

Notes on Louis Wagner

Generation 1

1. **LOUIS¹ WAGNER** was born on August 09, 1844 in Wunderthausen. He died on July 15, 1879 in Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa.

Notes for Louis Wagner:

Born to a single mother in Wagners house in Wunderthausen. Somewhat unusually, his birth record there says "Louis" rather than "Ludwig." The family story is that he came to America to look for gold in California in the early 1870s. He signed a declaration of intent to become a citizen on October 7, 1877, in Shasta County, California but I have yet to find a record of his actual citizenship.

By the spring of 1879 he was in Wheatland where he purchased a tract of land with a mortgage. He was found dead in his field in mid-summer at the age of only 34. The elders of the church/community reached out to his only known heir, sister Anna who was living in Wunderthausen and/or Diedenshausen by then. She was persuaded to come to America to take over her inheritance. Not long afterwards she married Louis D. Riedesel but records suggest that the original tract of land belonging to Louis Wagner stayed in her possession.