

"Elizabeth" Maria Elisabeth Wambsganss, daughter of Johann Jakob Hess & his wife Anna Maria Zimpelmann Hess

1845 converted to Lutheran & later one of the 1st trained Lutheran deaconesses to serve in America

1848 Kaiserswerth, Germany deaconess institute for care of nursing the sick & orphans < 1 yr probation when studied English in preparation for service in America >

1849, 1st class steamship Breman, Germany > 2 wks, Southhampton, England > 2 wks at sea > July 1849 New York, NY, 2 days & 2 days Philadelphia > via canal boat to Passavant Deaconess Hospital Pittsburg, PA, where Dr Passavant director of institution & pastor of local English Lutheran Church

1853 withdrew from Reformed & Spring 1853 Cincinnati, OH > Ft Wayne, IN & joined Missouri Synod Lutheran Church

Married June 1853 Philipp Wambsganss (b Nussdorf, Rheinphalz, Germany), son of Bernard Wambsganss & his wife Anna

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