

Record of
Julius **Schwegler**
Son of Joseph **Schwegler**

Born: January 31, 1859; Lucerne, Switzerland
Father: Joseph **Schwegler**
Mother: No Data
Married: November 28, 1880; Buckelk, Maries County, Missouri
Died: February 21, 1943; Maries County, Missouri
Buried: Bethel Church of Christ, Vienna, Maries County, Missouri

Wife: Sarah Francis **Ridenhour**
Born: September 12, 1862; Belle, Maries County, Missouri
Father: Martin **Ridenhour**
Mother: Sarah Ann Rebecca **Mahon**
Died: August 17, 1924; Maries County, Missouri
Buried: Bethel Church of Christ, Vienna, Maries County, Missouri

Children; Birthplace and Date:

Oliver M.: Unknown, Maries County, Missouri; died in Infancy
Harley Defraney: March 12, 1883; Belle, Maries County, Missouri
Benjamin Franklin: June 28, 1886; Belle, Maries County, Missouri
Harrison Wright: November 14, 1892; Maries County, Missouri
Ida Jane: Unknown, Maries County, Missouri; died in Infancy
Rainey Adam: May 30, 1904; Maries County, Missouri

Sources: "History of Maries County", Everett **King**, 1963
"The Cemeteries of Maries County, MO", Mozelle **Hutchison & Gail Howard**, 1986
Obituary: Julius **Schwegler**, The Home Advisor, Vienna, Missouri
Interview: Rainey Adam **Schwegler**
Ship's Manifest, Bremen S.S. Hansa, Port of New York, July 20, 1863
Naturalization: Circuit Court Book "E", Page 599, Gasconade County, Missouri

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Notes:

Transcribed from the District of New York, Port of New York records of the
Passenger List of the Bremen SS Hansa dated 20th July, 1863:

Joseph **Schwegler**, age 34, male, no occupation given, origin – Wohlhausen, no destination given, sailed as a passenger in steerage accompanied by:

Anna **Schwegler**, age 24, female

Julius **Schwegler**, age 4, male

Francis **Schwegler**, age 1, male

Peter **Schwegler**, age 45, male

Catharine **Graninger**, age 24, female

Transcribed from Probate Court Guardianship Records, Gasconade County,
Missouri

Anna **Schwegler**, third wife of Joseph **Schwegler**, Sr. is appointed Guardian and Curator the Estate of minor, Julius **Schwegler** by the Probate Court of Gasconade County, Missouri, November 21, 1871.

Anna **Schwegler**, third wife of Joseph **Schwegler**, Sr. is cited for failure to “come forward and settle accounts as” Guardian and Curator of the estate of minor, Julius **Schwegler** on January 13, 1874.

Frederich **Leimkuhler**, third husband of Anna **Fehner Kalteweihr Schwegler**, is appointed Guardian and Curator of the Estate of minors, Julius **Schwegler**, 15 years of age, Francis **Schwegler**, 12 years of age and Joseph **Schwegler**, 9 years of age on August 20, 1874.

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Gasconade County, Missouri; Circuit Court Book "E", Page 599, November 5, 1881 - Naturalization:

"JULIUS **SCHWEGLER** a native of Switzerland, who applies to be admitted a citizen of the United States, comes and proves to the satisfaction of the Court, by the testimony of Kasten Buschmann and Louis Hoffmann two credible witnesses, citizens of the United States, that he arrived in the United States a minor, under the age of eighteen years, that he has resided in the United States at least five years, including the years of his minority; and in the State of Missouri at least one year, immediately preceding this application during which time he has conducted himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and the said applicant declaring here in open Court, upon oath, that for three years last past it has been bonafide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and he declaring also upon oath, that he will support the Constitution of the United States and that he doth also absolutely renounce and abjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign power, prince, state and sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to the Republic of Switzerland of whom he is at present a subject, therefore, the said JULIUS **SCHWEGLER** is admitted a citizen of the United States.

1900 Federal Census of Maries County, Missouri for Julius **Schwegler** states that his father was born in Germany. This has been proven incorrect.

1900 Federal Census of Maries County, Missouri for Julius **Schwegler** states that **Schweglers** immigrated in 1867; the Obituary of Julius **Schwegler**, written by Harley D. **Schwegler** states 1863. Mr. **Schwegler** told my mother many times that he was four years old when brought to this country. (WLS) The actual date that the S.S. Hansa landed in New York City with this family on board was July 20, 1863 and has been documented by the ship's manifest.

1900 Federal Census of Maries County, Missouri for Julius **Schwegler** states that he was born in Germany; family tradition has always stated Lucerne, Switzerland. His naturalization court record verifies Switzerland.

Transcribed from Maries County Court Records:

Sarah Francis **Ridenhour Schwegler's** application for a pension as a blind person was approved by the Maries County Probate Court on 28 June, 1923. The diagnosis was provided by Dr. Clyde P. **Dyer** of St. Louis, Missouri as Glaucoma, absolute secondary cataract in both eyes.

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Julius **Schwegler** Obituary copied from the "Home Advisor" published at Vienna, MO. Written by his son Harley **Schwegler**, exact date unknown but probably published the same week he died.

Aged County Resident Dies

Julius **Schwegler** Passes Away at Home of his Son of Paydown

Julius **Schwegler**, born in Lucerne, Switzerland January 31, 1859 and died February 21, 1943 at the home of his son H. D. **Schwegler** of Paydown at the age of 84 years and 21 days.

He moved with his parents to Illinois in 1863; later he located in Gasconade County in 1876. His father died when he was eleven years of age.

In 1880 he was married to Sarah Francis **Ridenhour** and to this union were born six children, Oliver M., Harley D., Benjamin F., Harrison Wright, Ida J., and Rainey A. Oliver M. and Ida J. died when small. His companion died 1924.

He leaves twenty-five grandchildren and six great grand-children besides one half brother, Joe **Schwegler** Sr. and a host of other relatives and friends. For the past several years he has made his home among his children.

He has been a member of Church of Christ for at least 50 years and quite active in church work. He was largely instrumental in building the Bethel meeting house where the congregation of which he was a member at the time of his death now meets for worship.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Bethel, Rev. W. F. **Jones** of Iberia officiating under direction of Birmingham Funeral Home of Vienna and burial was in the church cemetery there. Five grandsons Leslie **Schwegler**, Pvt. Dorus **Schwegler**, Willis **Mitchell**, Second Class Seaman Frank **Schwegler** and August **Schwegler** and a nephew Joseph **Schwegler** were pallbearers.

Copied from a scrapbook owned by Bernice **Gillispie**, Vienna, MO by Nadine **Schwegler**

Note: The year that Julius moved to Gasconade County, should read 1866, not 1876. Julius was eleven in 1870 and his father died in 1870. Consequently it would be impossible for Joseph to have moved them in 1876, six years after his death. (WLS)