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Eight Lives for the People of God:
The Religious Vocations in the Schneider Family of Columbus

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Georg Baumann of Columbus was born in 1805 in Geislingen Würtemberg, Oberamt Rothweiler, and became a jeweler and watchmaker. He came to America in 1832. His wife was Maria Sybilla Ehrenhart, born in 1816 in Hartheim, Canton Gellheim, Bavaria to Michael and Elizabeth (Schwarz) Ehrenhart. They were married in 1839 and had 12 children. Georg and Sybilla were relatively well to do for their day in Columbus, owing property at Third and Main streets. They were staunch Catholics. The first school of Holy Cross Parish was built on their property in 1843. Early in 1868 they purchased a five-acre lot on south side of Kossuth St. between C.F. Jaeger's land and Columbus & Groveport Pike. Georg bequeathed part of this lot to Bishop Rosecrans for a Catholic Church when needed (but apparently it never was needed). Georg died in 1868 and Sybilla in 1890.

The Baumanns had eleven children, including three sets of twins. Of these, seven lived to adulthood, including Rev. John S. Baumann and Barbara who married Johann Schneider of Columbus.

Rev. John S. Baumann

Rev. John S. Baumann was born in 1846, in Columbus. He attended Holy Cross Parish school until the age of fourteen years, then spent two years at Notre Dame University, South Bend. The next year he studied at St. Joseph's College, Teutopolis, Illinois, and he finished his training at Milwaukee. He was ordained in 1871 for the Diocese of Dubuque. He served in various parishes until in 1875 he was sent to Worthington, Iowa, as pastor of St. Paul's Parish. There he began building the parish school; extended the church building in 1878; and built a new rectory. He then was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Dubuque and a professor at St. Joseph's College (now Loras College). At Sacred Heart he saw to the construction of the church, the convent, and a parish hall. In 1905 he became chaplain of St. Francis Convent and Orphans' Home. It was said that during Father Baumann's years in Dubuque he did much good and made many friends, gaining the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He died on August 7, 1929.

Barbara Baumann Schneider

Georg and Maria Sybilla's fifth child, Barbara Elizabeth Baumann, was born in 1848. She married Johann Schneider on April 26, 1866 in Holy Cross Church before Rev. J. B. Hemsteger. Johann Schneider was born in 1834 in Hoppstädten, parish of Bleiderdingen bei Birkenfeld, Trier, son of Johann and Anna (Schmidt) Schneider. Johann came to America at the age of fourteen. He spent three or four years in Buffalo and then seven years in Lancaster, Ohio. He then moved to Franklin Furnace in Lawrence County and finally settled in Columbus.

The family home was at 102 E. Main Street, in the first three-story brick building erected in Columbus, which had been built by Georg Baumann. Later they owned their home at nearby 278 S. Third Street. Johann was a jeweler, working for others for a time, but eventually owning his business. He died in 1920 at the age of 86. Barbara died in 1930. Their graves are at St. Joseph Cemetery, Lockbourne.

Johann and Barbara had twelve children. Of these, two died in infancy, two became priests, six became religious, and two married and raised families in Columbus. The ten who survived infancy were:

Mary Cornelia Schneider – Sr. Nathalie, S.N.D. de N. (1867-1943)
Anna Josephine Schneider – Sr. Agatha, O.S.F. (1868-1960)
Rev. John Joseph Schneider (1870-1915)
George Aloysius Schneider (1873-1960) of Columbus
Rosa Gertrude Schneider – Sr. Rosine, S.N.D. de N. (1875-1956)
Ambrose Mathias Schneider (1878-1952) of Columbus
Rev. Peter Cornelius Schneider (1880-1962)
Lucy Cecelia Schneider – Sr. Hildegard, S.N.D. de N. (1883-1959)
Alma Barbara Schneider – Sr. Barbara, S.N.D. de N. (1885-1971)
Antoinetta Gertrude Schneider – Sr. Margaret, S.N.D. de N. (1887-1981)

Mary Cornelia Schneider
Sr. Natalie, S.N.D. de N.

Mary was born in 1867. She entered the Novitiate of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur on August 26, 1893 at Notre Dame Convent, Cincinnati. She professed first vows on August 10, 1895 at Sacred Heart Convent in Cincinnati and final vows in 1908. No doubt she and the four other Schneider girls who became Sisters of Notre Dame were led to that order by its presence as teachers of the girls at Holy Cross parish school and St. Joseph's Academy in Columbus. Our knowledge of Sr. Natalie's early work for the congregation is sketchy: she was teaching third grade in 1908 and was in



Sr. Agatha Schneider, O.S.F.
(Courtesy of the Archives of the Franciscan Sister of the Poor)

Hamilton, O., in 1915. From the latter year until 1943 she lived and worked at Notre Dame Convent, Sixth Street, Cincinnati as housekeeper, laundress, gardener, and assistant cook. She died in 1943 at the Sixth Street convent. Father Cornelius Schneider came from Columbus with other relatives for her funeral Mass and burial at Mount Notre Dame.

Anna Josephine Schneider
Sr. Agatha, O.S.F.

Annie was born in 1868. She entered the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis on March 19, 1890, and received the habit on December 17, 1891. She was the first of the Schneider girls to enter religious life. She made her made first profession on January 14, 1894 and her perpetual vows on March 21, 1901. Sr. Agatha spent most of her religious life nursing the sick at the order's hospitals in Illinois, Kansas, New Jersey, and New York City. In 1924 she began a two-year term at St. Anthony's Hospital in Columbus. She then moved to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Dayton, where she was acting pharmacist. She was also organist and choir director at the church.



Rev. John J. Schneider

After retirement from active duty, Sr. Agatha continued her devotion to the sick poor by visiting daily with the patients in the geriatric department and praying the rosary with them. She died in 1960 at the age of 91 years and nine months, the eldest member of her Community of St. Clare Convent, Hartwell, O. Sr. Agatha is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. John Joseph Schneider

John was born in 1870. He attended the Holy Cross Parish school until reaching the age of thirteen years, then attended St. Joseph College in Dubuque for two years. Following this he attended St. Francis Seminary near Milwaukee and then Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Prince Hill, Cincinnati. He was ordained by Bishop Watterson at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus on June 9, 1893.

The bishop sent him to Zanesville to watch over St. Nicholas Parish from October to December, 1893. Father Schneider was then made assistant at the Cathedral, being chaplain for the Good Shepherd Convent, St. Francis Hospital, and the County Infirmary for three years. He then was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Pomeroy, where he continued for six and one-half years. His sister Rosa was his housekeeper in Pomeroy, and their little sister Antoinetta also lived at the rectory.

In 1902 Father Schneider was sent to Ironton as pastor of St. Joseph's Church. There he built for himself monuments in the hearts of the people. He made St. Joseph's one of the successful and flourishing parishes of the Diocese. Father Schneider considered his greatest success to be in his school work, where he taught not only up to the eighth grade, but also the first and second grades of high school. He was also an advocate and promoter of daily Holy Communion. It was always edifying to attend religious exercises at St. Joseph's, as under his leadership the people imbibed the true spirit of piety and devotion. Under his leadership many improvements were made to the parish property.

Father Schneider was an enthusiastic member of the Chamber of Commerce and ever interested in the advancement of Ironton and its interests.

He was fond of athletics and was always ready to encourage healthy, manly sport. For a time he was treasurer of the Ironton Baseball Club of the Ohio State League. Up to his own time, he was the only priest to ever attend a national convention of organized baseball as a delegate, the one held in Columbus in 1913. His little leisure time he devoted to his books, being an omnivorous reader.

Father Schneider died suddenly, on April 22, 1915 of a cerebral hemorrhage following an operation for appendicitis, at the age of only 45 years. He was buried on April 26, 1915 in Calvary Cemetery, Ironton, after a funeral that was attended by the members of the Ironton Merchants Auxiliary—the merchants of Ironton all closed their shops during his funeral out of their deep respect for Father Schneider.

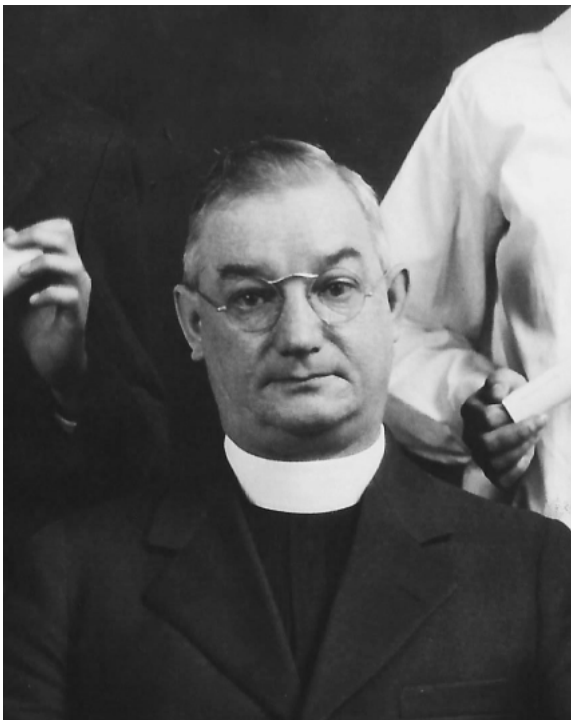
Rosa Gertrude Schneider
Sr. Rosine, S.N.D. de N.

Rosa ws born in 1875. As noted above, she was her brother's housekeeper in Pomeroy. She entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Notre Dame

de Namur on April 4, 1901 at Notre Dame Convent, Sixth Street, Cincinnati. She professed her First Vows on August 11, 1904, at the Summit, Grandin Road, Cincinnati, and final vows in August, 1914. She spent the rest of her life as a teacher and cook at the congregation's schools in Illinois and in Dayton and Cincinnati in Ohio. She became ill and was sent to Villa Julienne in Dayton in 1955. Villa Julienne was a large community and as such had a sister who was assigned to care for the sick. She suffered much during the last year, but was always prayerful. Sometimes she said seven rosaries a day when she was no longer able to do more than a little folding of linens. She died there in 1956 and was buried at Calvary Cemetery, Dayton.

Rev. Peter Cornelius Schneider

Cornelius, as he liked to be called, was born in 1880 in Columbus. After his elementary education was complete, he attended St. Gregory's Seminary near Cincinnati and then Mount St. Mary's of the West. He was ordained by Bishop Hartley on June 17, 1905. His assignments were: Assistant pastor at St. Nicholas Parish, Zanesville, 1905 to 1908; Chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital in Columbus, 1908 to 1910; Pastor of St. Genevieve Parish, Calmoutier, 1910 to 1915; Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Pomeroy, 1915 to 1923.



Rev. P. Cornelius Schneider (in 1932)

He was given the pastorate at his home parish, Holy Cross in Columbus, in December, 1923. In 1924 there were 200 children in the parish school. But with prosperity and the increased ownership of automobiles, many parishioners moved away from downtown so that by 1927 there were only 500 parishioners and only 69 children in school. During the great depression the parish dwindled to 150 families. By 1937, Father Schneider became seriously ill and was moved to St. Francis Hospital, where he assisted the chaplain. He resigned his pastorate in May, 1942. In June, 1955, he celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination in Holy Cross Church with Bishop Michael J. Ready presiding at the Solemn Mass. When St. Francis Hospital was closed in June 1955, Fr. Schneider moved to St. Anthony's Hospital where he served until his death on March 1, 1962 at the age of 82 years. The Pontifical Funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Clarence G. Issenmann on March 4, 1962 in Holy Cross Church. Father Schneider is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Lucy Cecelia Schneider
Sr. Hildegard, S.N.D. de N.

Lucy was born in Columbus in 1883. She entered the Notre Dame novitiate on April 4, 1907 at the Summit, Grandin Road, Cincinnati. She professed her first vows there on August 12, 1909. She was a teacher of the seventh to tenth grades in Hamilton and Cincinnati until 1927.

In 1928 she was missioned to Wuchang, Hupeh Province, China. There she was First Councilor to the Superioress, mistress of boarders for ten years, and teacher of English, Drawing, Arithmetic and Art. One of her pupils who later joined the congregation remarked, "Sr. Hildegarde was one who truly understood us and loved us." She believed that the Sisters should go as far as possible to make themselves "Chinese" and to be an active presence among the people, rather than secluded in the convent

when they were not in the classroom. In 1938 she went to Japan to study Japanese and Chinese for one year. She returned to China until February, 1943, when the Japanese forced the Sisters into a concentration camp in Shanghai. In September of 1943 the Sisters were repatriated to the U.S.

From 1944 to 1946 Sister Hildegard taught sixth and seventh grades in Cincinnati but in 1946 she returned to Wuchang. There she again taught English and Arithmetic until forced to leave in November, 1948 by the Communists. From 1949 to 1959 she taught second and then sixth grade in Hamilton, Ohio. She died on June 2, 1959 at Notre Dame Convent, Hamilton, Ohio, and is buried in St. Stephen Cemetery there.



Sr. Hildegard, SNDdN

Alma Barbara Schneider
Sr. Barbara, S.N.D. de N.

Alma was born in 1885. She joined the Sisters of Notre Dame at the Summit, Grandin Road, Cincinnati, in 1930 at the age of 45. She entered the novitiate there on April 4, 1931 and professed her first vows on April 24, 1933 at Mount Notre Dame, Reading. She was a housekeeper, clothes keeper, refectorian, and sometime cook at several convents in Ohio, including at St. Joseph Convent in Columbus from 1948 to 1953.

Sister Barbara was sent to Rome in 1934 and was there all through World War II. She returned in 1946 only because of poor health. In 1969 she went to Julie Hall at Mount Notre Dame, Reading, Ohio, the new retirement home for the congregation. She died on October 19, 1971 and was buried at the Sisters' cemetery there.



Sister Margaret, SNDdN
(Both courtesy of the Archives of the Ohio Unit, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur)

Antoinetta Gertrude Schneider
Sr. Margaret, S.N.D. de N.

Nettie was born in Columbus in 1887. She attended the Holy Cross Parish school and graduaated from St. Joseph's Academy in 1905. She became a postulant of the Sisters of Notre Dame on February 2, 1907 at the Summit, Grandin Road in Cincinnati; she entered the novitiate on April 21, 1907, and professed her first vows on August 13, 1909 and perpetual vows on August 11, 1917.

From 1908 to 1928 she taught in the congregation's high schools in Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia. She earned a B.A. degree in Mathematics, with a minor in English, from Trinity College, Washington, in 1924. Ten years later she received an M.A. degree in Biology from the same institution.

From 1928 to 1966 Sister Margaret taught college Biology in the District of Columbia, Boston, and California, on loan to the Sisters' Boston Province beginning in 1930. Her last years in teaching were spent as Chairman of the Department of Biology at Emmanual College in Boston, where she was known as an excellent administrator and an honored and respected teacher.

She retired in 1966 and took up various positions in the convent at Emmanuel College, inluding Assistant Infirmarian. In 1970 she returned to Mount Notre Dame in Reading, O., where she and her sister, Sister Barbara, were able to spend the latter's last few earthly months together. For the first couple of years she was back at Mount Notre Dame, she volunteered at Longview State Hospital for the

Mentally Ill. Sister Margaret was a person of great serenity because of the depth of her spiritual commitment. From the peace of her own soul, she could give help to those in trouble. Sr. Margaret continued to wear a modified habit and veil when Sisters were given the choice of moving out of the traditional habit. Sr. Margaret died on August 24, 1981 in Julie Hall at Mount Notre Dame and is buried in the Sisters' cemetery there.

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(Continued from Vol. XXXX No. 4)

April 2, 1862

On Tuesday evening, 25th ult., a beautiful sword was presented to Brigadier General Rosecrans by the Citizens of Cincinnati. [An article on the presentation is reprinted from the *Enquirer*.]

April 9, 1862

Communicated.

Mission at Columbus—Fifteen hundred Communicatns at St. Patrick's, and Ten Converts to the True Faith The 50th Regiment.

Columbus, Ohio, was blessed with a retreat of ten days, preached by the Rev'd Father Damen, S.J. The labors of the Missionary were crowned with the success and the happy fruits generally attending his missions. Fifteen hundred approached the holy sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist. Many who had been for years strangers to the duties prescribed by their Holy Religion, made their peace with God and gave joy to the angels in Heaven and to their friends on earth. Ten converts were received in our Holy Church; and with the blessing of God, it requires only a little time for the good seed that has been sown to germinate and spring up to produce many another conversion to the true Faith.

The entire congregation was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin, and the fruits of the holy Mission placed under her powerful protection. Many received the Scapular. The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin was established among the young men, and four hundred and eighteen persons were received in the confraternity of the "Sacred Heart" of Jesus. the worthy and zealous pastor, Rev. E. Fitzgerald, may well rejoice over such happy fruits.

The Mission ended on Tuesday evening, April 1st, with solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the soul-moving singing by the entire congregation of the "Te Deum," God of Might.

On the following day, early in the morning, the Rev. Missionary and the pastor of St. Patrick's accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. Kearney, Blake,

Kelly, Hemsteger and Duffy, who during the Mission zealously assisted in the confessional, paid a visit to the 50th Regiment at Camp Chase. They were most courteously greeted by the gentlemanly and efficient officers of that regiment. Rev. Father Damen preached an impressive discourse on the importance of always being prepared to meet our Maker and Judge. About two hundred of the soldiers made their confession and received Holy Communion. Many also took the Scapular.

The spiritual work being done, the Rev. Clergy were invited to partake of a substantial dinner served up in regular military style, and they did it honor.

From Columbus the Rev. Missionary goes to Cleveland to give a retreat in the Cathedral Church. The prayers and blessings of all follow him.

April 23, 1862

CONSISTENCEY WITH A VENGEANCE.

During the late edifying Retreat at St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, the Rev. Father Damen gave one controversial Lecture on the Real Presence, in his usual style.

Some Protestant Theological Professor conceived it to be his duty to "warn his people" against the doctrine through the columns of the Ohio *State Journal*. Whereupon he wrote a long communication, admitting that Father Damen had proved beyond cavil the doctrine of the Real Presence by "unwittingly using the very arguments of Doctor Martin Luther," but expressing surprise that Father Damen should be ignorant of the fact, that "the *most respecable Protestants*, viz: the Lutherans and High-Church Episcopalians, expressly receive and teach the doctrine of the Real Presence!" he takes up the theological cudgel against the Missionary on the doctrine of Transubstantiation. He is afraid somebody "will confound the Real Presence" with this "Romish error," that some one may think that to understand the words, "this is my Body," "this is my Blood" literally, is to believe that what Christ held in his hand when he pronounced them, was no longer bread and wine, but his Body and Blood! His fears are natural. We should fear the same. Very few people have been so educated as not to acknowledge, that "whatever is, is." Professor D. W. would frown down his own quibble with wrath, if an omnibus driver were to try to make him pay double fare for it. Only in Religion are his class of Protestants prepared to abnegate common sense, so far as to affirm that it *was* his Body and Blood, and it was not his Body and Blood, but only bread and wihe, which the Saviour gave to his Disciples.

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St. Dominic Parish, Beaver, Noble County
Baptisms 1832-1852

(Continued, from Vol. XXXX No. 6)

1834, continued

same day [June 8] William son of William Temple and Bridget Egan; spons. Rose Ann Brady

June 9 Jacob son of Peter Horn and Catherine Wisend; spons. Jacob Hovilla— and wife

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Baptisms by Rev. J. G. A. Alleman

July 19 Adam son of Michael Luly & Binbra Fetling; spons. Adolph Oplinger and Anna Dorran

July 20 Elizabeth daughter of John Delong and Elizabeth Jones; spons. Thomas Delong and Catherine Delong

same day Edmond son of Christopher Gallagher and Mary Delong; spons. Simon Rinehart and Nancy Tymmany

same day William son of Jesse Carpenter and Mary McCanahy; spons. Joseph [or James] & Nancy Hacket

same day Sarah Cecilia daughter of Robert Gallagher and Elizabeth Jefferis; spons. Jno. S. Jefferis and Sally Jefferis

per Rev'd James Reid [Latin]

Oct. 31 Margaret and Lucy and James, children of Peter Daily and Anna Carpenter; spons. John Daily and Anna Carpenter

same day James son of Ann Daily; spons. the same
same day Catherine daughter of James Brister and Margaret Daily; spons. the same
Oct. 31 Annania daughter of Michael Archer and Rhoda Grandin; spons. David Roe
same day Elizabeth daughter of Simeon Archer and Rhoda Enoch; spons. Nathaniel Archer
same day Thomas son of Nathaniel Archer and Rebecca Morris; spons. Simeon Archer
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Rev. Montgomery baptized the following

Nov. 1 Mary daughter of Daniel McDaniel and Bridget A. Gallagher; spons. Rosanna Gallagher
same day Joseph son of James Hacket and Ann McCanahy; spons. William Jefferis and Rosanna Brady
same day Eve daughter of George Hunt and Mary Fell; spons. Eve Windell
Nov. 2 Sara daughter of John McDaniel and Ann Moring[?]; spons Christopher and Mary Gallagher
Nov. 3 Mary daughter of Lemuel Foradyce and Sara Mount; spons. Thomas and Lydia Gallagher. J. Reid
same day Sara Jane daughter of the same parents; spons. Christopher Gallagher and Sara Jefferis. J. Reid
Nov. 18 Ann daughter of Isaac Delong and Mary Delong; spons. Sara Delong. E. T. Collins

1835

[Feb. 20—see at April, 1836, below]
June 7 Simon Peter son of John Butler and Margaret Doran; spons. Simon Dorr and Eve Delong. J. Reid
June 14 Thomas son of William Delong and Catherine Ensley; spons. Christopher Gallagher and Isabel Delong alias Ensley. J. Reid
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June 14 Mary Louise daughter of Frederick Bidenharn and Lyzette Benninghouse, spouses; spons. Theodore Benninghouse and Lydia McGinnis alias Gallagher. J. Reid
same day Catherine daugher of Bernard Kaber and Magdalene Horn; spons. George Schnell and Catherine Wisand. J. Reid
June 30 Elizabeth daughter of Benjamin Eaton and Mary Cooney; spons. Peter Cornyn and Bridget Keiman. J. Reid
Oct. 3 Mathew son of Denis Cumisky and his wife; spons. Hugh McConaghy and his wife. J. Reid
Oct. 30 Emily daughter of Mathew Dogherty and Sara Kirkbride, spouses; spons. John Jacob Dorr. J. Reid
same day Philip son of Daniel Dogherty and his wife; spons. Stephen McTague. J. Reid
Nov. 14 John son of James Foster and Elizabeth Coyle, spouses; spons. myself and E. Gallagher. J. Reid
same day Elizabeth daughter of William Nyswanger and Ann Lang, spouses; spons. myself and Elizabeth Foster alias Coyle. J. Reid
Nov. 18 Dorothy daugher of William Judge and his wife; spons. Rebecca Lyons alias Herron. J. Reid
same day James, son of the same spouses, spons. John Herron. J. Reid
same day Sara Unice[?] daughter and Samuel son of the same spouses; spons. John Jacob Dor and Elizabeth Lynn alias Ohara. J. Reid
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Nov. 20 Sara, convert, wife of Mathew Dogherty; spons. Stephen Dogherty. J. Reid
same day Sara, convert, wife of William Dogherty; spons. Michael Hannan. J. Reid
same day Jane daughter of William Dogherty; spons. Hugh Macmaneman and his wife. J. Reid
Dec. 10 Rhoda Ann daughter of Simeon Archer Junior and Mary Ann Hopp his wife; spons. Michael Archer and Rhoda Grandin alias Archer. J. Reid

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