

Christopher Adler

A pioneer settler, Christopher Adler, came in 1882 to the wilderness that was to become Marshfield. Born in the Rhine Valley of Dorrebach, Germany in 1815, he started life in the United States in the early 1840s near Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin. Their first homestead, at the end of Holy Hill Road, was where he and his wife Margaret (Kramer) had a large farm and had six children.

Their first child, Peter was born December 8, 1843 and died August 14, 1897. Peter was married to Catherine Roszbach. Jacob, the second child, was unmarried. He lived in Marshfield and died here of pneumonia on May 21, 1890. Clara, their first daughter, was born January 9, 1846 and died on November 15, 1905. Clara was married to John Meyer. Another daughter, Mary, was born on June 12, 1848 and died June 3, 1931. She was married to Christopher Pickert. Another son, Philip, was born on March 7, 1850. Philip lived most of his life in Marshfield, until his tragic auto-train accident on October 31, 1915. Philip was married to Margaret Hoffman. (Also see story on Philip Adler.)

Tragedy struck on June 11, 1854, when his wife, pregnant with their sixth child, fell off a hayrack and died. The baby daughter, Elizabeth, died a few days later after being baptized.

In 1857, Christ married Anna Clear. Christ and Anna had eleven additional children. Catherine, was born February 10, 1858 and died March 27, 1942. Catherine married Christ Weir and moved back to Marshfield to take care of the Martin Adler children. Theresa, Fred and John J. were born between the years of 1859 and 1864. Theresa married Joe Hoffmann and died April 25, 1914 while John J. married Theresa Hartl and died in 1951. Fred died as a child. Another son, George, was born February 4, 1865. He married Anna Marie Berg and died in Marshfield, August 7, 1951. Barbara was born on January 17, 1867 and died on March 15, 1887. Anna Adler was born between the years of 1867 and 1869. She was married to John Theisen and later was remarried to Louis Harry. Next, Martin, was born on October 2, 1870. He married Gertrude Mohr and later was remarried to Jennie Schuler. Martin died on August 27, 1936. Then a daughter, Margaret was born on September 1, 1872. She married Joseph V. Mettelka and died July 9, 1953. Then another son, Joseph, was born on November 21, 1874. Joseph was married to Theresa Gruber and died April 26, 1960. The last child born to Christ and Anna was also named Elizabeth. She was born in September of 1878, became a Dominican nun and died August 7, 1968, just two weeks short of her ninetieth birthday.

Christ and Anna came to Marshfield with their family in 1882. Christ had bought 140 acres which he and his three sons cleared and broke to the plow. He acquired more land before he died, eight years later on January 23, 1890. His wife, Anna, was born on October 21, 1835 and died on February 5, 1921.

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