORMANN



In Thanksgiving!
 St. Joe, Iowa Aug. 13, 1947
 Your Cousin,
 Father Louis Bormann

NICHOLAS BORMANN AND HIS SIBLINGS

Nicholas Bormann and his brothers were all born in Oberfeulen, Luxembourg, to Peter and Susan Link Bormann. These children of Peter and Susan are listed below, along with the country in which each resided.

John married Mary Majerus (Luxembourg)

John Peter was ordained a Priest
(Luxembourg)

NICHOLAS married JUSTINA ALTMAN
(U.S.A.)

Jacob married Catherine Gravier
(Luxembourg)

Peter married Anna Erpelding, daughter
of Peter and Susanna Erpelding (U.S.A.)

Math married Anna Erpelding, daughter
of John and Anna Erpelding (U.S.A.)

Henry married Elizabeth Jungblut (U.S.A.)

John Baptist was ordained a Priest
(Luxembourg)

August remained single - he died at
age 30 (Luxembourg)



BORMANN ANCESTRAL HOME IN OBERFEULEN, LUXEMBOURG

Built in 1757, this house came into the Bormann family when Peter Bormann married Susan Link in 1859. Descendants of John, Nicholas's oldest brother, still live there. Shown on this photo (circa 1920), from left are Margaret Bormann Elsen, August Elsen, Jean Pierre Elsen, Emile Elsen and Catherine Bormann. Margaret and Catherine are daughters of John Bormann.

ALTMAN GENEALOGY

JOHANN ALTMAN.....M.....Catharina Pfenning

September 7, 1816

NICHOLAS ALTMAN.....M.....Anna Weis
 Apr. 22, 1788 Imbringen, Lux. Junglinster, Feb. 26, 1792 Gonderingen, Lux.
 Jan. 5, 1861 Imbringen, Lux. Lux. Oct. 15, 1865 Imbringen, Lux.
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March 5, 1854

JOHANN (~~NICHOLAS~~) ALTMAN.....M.....(Anna's 1st Marriage)
 Aug. 3, 1816 Imbringen, Lux. Junglinster, Lux.
 Apr. 17, 1866 Imbringen, Lux.

Anna Flammang
 July 22, 1828 Lintgen, Lux.
 Dec. 23, 1892 St. Joseph, Ia.

July 10, 1867

MICHAEL ALTMAN.....M.....(Anna's 2nd Marriage)
 Dec. 21, 1835 Imbringen, Lux. Junglinster, Lux.
 Feb. 5, 1913 St. Joseph, Ia.

Anna 1855 1917	Nicholas 1856 1937	John B. 1858 1918	Susanna 1859 1938	Magdalena 1860 1942	
					Anna Mary 1868 1892
					JUSTINA 1870 1945
					Susan 1871 1945

THEIR CHILDREN

Michael Susanna Peter Anna John Mary Joseph Justina	Nicholas Elizabeth Eva John B. Michael Michael Susie Justine Mary	Mary Anna Peter Magdalen Margaret Florence	Anna Ben John Mike Nick Joe Mary Peter Frank Alex	Michael Justine Susie John James Matt Nick Elizabeth Charles Magdalena
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THEIR CHILDREN

MICHAEL	Anna
SUSAN	John B.
MATH	Clara
ANNA	Elenora
JOHN P.	Frank
ERNEST	
LORENZ	
EDWARD	
STELLA	

JUSTINA ALTMAN AND HER SIBLINGS

Anna Flammang Altman was the mother of all the children listed below. After her first husband Johann (~~Nicholas~~) Altman died, she married his brother, Michael Altman. All of the children, including Justina, were born in Imbringen, Luxembourg. The three oldest - Anna, Nicholas and John B. - emigrated to America in about 1880, followed by the parents and the other family members in 1881. They settled on the farm where Frank Reding now lives in Section 32 of Sherman Township, Kossuth County, Iowa.

Justina's half-brothers and half-sisters:
[Children of Johann (~~Nicholas~~) and Anna Flammang Altman]

Anna married Peter Freilinger
Nicholas married Barbara Erpelding
John B. married Anna Margaret Erpelding
Susanna married John Klepper
Magdalena married Peter Marso
Justina's sisters: (Children of Michael and Anna Flammang Altman)
Anna Mary remained single - she died at age 24
JUSTINA married **NICHOLAS BORMANN**
Susan married Michael Reding



ANNA FLAMMANG and MICHAEL ALTMAN,
parents of JUSTINA ALTMAN BORMANN

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Nous Guillaume III,
par la grâce de Dieu,
Roi des Pays-Bas, Prince d'Orange-Nassau,
Grand-Duc de Luxembourg,
&c., &c., &c.

Vu la requête présentée par le sieur Michel
Altkmann, cultivateur à Tombringer, et sa
selle-sœur par elle-même Annie Altkmann, veuve
Altkmann, cultivateur au même lieu, à l'effet
d'obtenir la dispense nécessaire pour pouvoir s'unir
par le mariage;

Vu l'art. 164 du Code civil et la loi du 23
Avril 1834;

Sur le rapport de Notre Directeur général
de la Justice et sur la délibération prise par
le Gouvernement réuni en Conseil;

*A*urons arrêté et arrêtons:

Art. 1^{er}.

La dispense sollicitée est accordée.

Art. 2.

Notre Directeur général sera chargé

de l'exécution du présent arrêté.

La Haye, le 24 Nov 1864.

Pour le Roi Grand-Duc:
Son Lieutenant-Député-général
dans le Grand-Duché,

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This is a copy of an official document--A Royal
Grand-Ducal Dispensation--needed by MICHAEL
ALTMAN to allow him to marry his sister-in-law,
ANNA FLAMMANS ALTMAN. It is the original French
document. An English translation can be found
on the following page.

We WILLIAM III
by the grace of God
King of the Netherlands, Prince of Orange-Nassau
Grand-Duc of Luxembourg
etc. etc. etc.

In consequence of the request presented by Mister Michel
ALTMANN, farmer at Imbringen, and his sister-in-law by alliance
Anne FLAMMANT, widow ALTMANN, farmer's wife in the same village,
in order to receive the dispensation necessary for being united
by marriage;

In consequence of the article 164 of the civil code and
of the law from 23 April 1827;

In conformity with the report of Our General Director of Justice
and in conformity with the deliberation taken by the Government
assembled in counsel,

We have decided and decide:

Article 1

The proposed dispensation is allowed.

Article 2

Our General Director of Justice is charged with the execution
of the present decision.

La Haye on 27th May 1867
For the King Grand-Duc
His Lieutenant-Deputy
in the Grand-Duchy

H E N R I

Prince of the Netherlands

The General Director
of Justice
De la FONTAINE

For the Lieutenant-Deputy
of the King Grand-Duc
The Secretary for the Affairs
of the Grand-Duchy
s.: d'OLIMART

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ALTMAN ANCESTRAL HOME IN IMBRINGEN, LUXEMBOURG
This house was built in 1841. When the Altman family came to America in 1881, they sold the property to a Mr. John Peter and his family, (no relation). The picture was taken in 1988.



JUSTINA ALTMAN and NICHOLAS BORMANN
Wedding Picture Dec. 16, 1889

CHURCH MARRIAGE RECORD

Shown below is a copy of the official church record of Nicholas Bormann and Justina Altman. This official document is contained in the record book at St. Joseph's Church, St. Joe, IA

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 Dec 16 1889 die 16 fec. Nicolann Borman
 & Justina Altman in Justification
 Contraxi Matrimonium ante present
 Petram Nic & Testibus Petro Bormann &
 Susanna Altman
 J. Anler R.M.

English translation

A.D.1889 on December 16 Nicholas Bormann and Justina Altman contracted marriage before me and the witnesses were Peter Bormann and Susanna Altman

J. Anler R.M.

WARRANTY DEED.

South Dakota

Public Rec. Co., Printers and Station, Sioux City.

This Indenture, made the 16th day of July
 in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Four and between
 Peter Jansing and Magdalena Jansing
 his wife
 of the County of Hanson in the State of South Dakota, parties of the first part, and
 Nick Bormann
 of the County of Rossuth in the State of Iowa, party of the
 second part. WITNESSETH, that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of
 Fifty Five hundred DOLLARS,
 to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,
 have Granted, Bargained, Sold and Conveyed, and by these presents do Grant, Bargain, Sell and
 Convey unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, all
 that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the County of Rossuth
 and State of Iowa, described as follows, to wit:
 The South East Quarter of Section
 No Twenty one (21) in Township No
 Twenty Four (24) North Range No Twenty
 Eight (28) West of the Fifth P.M. Iowa

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise
 appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises with the appurtenances to the said party of the second
 part his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Bormann
 for Beneficial

and their heirs, executors and administrators do covenant and agree to and with the said
 party of the second part their heirs and assigns, that they are well
 seized in fee of the land and premises aforesaid, and have good right and lawful authority to sell and con-
 vey the same in manner and form aforesaid, and that the same are free from all incumbrances whatsoever.

And further, that the said parties of the first part, for themselves their heirs and
 all and every other person lawfully claiming or to claim by, from or under him or them, shall and will from
 time to time, and at all times hereafter, make and execute, or cause and procure to be made and executed all
 such further deed or deeds whatsoever, for the further and more perfect assurance and confirmation of the
 said premises hereby granted, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part his
 heirs and assigns as by him or them shall be required; and if above granted premises in the quiet and peace-
 able possession of the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns enjoy all process
 lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, the said parties of the first part their
 heirs, executors and administrators will warrant and forever defend.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands
 and seals the day and year first above written.

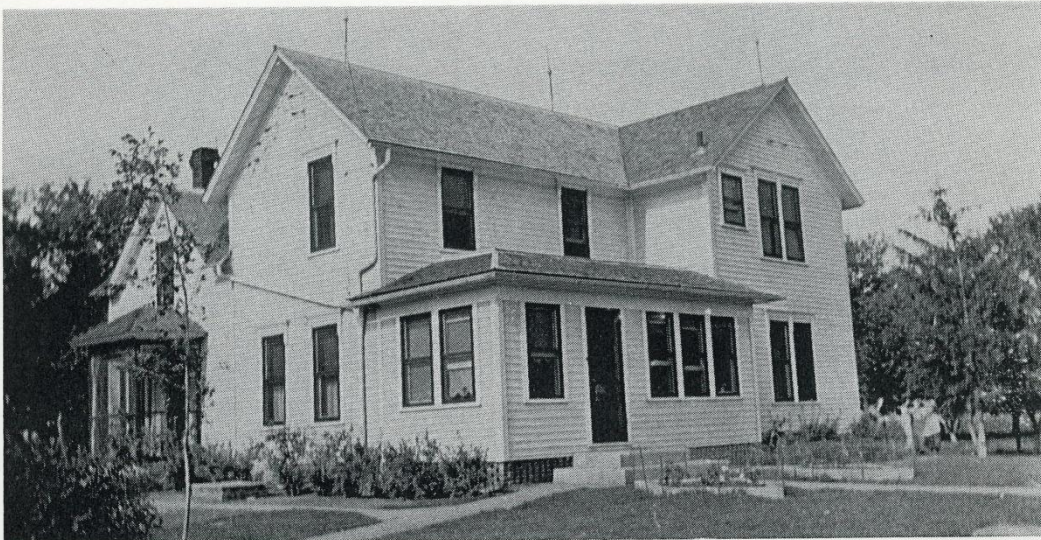
SIGNED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF
 P. Phil (Seal)
 J. B. Reinart (Seal)
 M. Jansing (Seal)
 Magdalena Jansing (Seal)

WARRANTY DEED TO NICHOLAS BORMANN JULY 16, 1889



NICHOLAS BORMANN FARMSTEAD

The small white building to the left was purchased and moved to the farm. It served as the family home until about 1899, when the house at right was built. The original house still stands in 1989. All nine Bormann children grew up on this farm. Leo and Irene Bormann and family live on the farm now.



NICHOLAS AND JUSTINA FAMILY HOME

This house, built around 1899, provided more space for the growing family. It is remembered as the scene of many happy family gatherings. In 1957 this house was replaced with a modern ranch-style home.

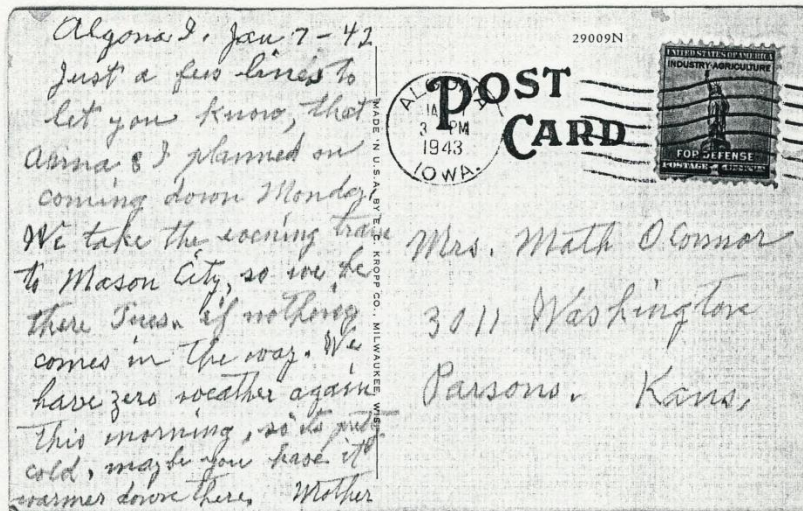
Algona Iowa August 10th 1945

My dear Brother,

I received your card and ever glad to hear from you
 I want to write to you for some time but did not
 know your address Marie Klein (Storvick) now with St. Louis
 received a letter with the news of my brother's death
 by heart so far is good. but my wife is sic she had
 2 strokes May 25th 1944 the first one took the voice she could
 not talk and the second affected the right arm and the right
 leg. she is helpless. We put her in a wheel chair once in a while
 she has not much pain one good thing about it, she can
 talk a little (vis a vis) but not a word that I could understand
 After the last one of the children was married we moved
 to Algona on August 26th 1936. Some of the children go
 to Saint Joseph church. About you to Benedict Stella is
 married in Parsons Kansas, were Abbie Jungles in Peter
 Jungles is dead many years. The war with the Japs is about
 over a great relief for the people in this country.
 Abbie Bormann has lost his oldest son Edwin in Kansas Italy
 Feb 1st 1944 he was second lieutenant. Surie son Wilfred was
 over in Africa, Italy for over a year he is Military Police
 is now in California. About oldest son in it Japs. The war
 cost the government a lot of money about 300 billion dol
 so far, the Farmers, labor, have made a lot of money
 the two banks we have here in Algona have about 2,000,000
 dol on deposit and more than that much in Bonds
 among the people. We have a nurse at 5 dol a day and night
 Justice Steing a niece to do housework at 12 dol the week
 Peter Bormann has a little heart trouble but is fairly good
 Brother Abath has been in Dubuque semitarium for 1 1/2 years
 came home last week for a nice wedding. Brother Henry
 died about 3 years ago in Florida in the hospital were he
 lived for 2 1/2 years. How are you getting along after the war
 I suppose the people are pretty poor so you don't have much
 income I wish you would write me a good long letter about
 you and the rest of them

I had just written to you and the rest of them from your home in North St. Louis, Mo. Algona, Iowa

A copy of this letter was received from descendants of John Bormann, oldest brother of Nicholas, who still live in the Bormann ancestral home in Oberfeulen, Luxembourg. It was written by NICHOLAS BORMANN to his younger brother, Fr. John Baptist, in 1945.



This is a copy of the postcard written by Justina Bormann to her daughter, Stella O'Connor.

NUMBER OF DESCENDANTS

	Living	Deceased
To June 25, 1972		
Children	9	0
Grandchildren	27	4
Great grandchildren	104	5
Great great grandchildren	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>
	154	9
To June 22, 1975		
Children	7	2
Grandchildren	27	4
Great grandchildren	111	6
Great great grandchildren	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>
	170	12
To June 19, 1982		
Children	5	4
Grandchildren	27	4
Great grandchildren	116	8
Great great grandchildren	<u>62</u>	<u>0</u>
	210	16
To June 29, 1985		
Children	2	7
Grandchildren	25	6
Great grandchildren	116	9
Great great grandchildren	<u>78</u>	<u>0</u>
	221	22
To February 1, 1989		
Children	2	7
Grandchildren	25	6
Great grandchildren	119	12
Great great grandchildren	<u>113</u>	<u>0</u>
	259	25

DESCENDANTS OF NICK & JUSTINA BORMANN
February 1, 1989

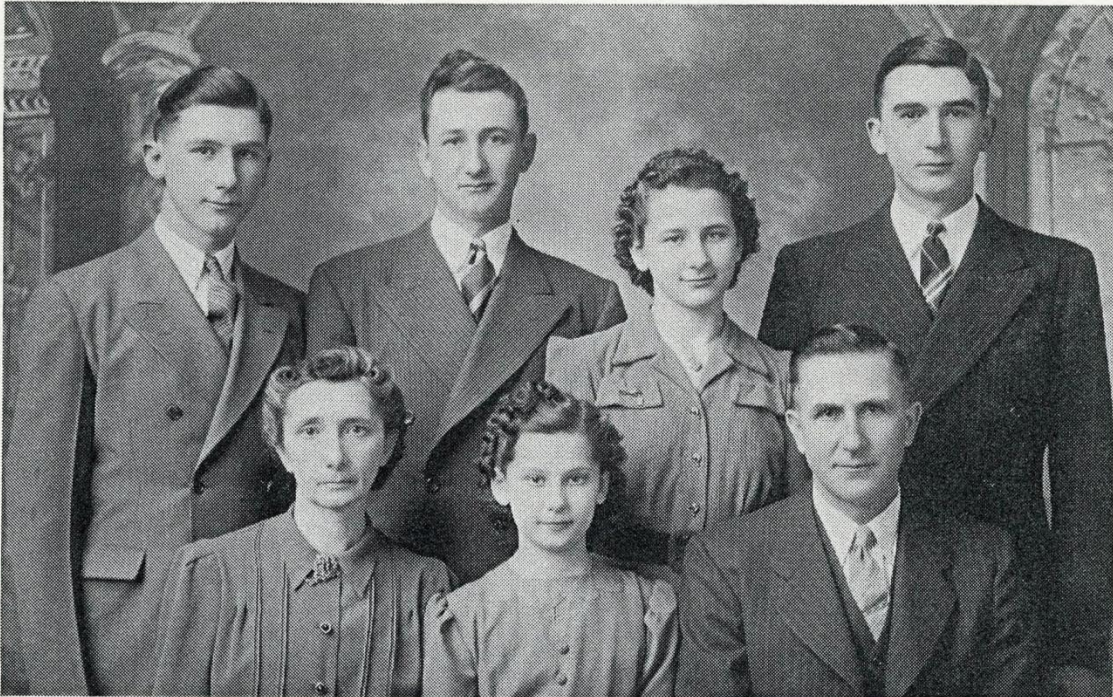
	C		G		GG		GGG	
	L	D	L	D	L	D	L	D
Michael	0	1	3	2	28	2	46	0
Susie	0	1	2	0	12	1	29	0
Mathias	0	1	3	0	10	3	10	0
Anna	0	1	2	1	12	3	17	0
John	0	1	3	0	9	1	0	0
Ernest	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0
Lorenz	0	1	5	0	19	1	5	0
Edward	1	0	3	0	14	1	2	0
Stella	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
	2	7	25	6	119	12	113	0

C = Children
G = Grandchildren
GG = Great grandchildren
GGG = Great great grandchildren
L = Living
D = Deceased

Nicholas Bormann
B - April 15, 1864
D - December 18, 1953
M - December 16, 1889 at St. Joseph Church
St. Joe, Iowa
To: Justina Altman, St. Joe, Iowa
B - February 26, 1870
D - August 30, 1945

Children:

Michael
B - September 25, 1890
Susie
B - December 23, 1891
Mathias Nicholas
B - October 18, 1893
Anna
B - October 13, 1895
John Peter
B - November 20, 1897
Ernest Jacob
B - November 17, 1900
Lorenz Nicholas
B - October 18, 1902
Edward
B - July 14, 1904
Stella Angela
B - April 3, 1908



MIKE and MINNIE BORMANN
B: Harold, Clarence, Helen, Irvin
F: Minnie, Marguerite, Mike



NICHOLAS and JUSTINA BORMANN
B: John P., Mike, Ernest, Edward, Lorenz, Matt
F: Susie, Stella, Nick, Justina, Anna



Nick Bormann 1864-1953 – Justina Altman 1870-1945