

## Chapter 5

# *Henry and Jacob's Families – 1880 to 1930*

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The purpose of this chapter is to document the Henry and Jacob Pinter families from 1880 to about 1930. Additional details about these two families will be found in Chapters 6 and 7.

This period of time is one of family growth. Both boys married in the mid to late 1870's after their return from Europe or Livingston County, and began their families and their farming careers. This was a period of growth of the family as Henry's family grew to a total of 11 members, one who died in infancy, while Jacob's family grew to a total of 14 members, one who died in infancy and two who died at young ages. This was a period when the families prospered and added to their land holdings. It was a period when their wealth increased due to hard work. This was the period when Heinrich passed the torch to his two sons.

### **1880 Census**

(Recall that there are no records of the family in the 1870 national census as was discussed earlier. Therefore, this is the first census since 1860 where we can reestablish contact with the two families. Due to the lack of family documentation relative to this time, with the exception of photographs, we sometimes can only derive information from the various national and state census reports).

In 1880, when the ten-year census was taken, the family status became more clear. This census now clearly established the presence of two Pinter families (spelled Pinter in the census papers) in Berlin Township in Bureau County. They were:

Henry and Julia Wunder Pinter - ages 28 and 24 respectively, with children Justina (recorded as Josephine B. in the census), age 2 years, and an unnamed son aged 2 months (this is likely to be Johann Heinrich Pinter). It also indicated that Heinrich (recorded as Henry in the census), age 69, was a retired farmer, was living with them, and that he was a widower. They also had a hired hand, 18 year old George Hoffert.

Jacob and Justina Croisant Pinter - ages 24 and 18 respectively, with one son, Gustav, age 1.

When the 1880 census was taken, the two families were still living in the Berlin Township, probably on the Section 36 property originally purchased in 1874 by Heinrich. The 1880 census

gives the appearance that Henry and Jacob lived next to each other, in the order of census taker visitation. The census lists them as two different families in two different dwellings. Unfortunately, the census does not indicate where they lived except to say it was in Berlin Township. Henry and Juliana had two children plus Heinrich living in one dwelling, plus a laborer George Hoffert, while Jacob and Justina had only one son, Gus, living in the other dwelling. Known information about these two families suggests this was one farm property with two dwellings.

A review of the 1880 census, taken when Rutherford B. Hayes was president, revealed no other families or people with the Pinter surname in Berlin Township.

It is interesting to note that the census documentation, for the most part, referred to the husbands as the “head” of the household and their occupations were mostly “farmer” while the wives were recorded with the occupation of “keeping house”. This was the case with Henry and Jacob’s census records.

See Appendix C for copies of the 1880 census.

See the tables below for a complete listing of the family members.

### **1890 census**

There is no data available from this census. Much of this census data was destroyed in a fire in the Commerce Department in Washington DC on 10 January 1921. Apparently, data for only one Illinois County, but not Bureau, survived.

### **1890 Bureau County Tax List**

This document lists four Pinters, as follows:

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|------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1) Pinter, H     | Berlin    | real estate       | (section 36) |
| 2) Pinter, H     | Hall      | real estate       | (section 25) |
| 3) Pinter, Henry | Westfield | personal property | (section 31) |
| 4) Pinter, Jacob | Westfield | personal property | (section 30) |

None of Henry and Jacobs children were old enough in 1890 to own land, so items 1,2 and 3 are probably Henry while 4 is Jacob. But the data seems incomplete.

### **Farmers Directory of Bureau County 1897-98**

This directory was found at the Bureau County Genealogical Society (BCGS) office in Princeton. It contains the following entries:

Westfield township

Bender, H	p o Ladd, O, sec 31, 156a tot
Pinder, Jacob	p o Arlington, O, sec 30 40a tot
Pinder, Henry	p o Arlington, O, sec 31 40a tot
Pinder, William	p o Arlington, O, sec 31 40a tot

Berlin township

Pinter, H	p o Arlington, O, sec 36, 76a tot
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These entries seem to show that Henry had moved to his final farm in Westfield Section 31 and held 196 acres while Jacob was in his final homestead in Westfield Section 30 with 40 acres.

William is unidentified. William is not a son of Henry or Jacob because only two had the name William (middle name only) and both were too young in 1897. When this directory was written, William McKinley had just been elected President.

(As a reminder, in 1877, the three Pinter men were recorded in the Voters and Taxpayers of Berlin Township book as being residents of Berlin Township, Section 36. It was noted that Henry and Jacob were “living with his father”.)

### **1900 census**

By 1900, both families had grown substantially.

Jacob and Justina now had 10 children living at home and ranging in age from 2 to 21. This census showed that as of 1900 they had been married for 22 years.

The census also shows that Jacob’s wife is correctly named Justina, and not Augusta as indicated in 1880. Yet, they are both listed as being married for 22 years. One frequently finds name recording errors and inconsistencies from census to census.

The 1900 census shows that Henry and Julia lived adjacent to Jacob (that is, per the sequence of the census taker’s route) and that they had 7 children living at home and ranging in age from 3 to 19 and were married 26 years. They also had a servant. He was 53 year old John Schraeder who had come to the US from Germany in 1868.

### **1916 – 1921 Prairie Farmers Directory for Bureau County, Westfield Township**

This directory was also found at the BCGS office. It lists four Pinter families in Westfield Township (actual spellings from the book):

Henry, Pinter Sr.

Wife: Juliana

Children at home: Justina B., Henry J., Louisa, Jacob R., Elizabeth, Fred Wm,  
George Wm, Minnie

Address: Zearing R1 Berlin

Section: 30-36

Acreage: Owns 356a

Livestock: 5 horses, 60 cattle, 27 hogs

Jacob Pinter

Wife: Justine

Children at home: John, Rosa

Address: Zearing R1 Westfield

Section: 20 (perhaps a misprint since Jacob's farm was in section 30)

Acreage: Owns 200a

Livestock: 7 horses, 6 cattle, no hogs

Henry J. Pinter, Jr (son of Henry)

Wife: Anna M

Children at home: Leona E., Martha A., Henry L.

Address: Zearing R1 Berlin

Section: 26

Acreage: Owns 170a

Livestock: 23 horses, 35 cattle, 72 hogs

J.P. Pinter (son of Jacob)

Wife: Philipina

Children at home: Elmer, Leroy

Address: Princeton R2 Berlin

Section: 15

Acreage: Tenant 275a

Livestock: 11 horses, 10 cattle, 29 hogs

### **Jacob and Justina and Family**

Name	Age at 1900 census	Born	Married	Died	Died at
Jacob	44	6/24/1855	10/28/1878	4/9/1929	Ladd, IL
Justina	38	1/12/1862		4/4/1948	Ladd, IL
Gustav Herman	21	3/4/1879	Katie Leyes	7/7/1953	Ladd, IL
Anna (Annie) Julia	19	8/7/1880	Fred Hassler	6/1972	Peru, IL

Jacob Phillip	18	3/27/1882	Philippena Hahn	7/21/1950	
Justina Margaret	16	4/20/1884	William Hahn	4/1974	Arlington, IL
Henry Rudolph	14	12/9/1885	Elsie Nichol	6/1968	Cherry IL
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Barbara	12	12/22/1887	John Schlund	4/30/1970	Princeton, IL
Magdalena (Lena) Martha	8	1/18/1892	Louis Husser	12/15/1990	Mendota, IL
John Henry	6	1/3/1894	Leona Walter	1/9/1974	
Ludwig (Louis) Adolph	4	9/23/1895	Did not marry	7/5/1912	
Caroline (Carrie) Justina	2	4/18/1898	Joseph Rett	2/10/1918	
Rose Ann Katherine	1 mo.	7/8/1900	Ralph Peters	9/5/1993	LaSalle, IL
Infant Daughter		2/28/1903		2/28/1903	

#### Birth Locations (Township):

Selby: Gus

Berlin: Anna, Jacob, Justina, Henry

Westfield: Elizabeth, Lena, John, Ludwig, Caroline, Rose, baby

The COH marriage record for Jacob and Justina's 1878 marriage spells Jacob's last name "Pinter". The same records book, for Henry and Juliana's 1874 marriage, spells Henry's last name "Binder".

Jacob died of a "five weeks illness with a complication of diseases" at the age of 73. One source said that he died of complications of diabetes.

Justina died at the age of 86, cause unknown. Both are buried in the Peru City Mausoleum in Peru, IL

See Appendix C for copies of the census pages.

#### **Justina Barbara Croissant**

Jacob married Justina Barbara Croissant on 28 October 1878. This date is confirmed by the COH marriage records and their marriage certificate.

Justina Barbara Croissant was the daughter of William and Anna Margaret Wunder Croissant. Justina was born 12 January 1862 in Hollowayville, IL according to the 1880 census. There were 4 girls and 4 boys. Her father was born in Edenkoben, Laudau, Bavaria, Germany, 4 November 1819, and her mother was born in Hornungareit, Germany, 27 October 1827. He immigrated to America in 1841. They were married in Illinois on 24 October 1844.

Justina was just 16 years old when she married Jacob and was one of 8 children. Jacob and Justina’s marriage certificate indicates that Justina’s father had given written permission for this marriage.

**Henry and Julia and Family**

Name	Age at 1900 census	Born	Married	Died	Died at
Henry	48	5/20/1852	1/4/1874	3/15/1939	Ladd, IL
Juliana	44	7/30/1855		2/15/1936	Ladd, IL
Elizabeth		1875	N/A	1875	Berlin Tsp
Justina Barbara	22	6/28/1878	William May	9/9/1961	
Johann Heinrich (Henry John)	19	4/23/1880	Anna “Annie” Husser	7/6/1949	
Louisa Maria	17	1/23/1882 (or June)	George Husser	4/16/1966	
Elizabeth (Lizzie)	15	4/1/1885	Christian May	2/1964	
Jacob Herman “Jake”	12	12/19/1887	Hattie E. Walter	9/16/1963	Spring Valley
Fredrick William “Fred”	8	8/15/1891	Laura Ann Marie Walter	3/14/1989	Princeton
George William	5	11/23/1894	Bertha E. Walter	9/16/1963	Spring Valley
Wilhelmina (Minnie)	3	9/14/1896	Manford Morgan	12/16/1994	

Note that three Pinter brothers married three Walter sisters.

Birth location by township

Selby: none

Berlin: Elizabeth, Justina, Henry, Louisa, Elizabeth, Jacob

Westfield: Fred, George, Minnie

According to the COH marriage records, Henry and Juliana were married in the home of the bride’s parents, Adam and Elizabeth Wunder.

**Julianna Wunder**

Henry married Julianna Wunder on 4 January 1874.

Juliana was the daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Weissenberger) Wunder. Adam Wunder was from Bavaria. He came to the US in 1842. His father was Johann Michael Wunder, born 30 September 1789 in Germany, died 25 December 1879 in Bureau County and is buried at the COH. Adam was naturalized 14 March 1859.

Elizabeth's father was John Weissenberger.

Julianna died on 15 February 1936 of heart problems at the age of 80.

Henry died on 15 March 1939 soon after a fall in which he broke his leg. The newspaper article stated that the trauma was too much for him at his advanced age. He was 86 years old.

Both are buried in the Peru City Mausoleum in Peru, IL

Note that some of the administration papers for the estate of Adam Wunder list Juliana's name as Binder.