

Peter Inniger came to America with his father, Christian, his brothers, Gilgian and Johann, and his half-brothers, Christian and Abraham, arriving on April 10, 1887 and were naturalized as citizens on Nov. 2, 1888. Peter was 10 when he came to America.

Gilgian's son David said that Gilgian had told him that when Christian Inniger and the five boys arrived in New York and got off the ship, that they walked one behind the other, each one holding onto the coat of the one in front of him.

The family went to the Swiss settlement in Putnam County, OH then came to Adams County, IN. A bit about this is told in an entry in the diary of Bishop Henry Elgy of the Defenseless Mennonite Church (now Berne Evangelical Church) about 4 1/2 miles west of Berne. It is dated Dec. 4 and 10, 1887. "These two Sundays a man namely Christian Inniger, (we had not known him before) came to church, he had come from Switzerland this spring to Putnam Co., O. then in the fall he moved to Adams Co., Ind., he was a widower with 5 children, and his house had burned down. He asked for help, the church gave him \$19.75. Five sacks of corn and a bushel of wheat."

His father, Christian and his brother, Johann Gottlieb, died a few years after coming to America. The brothers lived together on the Monroe Township Inniger farm with the oldest brother, Christian. The 1900 Census lists the household as follows: Christian, head of household, age 27, farmer; Catharine, wife of Christian, age 26; Jacob, child of Christian and Catharine, age 1; Abraham, brother of Christian, age 26; Gilgian, half-brother of Christian, age 25; Peter, half-brother of Christian, age 23.

The brothers stayed with Christian and Catharine (Liechty) until they married or were able to get a place of their own. Abraham married in 1900 and Gilgian in 1902.

Gilgian bought an 80 acre farm 1 1/2 miles west of Berne in August 1905. Peter moved with Gilgian and family to that farm in Oct. 1905. Peter sold land to Christian Inniger in Oct. 1905 for \$1,600.00. Perhaps it was his share in the family farm where they had all lived.

Gilgian and Peter went into business as the Inniger Brothers and sold "Bone Grits" for poultry from the farm.

Peter married on Oct. 21, 1906 to Anna Mazelin Habegger. The Berne Witness reported it.

Unfortunately, Peter and Anna's life together was quite short. He died April 19, 1907 from broncho-pneumonia. Anna was expecting a baby at the time of his death. This child, a son, Elmer, was born July 19, 1907.

Peter was a member of the Christian Amish Church and was buried in the church cemetery, called Hilty Cemetery.

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