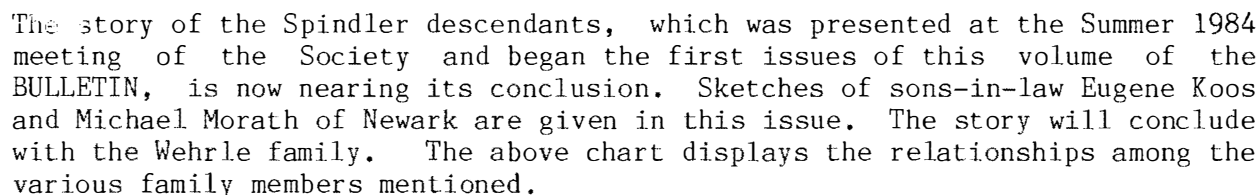




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THE SPINDLER DESCENDANTS
AND THE CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS
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Eugene and Cornelia Koos

Little is known of Cornelia Jacobs, daughter of Barbara (Spindler) Jacobs Kronenberger, though a few facts survive concerning her husband Eugene Kaus or Koos. Mr. Koos, a native of Baden, married Cornelia around 1839; they lived in Columbus for a short time but soon moved to Newark, Ohio. As Cornelius Jacobs had been the leading layman of the Columbus Catholic community, Eugene Koos seems to have filled the same role in Newark. The earliest records of St. Francis de Sales Church there are an account, kept by Father Lamy, of subscriptions and expenditures for the erection of the church in 1844. The initial subscriptions were taken up by Eugene Koos and John Morath; the first three contributions on the list, which totalled \$207 by January 29, were made by Mr. Koos (\$50), John Morath (\$6) and Mrs. Koos' half-sister Susanna Kronenberger (\$5).

Another surviving record of Mr. Koos is a letter written by Rev. Josue M. Young as pastor of St. Mary's parish in Lancaster to Bishop Purcell, dated 10 Feb., 1848, which shows Mr. Koos' concern for the spiritual lives of the Catholics of Newark.

Mr. Koos was here a few days since, and begged me to represent to you their forsaken condition at Newark. It seems that it has been now some 5 or 6 months since the Dominican fathers have paid them any visit at all, and they beg you to consider that they have better prospects now, owing to the construction of the Rail-road in their vicinity, of paying off their debts, if they only had some pastoral succor. As they are mostly Germans, Mr. Koos suggested that they would be very thankful, so long as they cannot have a resident priest, if the German pastor of Zanesville could be directed to visit them, one Sunday in a month. He suggested that the flock at Zanesville need never miss hearing Mass on Sunday since they have the Dominican church to resort to, and that the distance from Zanesville to Newark is only 24 miles, 3/4 of the way by the National road, passable at all seasons. I promised him I would report all these things to you and recommend them to your favorable consideration, which I hereby redeem. (39)

The parish was, according to the Catholic Directory, under the care of Father Schonat of Columbus at this time. Mr. Koos' suggestion was not taken, but the German Catholic congregation of Newark was assigned in March 1848 as a mission of the pastor of Danville. The pastor there had also been attending the German congregation at Mohican and one record of a Newark baptism, at which Mr. Koos was sponsor, was recorded in the register of that mission. Newark was given Rev. Joseph Brunneman, O.S.F. as pastor in 1849. (40)

Eugene Koos died at a relatively young age in the winter of 1856/57. Cornelia died in 1866. Their children were Albert W. Koos (born & died in 1840), Louis Cyprian Koos (1847-1881), and Joseph G. Koos.

Michael and Elizabeth Morath

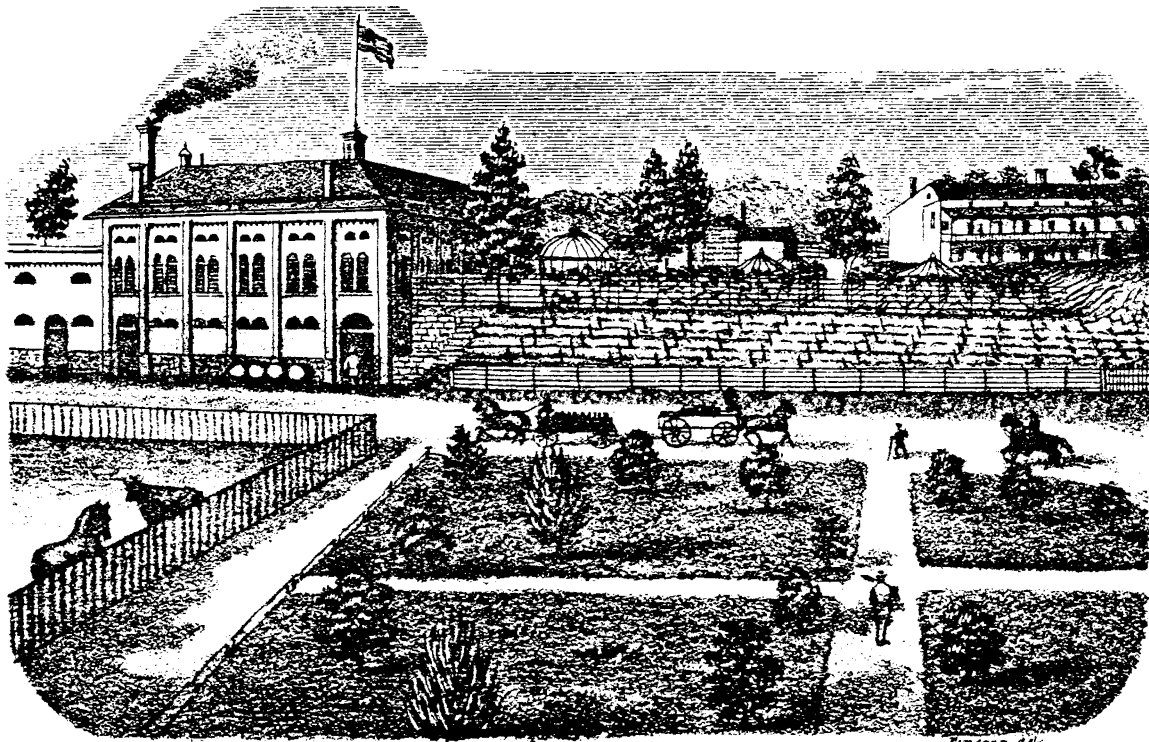
Eugene and Cornelia Koos probably settled in Newark because that was the home of Cornelia's sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Michael Morath. In fact, the ties between Koos and Morath went back to at least 1837 and probably to the old country. A family letter, a translated copy of which survives in the Archives of the Diocese of Columbus, indicates that Eugene had a brother named Cyprian who resided in the village of Löffingen, Baden, in the Black Forest. In this same village Michael Morath was born on September 25, 1806, a son of August and Catherina Morath. According to family tradition, August Morath was born, died and was buried in Löffingen. Michael and his brothers August, Lorenz, and Franz came to America and settled in Newark, Ohio, where they were soon joined by their mother and their sister Mary Agatha.

Michael Morath's first wife was Elizabeth Huber, with whom he had one son, August Huber Morath. According to her tombstone at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Elizabeth Huber Morath died in 1837 at the age of nineteen years. Michael moved to Columbus, apparently accompanied by Eugene Koos. He married Elizabeth Jacobs on July 24, 1838 at St. Remigius Church.

On April 19, 1839 Michael Morath and Georg Bauman, another German member of St. Remigius Church, purchased the half-lot which comprised the northeast corner of Friend and Third streets in Columbus. The Moraths apparently lived there until July 20, 1840, when Michael Morath and Eugene Koos purchased the homestead of their wives' late mother, Barbara Kronenberger, on Mound street. (41) While Morath and Baumann still owned the Friend and Third street corner jointly, the first Catholic school in the city was held in a frame building there, from the fall of 1843 until January of 1845 when a building on the parish property had been prepared. (42) Baumann continued to reside and run his shop on the property in this period; he purchased Morath's interest in the lot in May of 1845. (43)

In Columbus, Mr. Morath went into a business partnership, possibly in a grocery, with his new brother-in-law, Cornelius Jacobs. Few records of Morath & Jacobs survive but, whatever its nature, the business does not seem to have been a great success. In the fall of 1840 they were sued for some \$800 claimed by A.W. Sterling on a \$100 note, labor, materials, and other borrowed money. (44) The business continued, for a bill of lading for two barrels of sugar shipped to Morath & Jacobs in May of 1841 aboard the canal boat General Harrison is preserved in the Archives of the Diocese with other family papers. The minutes of City Council indicate that Jacobs & Morath were granted a license to sell beer that July 20th, 1841. (45)

Around 1843 the Moraths moved back to Newark, where Michael began a forty-year work of building the area, participating in its public life and institutions. the January 1844 subscription list for St. Francis de Sales Church lists him as one of the minor donors; in April 1845 he became a member of Engine Hook & Ladder Company No. 2 in Newark; in March 1845 he and Eugene Koos were among the organizers of the German Benevolent Society of Newark. (46)



Michael Morath's brewery, from the 1866 atlas of Licking County

His business for the remainder of his life was brewing. The one history which mentions this fact states that in 1844 he started Newark's first brewery, but an examination of the deeds for the property show that this credit belongs to another man. Michael Morath and Eugene Koos jointly purchased the brewery property on the south side of Walnut street, opposite First, in 1837, from the trustees of the late William Scarbrough, who had died in 1833. According to the deed, the property was bounded on the east by Brewery Lane and on the north by Walnut street and included "the Stable and Brewery built on said Lot by the late William Scarborough Deceased containing about One Acre." Scarbrough had purchased the lot in 1829. (47) Morath lived there and operated his brewery until 1858, when he opened a new brewery on a large lot on Seventh street, on the west side of town. It is obvious that he was well known and respected in his profession by 1863, for at the organization of the "Brewers Union for Columbus Ohio and Vicinity" in that year he was elected its first president. (48) Soon after 1865 he retired to his farm south of Newark.

During his years in business and after his retirement he held many positions of public trust: township trustee, city councilman, county commissioner (1857-1863), member of the School Board, cemetery trustee, member of the Board of Equalization, and, during the Civil War, member of Licking County's Military Committee. (49)

Mr. Morath died on the evening of December 17, 1884, after a long illness of congestion of the lungs. The Newark Daily Advocate described him as "one of our most respected and honored citizens." According to the Catholic Columbian, "He was respected for his stolid integrity, strict adherence to principle in all the relations of life, and goes to his grave full of years and honors, mourned by his relatives and by the entire community. During his illness and in his last hours the deceased was attended by Father Hayes." (50)

By his first wife, Michael Morath had one son, August Huber Morath of Cincinnati. By Elizabeth Jacobs, daughter of Barbara (Spindler) Jacobs, he had one daughter and four sons. The sons were George, Henry, Edward, and Sebastian Morath. George Morath had six children, none of whom lived in Newark. Joseph or Henry married Philomena Appolonia Dury, daughter of Marcus Dury and Angeline Gangloff, who were mentioned above in connection with the Cornelius Jacobs family; they had one son. Edward J. Morath moved to Boulder, Colorado; he married and had one daughter. Sebastian Morath seems to have died young. The daughter, "the prettiest girl in Licking County," was Philomena Veronica Morath, who in 1865 married Newark's Captain Joseph Christian Wehrle.

It is unfortunate from today's perspective that in the nineteenth century historical record and documents a married woman and her work and influence are seldom apparent. It has thus been necessary to chronicle the effect on the Church and community of the Spindler descendants Cornelia Spindler, Cornelia Jacobs, and Elizabeth Jacobs through the record left by their husbands Jacob Zettler, Eugene Koos, and Michael Morath. However, each of the couples had been united and became as one before God in their love. It is undoubtedly safe to assert that the good works ascribed to the husbands were supported by and in many cases would have been impossible without the wives and should be equally ascribed to them.

NOTES

- (39) Courtesy of the University of Notre Dame Archives.
- (40) See the BULLETIN, vol. IV, pp 351 and 332-335.
- (41) Franklin County Deed Record 20/481 and 23/126.
- (42) Kappes, Rev. William E., History of the First Catholics in Columbus, Ohio and of Holy Cross Parish, typescript, 1946, pp. 30-31.
- (43) Franklin County Deed Record 31/361.
- (44) Franklin County Common Pleas Court, Complete Record 9/538.
- (45) Columbus City Council, Journal I, page 490.
- (46) Acts of the...General Assembly of the State of Ohio, vol. 43, March 4, 1845.
- (47) Licking County Deed Record 86/362, EE/175, and M/365.
- (48) Franklin County Corporation Record I/44.
- (49) Newark Daily Advocate, Dec. 18, 1884, page 4.
- (50) ibid. and Dec. 20, 1884, page 4.

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ST. MARY'S PARISH, MINERTON, VINTON COUNTY
BAPTISMAL REGISTER, 1868-1873
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Thomas, son of [blank] and Catherine McPeck, born 1 July 1868, bapt. 19 July 1868. M. Ahern

Sarah Ann, of Charles CARPENTER and Anna Hockshane, b. 15 July 1868, bapt. 19 July 1868 at Jackson Court House, in danger of death; spons. Nicholas Basquil. M. Ahern

Daniel, of Andrew MOORE and Mary Ann Cooney, b. 30 June 1868, bapt. 19 July 1868; spons. William Cooney and Frances Moore. M. Ahern

Patrick, of Michael CARPENTER and Margaret Simmons, b. 1 July 1868, bapt. 19 July 1868; spons. James O'Brien and Grace Lawler. M. Ahern

William, of John GORMAN and Frances Carr, b. 19 June 1868, bapt. 23 July 1868 at Hamden Furnace; spons. John McMahan and Helen Devanny. M. Ahern

William, of Thomas SMITH and Elizabeth Lawler, b. 14 July 1868, bapt. 9 Aug. 1868 at Jackson Court House; spons. Jeremy Condron and Ann Condron. M. Ahern

Mary, of Edward SIMONS and Ellen Fagan, b. 10 Sept. 1868, bapt. 21 Sept. 1868; spons. Daniel Lawler and Ellen Lawler. M. Ahern

Marietta, of William HUSTON and Anna Deckerhoff, b. 13 Sept. 1868, bapt. 4 Oct. 1868; spons. John McCartney and Catherine McCartney. M. Ahern

Ellen, of William RING and Ellen Whelan, b. 23 Sept. 1868, bapt. 4 Oct. 1868; spons. Timothy Hoctor and Mary H. Murphy. M. Ahern

Ellen, of Bernard QUINN and Ellen Murphy, b. 28 Oct. 1868, bapt. 1 Nov. 1868; spons. James Quinn and Isabella Keenan. M. Ahern

Robert Henry, of William HUSTON and Anna Deckerhoff, b. 31 May 1865, bapt. 22 Nov. 1868; spons. Charles McCartney and [blank] O'Brien. M. Ahern

John, of Jeremy MAHONEY and Mary Riordan, b. 17 Nov. 1868, bapt. 29 Nov. 1868; spons. Murtagh Geenan and Catherine Geenan. M. Ahern

Andrew, of Patrick H. QUINN and Sarah Shelton, b. 4 Jan. 1869, bapt. 6 Jan. 1869; spons. John Carr and Ellen O'Reilly. M. Ahern

Margaret, of Geroqe MORAN and Mary McClory, b. 6 Jan. 1869, bapt. 8 Jan. 1869; spons. Patrick Kelly and Sarah Moran. M. Ahern

James, of Arthur MORGAN and Catherine Burke, b. 15 Jan. 1869, bapt. 22 Jan. 1869; spons. James Morgan and Elizabeth Dolan. M. Ahern

Ann, of James QUINN and Isabella Kennan, b. 27 Jan. 1869, bapt. 9 Feb. 1869; spons. Bernard Quinn and Ellen Murphy. M. Ahern

James, of James SIMONS and Isabella Sweeney, b. 28 Feb. 1869, bapt. 7 Mar.

1869; spons. John L. Lawler and Mary O'Brien. M. Ahern

John, of John MAHAFFEY and Elizabeth Potts, b. 8 Mar. 1869, bapt. 14 Mar. 1869; spons. James Dolan and Elizabeth McCartney. M. Ahern

James, of same, born same, baptized same; spons. Edward Ferry and Mary Ferry. M. Ahern

Jane, of Aaron McKENZIE and Mary Ellen Strand, b. 24 Feb. 1869, bapt. 21 Mar. 1869; spons. Henry Thacker and Mary A. Douglas. M. Ahern

William, of [blank] and Margaret Carey, born 5 Apr. 1869, bapt. same; sponsor John Cooney. M. Ahern

Margaret Charlotte, of John H. BARD and Alice Kelly, b. 7 Nov. 1868, bapt. 11 Apr. 1869; spons. Richard McCartney and Sarah Doherty. M. Ahern

Edgar John, of William EDMONSTONE and Matilda Buzzard, b. 16 Mar. 1849, bapt. 29 Apr. 1869. M. Ahern

William, of Henry THACKER and Josepha McKenzie, b. 15 Nov. 1868, bapt. 9 May 1869; previously baptized by me in danger of death; ceremonies supplied today. Sponsors Aaron McKenzie and Ellen McKenzie. M. Ahern

Elizabeth M. DURBIN, born about 1839, conditionally baptized 11 May 1869. M. Ahern

Henry Chauncy CALVER, born about 1800, conditionally baptized 11 May 1869. M. Ahern

Ida, of Philip KECK and Celinda Eutzler, b. 30 Apr. 1869, bapt. 27 May 1869; spons. Joseph Keck and Catherine McGovern. M. Ahern

Henrietta, of Iury THACKER and Patsy Napper, b. 18 Aug. 1850, bapt. 26 May 1869 in danger of death; afterwards, however, her health was restored. Sponsors Michael Carpenter and Jane Rafferty. M. Ahern

Anna, of Joseph McCARTNEY and Catherine Fagan, b. 4 June 1869, bapt. 13 June 1869; spons. Nicholas Fagan and Bridget Calver. M. Ahern

Esther Mary, of George E. COOKE and Sarah Hawk, b. 7 May 1869, bapt. 20 June 1869; spons. James Dolan and Mary Keenan. M. Ahern

Helen, of William BUCK and Sophia Strass, b. 23 June 1868, bapt. 27 June 1869; spons. James McCormack and Bridget Cooney. M. Ahern

Edmund, of Franklin KECK and Caroline Campbell, b. 27 Apr. 1869, bapt. 27 June 1869; spons. Charles McCartney and Rosalee Logston. M. Ahern

Honora, of William CONDRON and Ann Smith, b. 24 June 1869, bapt. 4 July 1869; spons. James Lawler and Elizabeth Murphy. M. Ahern

Catherine, of John COLGAN and Margaret Sweeny, b. 29 July 1869, bapt. 11 Aug. 1869; spons. John Sweeny and Ellen Sweeny. M. Ahern

Mary Ellen, of James DOLAN and Elizabeth Mooter, b. 14 Aug. 1869, bapt. 22 Aug. 1869; spons. Michael Ahern and Ellen Tobin. M. Ahern

Daniel, of John COONEY and Margaret Moore, b. 14 Aug. 1869, bapt. 29 Aug. 1869; spons. Joseph Cooney and Francisca A. Moore. M. Ahern

Timothy, of Timothy GIRTY and Mary Farrel, b. 31 Aug. 1869, bapt. 12 Sept. 1869; spons. Thomas Kelly and Mary Roddy. M. Ahern

William, of Owen RIORDAN and Jane Whelan, b. 17 Sept. 1869, bapt. 3 Oct. 1869; spons. Michael Doherty and Mary Ryan. M. Ahern

James, of James DONOHOE and Mary Duffy, b. 9 Oct. 1869, bapt. 31 Oct. 1869; spons. John McCormick and Bridget Culver. M. Ahern

Elizabeth, of Michael McCCLORY and Ann O'Hara, b. 4 Nov. 1869, bapt. 5 Dec. 1869; conditional baptism, previously baptized in danger of death; spons. James Morgan and Margaret McClory. M. Ahern

Nancy C., of David JOHNSON and Lauremma Micawber (?) [sic], b. 28 Oct. 1848, bapt. 22 Dec. 1869 in danger of death; spons. James Morgan and Mary Morgan. M. Ahern

Nancy M., of John McGOWEN (?) McGOONE (?) [sic] and Elizabeth Gould, born about 1855, conditionally baptized 29 Dec. 1869; spons. Daniel Ryan and Ellen Ring. M. Ahern

Mary Ann, of Thomas FITZPATRICK and Bridget Murphy, b. 28 Jan. 1869, bapt. 2 Feb. 1870; spons. Bernard Quinn and Ellen Quinn. M. Ahern

William, of Michael O'ROURKE and Sophia Piles, b. 24 Dec. 1866, bapt. 13 Feb. 1870; spons. Michael O'Rourke (grandfather) and Mary O'Rourke. M. Ahern

Michael, of Edward FERRY and Mary Mahaffey, b. 15 Feb. 1870, bapt. 20 Feb. 1870; spons. Patrick Kelly and Ellen Ring. M. Ahern

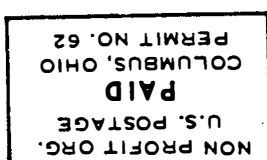
John Richard, of Cornelius GLACKIN and Elizabeth Shelton, b. 15 Feb. 1869, bapt. 23 Feb. 1870; spons. John Shelton and Mary Glackin. M. Ahern

Margaret, of Daniel RYAN and Mary Whelan, b. 27 Feb. 1870, bapt. 4 Apr. 1870; spons. Lawrence Ryan and Ellen Tobin. M. Ahern

Elizabeth Ann, of John KRUSKAMP and Elizabeth Meyers, b. 4 Apr. 1870, bapt. 10 Apr. 1870; spons. John Stanton and Mary Keck. M. Ahern

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