

# *Descendants of John A. Wissinger*

## *Generation No. 1*

1. JOHN A.<sup>1</sup> WISSINGER<sup>1</sup> was born May 1851 in Germany, and died Oct 1930 in Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA. He married GRACE BECKEL Bef. 1883 in Germany, daughter of JOSEPH BECKEL and MARY UNKNOWN. She was born 29 Oct 1853 in Bavaria, Germany<sup>1</sup>, and died 12 Oct 1932 in Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA<sup>2</sup>.

More About JOHN A. WISSINGER:

Burial: Oct 1930, St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa  
Census 1: 1910, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.; Enum Dist 0047; Visit 0133  
Census 2: 1920, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.; Series: T625 Roll: 1538 Page: 257  
Immigration: 1874, From Bavaria, Germany to Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.  
Occupation: 1900, Day Laborer  
Religion: Member, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.

More About GRACE BECKEL:

Burial: Oct 1932, St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa<sup>3</sup>  
Cause of Death: Stroke of apoplexy  
Census 1: 1910, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.; Enum Dist 0047; Visit 0133  
Census 2: 1920, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.; Series: T625 Roll: 1538 Page: 257  
Immigration: 1874, From Germany to Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.  
Occupation: 1900, Owner/Operator of Grocery Store for 40 years at 1600 3rd Ave., Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.<sup>3</sup>  
Religion: Member, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.<sup>3</sup>  
Residence: 1932, 1600 Third Avenue, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.<sup>3</sup>

More About JOHN WISSINGER and GRACE BECKEL:

Marriage: Bef. 1883, Germany

Children of JOHN WISSINGER and GRACE BECKEL are:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> WISSINGER<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov 1875; d. Unknown; m. BLAIR WARD; d. Unknown.

More About ELIZABETH WISSINGER:

Census: 1900, 6th Ward, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 54, Sheet 12A  
Religion: Member, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.  
Residence: 1934, Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA

2. ii. WILHELMENA 'MINNIE' WISSINGER, b. Nov 1879; d. Aft. 1930.
3. iii. JOSEPH WISSINGER, b. Feb 1883, Germany; d. Sep 1934, Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA.
- iv. MARY WISSINGER<sup>3</sup>, b. Abt. 1886; d. Unknown; m. JOHN DILLING; b. McKeesport, Alleghency Cnty, Pa.; d. Unknown.

More About MARY WISSINGER:

Religion: Member, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.  
Residence: 1934, McKeesport, Alleghency Cnty, Pa.

- v. ROSE WISSINGER, b. Oct 1889; d. Unknown; m. JOSEPH HUBER; d. Unknown.

More About ROSE WISSINGER:

Census: 1900, 6th Ward, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 54, Sheet 12A  
Religion: Member, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.  
Residence: 1932, 309 Sixteenth street, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa<sup>3</sup>

More About JOSEPH HUBER:

Residence: 309 Sixteenth street, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa

- vi. MICHAEL JOHN WISSINGER<sup>4</sup>, b. 06 May 1890, Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA<sup>4</sup>; d. 13 Nov 1932, Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA<sup>5</sup>.

More About MICHAEL JOHN WISSINGER:

Burial: Unknown, St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa<sup>6</sup>

Cause of Death: Pneumonia

Census: 1930, 6th Ward, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 54, Sheet 12A

Member: St. Joseph's society<sup>6</sup>

Military service 1: United States Marines for a period of four years<sup>6</sup>

Military service 2: During the time that Theodore Roosevelt was president he was with the United States fleet that was sent around the world being on the Idaho.<sup>6</sup>

Occupation 1: 1930, Pipe Fitter, Twelfth street shops of the Altoona works, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.<sup>6</sup>

Occupation 2: Enlistment person for the United States Marine Corps<sup>6</sup>

Religion: St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa<sup>6</sup>

Residence: 1600 Third Avenue, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.<sup>6</sup>

### *Generation No. 2*

2. WILHELMENA 'MINNIE'<sup>2</sup> WISSINGER (*JOHN A.*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>7</sup> was born Nov 1879, and died Aft. 1930. She married CHARLES P. BENDER. He was born Oct 1875 in PA, and died Aft. 1930.

More About WILHELMENA 'MINNIE' WISSINGER:

Census: 1900, 6th Ward, 1st Precinct, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 54, Sheet 11A

Religion: St. Mary's Catholic Church, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.

Residence: 1934, Lakemont, Blair Cnty, Pa.

More About CHARLES P. BENDER:

Census: 1900, 6th Ward, 1st Precinct, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 54, Sheet 11A

Occupation: 1900, Day Laborer

Children of WILHELMENA WISSINGER and CHARLES BENDER are:

- i. ANTHONY C.<sup>3</sup> BENDER, b. Sep 1897, Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA; d. Unknown.

More About ANTHONY C. BENDER:

Census: 1900, 6th Ward, 1st Precinct, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 54, Sheet 11A

Occupation: 1930, Stage Hand, Theater

- ii. JOHN L. BENDER, b. Oct 1899, Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA; d. Unknown.

More About JOHN L. BENDER:

Census: 1900, 6th Ward, 1st Precinct, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 54, Sheet 11A

- iii. CARL E. BENDER, b. Abt. 1901, Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA; d. Unknown.

More About CARL E. BENDER:

Census: 1930, Lakemont, Logan Twp, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 7-66, Sheet 15A

Occupation: 1930, None

- iv. VINCENT W. BENDER, b. Abt. 1904, Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA; d. Unknown.

More About VINCENT W. BENDER:

Census: 1930, Lakemont, Logan Twp, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 7-66, Sheet 15A

Occupation: 1930, Stage Hand, Theater

- v. CECELIA M. BENDER, b. 19 Oct 1906, Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA<sup>8</sup>; d. 04 Sep 1999, Ebensburg, Cambria Cnty, Pa. at the Laurel Crest Rehab and Special Care Center<sup>9</sup>; m. MURRY GILDEA; d. Bef. 1999.

More About CECELIA M. BENDER:

Burial: Sep 1999, Calvary Catholica Cemetery, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.<sup>10</sup>

Census: 1930, Lakemont, Logan Twp, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 7-66, Sheet 15A

Occupation: Retired Insurance Agent for Knight's Life Insurance Co.<sup>10</sup>

Religion: Roman Catholic - Our Lady of Lourdes Catholica Church, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.<sup>10</sup>

Residence: 1999, 3713 Broad Ave., Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.<sup>10</sup>

Social Security Number: 171-07-0210 issued in PA<sup>11</sup>

- vi. JOSEPH W. BENDER, b. Abt. 1908, Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA; d. Unknown.

More About JOSEPH W. BENDER:  
Census: 1930, Lakemont, Logan Twp, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 7-66, Sheet 15A  
Occupation: 1930, Lineman, Telephone Company

- vii. MARION W. BENDER, b. Private.
- viii. CHARLES W. BENDER, b. Private.

3. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> WISSINGER (*JOHN A.*)<sup>12,13</sup> was born Feb 1883 in Germany<sup>14</sup>, and died Sep 1934 in Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA<sup>15</sup>. He married FLORENCE UNKNOWN. She was born Abt. 1893 in Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA, and died Aft. 1920.

More About JOSEPH WISSINGER:

Burial: Sep 1934, St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa  
Census: 1910, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa.; Enum Dist 0047; Visit 0133  
Immigration: Abt. 1874, With parents from Bavaria, Germany at the age of two<sup>16</sup>  
Occupation 1: 1920, Pipefitter, Steam Railway  
Occupation 2: Boilermaker, Twelfth street shops of the Altoona Works, Altoona, Blair Cnty, PA<sup>16</sup>  
Religion: St. Mary's Catholic Church, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa<sup>16</sup>  
Residence: Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa since the age of two<sup>16</sup>

More About FLORENCE UNKNOWN:

Census: 1920, 6th Ward, Altoona, Blair Cnty, Pa; Enum Dist 7-21, Sheet 16B

Child of JOSEPH WISSINGER and FLORENCE UNKNOWN is:

- i. DONALD<sup>3</sup> WISSINGER, b. Private.

#### *Endnotes*

1. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Mrs. Grace Wissinger, 1932," *ibid*.
2. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Mrs. Grace Wissinger, 1932," Mrs. Grace Wissinger. Aged, 79, widow of John Wissinger, died at her home, 1600 Third avenue, yesterday noon of a stroke of apoplexy suffered at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Brief notice of her death was given in the late edition of The Mirror yesterday. She was born in Bavaria, Germany, on Oct 29, 1853, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Beckel. Her husband died in October, 1930. For more than forty years Mrs. Wissinger had conducted a grocery store at 1600 Third avenue. Surviving are four daughters and one son, Mrs. John Dilling of McKeesport, Mrs. Blair Ward, Mrs. Charles Bender, Mrs. John Huber and Joseph Wissinger, all of the city, sixteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. The body may be viewed at the home of Mrs. John Huber at 309 Sixteenth street. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning with requiem mass at 8 o'clock in St. Mary's church, of which Mrs. Wissinger was a member. Interment will be made in St. Mary's cemetery.
3. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Mrs. Grace Wissinger, 1932," *ibid*.
4. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Michael John Wissinger, 1932," *ibid*.
5. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Michael John Wissinger, 1932," Michael John Wissinger of 1600 Third aveune, died at his home at 6:50 o'clock last evening of pneumonia after a week's illness. He was born in Altoona on May 6, 1890, a son of John N. and Grace Wissinger. Mr. Wissinger was employed as a pipe fitter in the Twelfth street shops of the Altoona works and some years ago served an enlistment on the United States marine corps. Surviving are his mother, four sisters and one brother, Mrs. Mary Dilling of McKeesport, Joseph Wissinger, Mrs. BLair Ward, Mrs. Charles Bender and Mrs. JOHN Huber, all of the city. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church and St. Joseph's society. The body has been removed to the home of Mrs. John Huber of 309 Sixteenth street. The funeral will be held Monday morning with requiem mass at 9 o'clock in St. MARY's church. Interment will be made in St. Mary's cemetery. Mr. Wissinger was a member of the marines for a period of four years and during the time that Theodore Roosevelt was president he was sent around the world by the government, being on the Idaho.
6. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Michael John Wissinger, 1932," *ibid*.
7. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Mrs. Grace Wissinger, 1932," *ibid*.
8. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Cecelia M. Bender," *ibid*.
9. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Cecelia M. Bender," *Obit*, Courstesy of the Atlanta Mirror. Cecelia M. Gildea. Mrs. Cecelia M. Gildea, 92, 3713 Broad Ave., died Saturday, September 4, 1999, at Laurel Crest Rehabilitation and Special Care Center, Ebsenburg. She was born October 19, 1906 in Altoona, the daughter of the late Charles and Wilhelmia (Wissinger) Bender. She married Murry Gildea. He preceeded her in death. Mrs. Gildea wa a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholica Church. She retired as an insurance agent from Knight's Life Insurance Co., Surviving are several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Stevens Mortuary Inc.. GILDEA - The funeral of Ceclia M. Gildea of 3713 Broad Ave. will be held with a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholica Church. Committal

will be at Calvary Cemetery. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at The Stevens Mortuary, Inc. where a vigil for the deceased will be held.

10. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Cecelia M. Bender," *ibid*.

11. Social Security Administration, Social Security Death Index (SSDI).

12. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Cecelia M. Bender," Pg A-7.

13. Altoona Mirror, "Obituary - Mrs. Grace Wissinger, 1932," *ibid*.

14. Altoona Mirror (most likely), "Obituary - Joseph Wissinger," *ibid*.

15. Altoona Mirror (most likely), "Obituary - Joseph Wissinger," Joseph Wissinger. Died this morning at a local hospital of a complication of diseases after having been ill for some time. He was born in Germany and was 40 years old. He came to Altoona when but 2 years old with his parents, John and Grace Wissinger, and had resided here since, being employed as a boilermaker in the Twelfth street shops of the Altoona works. Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Ward of the city, Mrs. Mary Dilling of McKeesport, Mrs. Charles Bender of Lakemont and Mrs. Rose Huber of the city. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church. The body may be viewed at the HUber house, 308 Sixteenth street.

16. Altoona Mirror (most likely), "Obituary - Joseph Wissinger," *ibid*.