

The Jacob Myers family arrived in the United States in August 1829. Jacob brought three Motz boys and one Motz girl with him to America: Philip Jacob age 19, Martin 16, Gottlieb 11, and Catarina Magdalena age 14.

Jacob's daughter Elizabeth Myers was born 2 Aug 1829 aboard a ship in New York Harbor. She married Martin Motz when she was eighteen (1846). They settled in the state of New York and remained there until 1836. At that time they moved to Loudonville, Holmes County, Ohio.

Jacob's first wife Eve died in 1863 in Ohio. Shortly thereafter, he married Saloma Michaels and the family moved to Wells County, Indiana. When Jacob arrived in America, Indiana was only 13 years old, Chicago had not been incorporated, and a large number of Miami Indians still remained in the NW Indiana area. The main trail south was that later called The Indianapolis Road, going south through Zanesville, Markle, Warren, and then to Indianapolis. The road was dirt with logs across low places and through swamps.

The spelling of the name Myers was changed to Meyers between 1894 and 1897. The reason for this change is unknown. According to a Jerusalem Chamber Bible of Westminster Abbey (published 1880) and belonging to Leonard Meyers, this change is shown. This name change is also shown in a bible belonging to Cecil (Meyers) Wolf of Fort Wayne.

Jacob had two brothers, George and Leonard whom we know nothing about.

Source: Family Tree compiled by Virgil Motz, Dec 1975

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