

George Haller IV came to the United States with his family in May 1911. His great-grandfather Georg Haller Sr., and wife Margareta Haas had migrated from Cleebourg, Alsace to Bergdorf, Odessa District, Russia with their family in 1809. George Haller IV was born in Bergdorf on April 25, 1856. He was married to Magdalena Wolf, also born in Bergdorf in about 1860. They lived in Bergdorf several years then moved to the near-by village of Sofiental where they engaged in farming. They had three children, Johann, born May 27, 1887, Peter, born July 19, 1891, and Lydia, born July 12, 1897. Mrs. Haller died in 1902, and somewhat later, Mr. Haller married a widow from Kassel, Odessa, Mrs. Philipp Doerr (nee, Christina Mehlhaff) who had several daughters. There were no children from her marriage with Mr. Haller.

In 1911, George Haller IV and wife Christina immigrated to the United States, settling with their family in the Eureka, South Dakota and Ashley, North Dakota areas. The family included his children, Johann and wife Luisa (nee, Schmidt), Peter, and Lydia, and Christina's four daughters, Maria, Magdalena, Lydia, and Justine with her husband Jacob Hohenecker. The families made their early living as tenants on various farms in the Ashley and Eureka area. George and Christina later retired, living in Eureka where Mrs. Haller died some years later. Mr. Haller then lived with his daughter on the Jacob Fey farm until his death on June 28, 1933.

Johann (John) Haller Jr., and wife Luisa acquired a farm in 1918/19 about four miles west of Ashley where they farmed until retiring to Ashley in 1939/40. They had three children, Johnny (John), Lydia, and Oscar. In 1944, they moved to Whittier, California to be near their daughter, Mrs. Herman Wildermuth, whose husband was in the Army in Europe. At that time, their son, Johnny and wife Adeline (nee, Spitzer) were living in Eureka, South Dakota, and son Oscar was in the Army somewhere on the battlefields of Europe. Mr. Haller died in Los Angeles, California on December 14, 1951 and Mrs. Haller died in Yucca Valley, California on December 16, 1983. They are both buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Ashley, North Dakota. Johnny died on February 26, 1984 in Sun City, Arizona. Oscar lives in Anaheim with wife Beverly.

Peter Haller married Maria Heyd on June 28, 1919. They acquired a farm several miles south of Ashley within the state of South Dakota. They had three children, Albert, Lenora, and Genevieve. They retired to Ashley in 1946 where Mrs. Haller died on May 17, 1962. Albert and wife Laura (nee, Wolf) still own and operate the family farm south of Ashley. Mrs. Lenora Schweigert lives in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Genevieve died in 1947 at the untimely age of 13. Peter Haller lived in Aberdeen for several years where he died on July 24, 1975. The remains of the dead members of the family are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Ashley, North Dakota.

George Haller's daughter Lydia married Jacob Fey on January 16, 1919 in Ashley. They farmed for several years and later moved to Ellendale, North Dakota. They had five children, Mrs. Erna Hardin, Ellendale, ND, Arthur, Pine River, MN, Mrs. Gertrude Williams, Tampa, Florida, Clarence, Bozeman, Montana, and Mrs. Darlene Loving, Chanhassen, Minnesota. Mrs. Fey died in Ellendale on February 3, 1962 and Mr. Fey died in Ellendale on February 21, 1972. Both are buried in the Ellendale Cemetery.

The children of Mrs. Christina (Doerr) Haller: Justine married to Jacob Hohenecker lived on their farm near Long Lake, South Dakota; Maria married John Lippert of near Ashley; Lydia married John Trefts of near Ashley; and Magdalena married Adam Preszler of near Eureka.

Note: All Russian dates are as shown by the Julian Calander (i.e. Old Style),
All others by the Gregorian (New Style) Calander.