

From the "Kalender der Reformierten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten, 1919"

Translated from German and submitted by Fred Beisser, great-grandnephew of the deceased.

"Pastor Gottlieb Beisser.

This true Nathanael was born on February 1, 1843 in Calw, Wuerttemberg. At the age of 23 he came over here, first to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was influenced by the well-known Dr. Ruetenik. He received employment as a teacher in the congregation school of Pastor Martin in Terre Haute, Indiana. It was there that he was encouraged to enter Mission House (seminary) in Wisconsin. Following that, he served congregations in Wayne, Wis., and Columbia, Ind. Then he came to Leslie, Ohio, and somewhat later to Piqua, Ohio. After that he worked successfully for the congregations at Magley and Decatur, Ind. Those were 10 blessed years. Subsequently he also faithfully served the Spencerville Congregation in Ohio and the Elmore Congregation in Wisconsin. From 1904 on, while living in Decatur, until his passing, he participated heartily in everything that the Church was and did, although he no longer had a congregation of his own. Long frail of body, he yearned for the Homeland above. He was allowed to enter it on June 27, 1918 at the age of 75 years, four weeks and 25 days.

Participating in his funeral were the Brothers Kraatz, C. M. Schaaf, H. M. Schroer, O. Englemann and J. W. Stolte.

In 1870 he married Miss Minna Schroer of Cinnincinnati who stood steadfastly by his side through thick and thin. The marriage was childless; but he sent for the children of a deceased brother in Germany and took them on as if he were their father. One of these siblings was Friederich Beisser, presently pastor in Plymouth, Wis."

Note from Fred Beisser: Gottlieb was actually christened "Gottlob Christian Beisser." Apparently he adopted Gottlieb after arriving in Ohio as it was more often heard than Gottlob.

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Funeral services for the Rev. Gottlieb Beisser, 75, retired Reformed minister, will be Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Reformed church. Burial will be in the cemetery at Magley. Death followed an illness of ten years.

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