Nowhere are Maria K. (Blume) Sanneman's parents named specifically. But indirect evidence and DNA matches help reveal the answer.

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Part 1 Background:

Maria K. Blume and Heinrich Ludwig [H.L. or Henry L.] Sanneman probably married in Germany, before 1841, based on their immigration with 3 children and the birthplaces of their sons. They had three sons in either Hannover, Germany (where he was born) or Mecklenburg, Germany (where she was born), and a daughter born in Clayton County, Iowa, USA. Their birth years are based on the 1857 Minnesota Territory Census.

- Heinrich Rudolph, born about 1841
- Johan Wilhelm, born 8 August 1844
- Ernest, born about 1847[1]
- Minnie, born 18 December 1853[2]

Timeline after immigration:

- 1853: Maria K. (Blume) Sanneman arrived in the United States on 19 August 1853 in New York City with her family including H.L. (age 45), M. (age 34), H.W. (age 12), J.W. (age 7) and A. (age 6.)[3]
- 1853: Daughter Minnie is born in Clayton County, Iowa, USA, on 18 December.[4]
- 1856: Son Henry remains in Clay County, Iowa, USA in the Hannasch household while the family settles in Steele County, Minnesota, USA.[5]
- 1857: Minnesota Territory Census shows the Sanneman family in Meriden, Steele County, Minnesota, USA.[6] Henry (age 45), Maria (40), Henry (17), William (13), Anson [Ernest] (9), Minnie (4.)

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[1] 1857 Minnesota Territorial Census, Meriden township, Steele County, page 54 [stamped], household 17, family 17, Henry Sannamon; *Ancestry*, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota, Minnesota State Population Schedules, 1865-1905.

[2] Minnie Sanneman Drinken, Memorial #82672429, St Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Meriden, Steele County, Minnesota, FindAGrave, (FindAGrave.com : accessed 1 July 2026).

[3] Passenger List, Ship Hannover, Hamburg, Germany to Port of New York, New York, 18 August 1853, lines 29-33, Sinnemann; *Ancestry*, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1820-1897, The National Archives in Washington, DC, USA, Microfilm Serial or NAID: *M237*; RG Title: *Records of the U.S. Customs Service*; RG: *36*.

[4] Minnie Sanneman Drinken, Memorial #82672429

[5] 1856 Iowa State Census, Garnavillo, Clayton County, Iowa, page 1942 [stamped], page 11 [written], household 71, family 72, Henry Sanneman; *Ancestry*, State Historical Society of Iowa, Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856.

[6] 1857 Minnesota Territorial Census.

- Neighbors on this same page of this census are others from Germany, including:
    - "Henry Bluhm" (age 29), with Margaret (24) and Henry (1)[7]
    - In the same household is Francis Blohm (71) with Catherine (60) and William (23)
    - Henry Abbe (36) with Doras (30), William (10), Henry (9), and Frank (2)[8]
    - Henry Drinken (40) with John (35), Mary(40), Mary (12) and Henry (8)[9]
- 1860: The Sannemans continue living in Meriden with the Abbes (from Hannover, Germany) and Drinkens (from Mecklenburg and Hannover, Germany) close by.[10]
- 1863: Heinrich Rudolph Sanneman married Katherine Pichner in Steele County.[11]
- 1871: John William Sanneman married Maria Stangler in Steele County.[12] And Minnie Sanneman married Henry Drinken in Steele County.[13]
- 1872: Ernest Sanneman married Eliza Lippert in Steele County.[14]
- 1876: Ernest Sanneman married Caroline Lippert in Steele County. [15]
- 1880: Henry and Maria lived in their son Ernest's home.[16]
- 1888: Henry Ludwig Sanneman died.[17]
- 1900: Maria, a widow, lived with her daughter Minnie and her husband Henry Drinken.[18]
- 1904: Maria died in Steele County on 30 December 1904.

Death Register:

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[7] 1857 Minnesota Territorial Census, Meriden township, Steele County, page 54 [stamped], household 14, family 14, Henry Bluhm; *Ancestry*, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota, Minnesota State Population Schedules, 1865-1905.

[8] 1857 Minnesota Territorial Census, Meriden township, Steele County, page 54 [stamped], household 16, family 16, Henry Appe; *Ancestry*, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota, Minnesota State Population Schedules, 1865-1905.

[9] 1857 Minnesota Territorial Census, Meriden township, Steele County, page 54 [stamped], household 18, family 18, Henry Drinken; *Ancestry*, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota, Minnesota State Population Schedules, 1865-1905.

[10] 1860 US Federal Census, population schedules, Steele County, Minnesota, Meriden township, dwelling 220, family 205, Sanaman; *Ancestry*, The National Archives in Washington D.C.; *Records of the Bureau of the Census*; Record Group Number: *29*; Series Number: *M653.*

[11] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 17 June 1863, Henry Sanneman to Catherine Bizner, certificate #A-32-SHBC.

[12] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 7 September 1871, John Henry William Sanneman to Mary Stangler, certificate #A-502-SJHSM.

[13] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 11 July 1872, Minnie Sanneman to Henry Drinken, certificate #B-68-DHSM.

[14] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 11 July 1872, Ernest Sanneman to Elise Lippert, certificate #B-67-SELE

[15] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 3 August 1876, Ernest Sanneman to Caroline Lippert, certificate #B-425-SELC

[16] 1880 US Federal Census, population schedule, Steele County, Minnesota, Meriden township, enumeration district 249, supervisor district 7, page 14 [written], dwelling 104, family 110; *Ancestry*, Tenth Census of the United States, 1880, Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C., microfilm publication T9, roll 635, page 129b.

[17] County Court, Steele County, Minnesota, USA, Index to Death Records, 1870-1911, Book A, page 8, line 13, 1 June 1888, Sanneman, H. L.; *FamilySearch*, Steele, Death Records 1870-1911, film #007413075, 2 of 4 films, image 129.

[18] 1900 US Federal Census, population schedules, Steele County, Minnesota, Meriden township, enumerator district 131, supervisor district 1, sheet 3, page 82A [stamped], dwelling 42, family 1, line 24, Mary Sanneman; *Ancestry*, Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, US Bureau of the Census, NARA, Washington, D.C., roll T623.

Maria's death register entry did not name her parents, only under her father's name was the surname "BLUME."[19]

Obituary:
Her obituary stated that she was born Maria Blume and was born in Germany on 12 March 1816. It mentioned her family's arrival in the US as 1853, their stay for a few years in Clayton County, Iowa before moving to Meriden. It names her 4 children: Henry, William, Ernest and Minnie. It does not name her parents or any other family, only that her maiden name was "Blume."[20]

Meriden Township Cemetery:
Meriden Township Cemetery is located at the intersection of rural roads surrounded by farms and was utilized largely by German settlers in Meriden. The Steele County Historical Society has been active in locating burials in the county and placing burial information on websites like FamilySearch and FindAGrave.com. There are currently 211 grave memorials for the cemetery, and no additional burials there since the 1950s.[21] Both Heinrich Ludwig Sanneman and Maria Blume were buried there.[22] [23] Her grave marker lists her birth date as 12 March 1816. Other families buried there include: Abbe, Beck, Blohm/Bluhm, Brase, Drinken, Fette, Rosenau, Wicklow, and Wilker, a F.A.N. club.[24]

No where in Maria's paper trail is there any indication of who her parents or siblings are. Turning to the DNA, a methodical process of clustering matches provides a candidate pool of Maria K. (Blume) Sanneman's family members.

Part 2 Family Line to Heinrich Ludwig Sanneman and Maria K. Blume:
The author's mother, XXXXXXXX, has taken a DNA Test at AncestryDNA. EXXX was the daughter of Violet Mae (Belina) Hogan.[25] She is the granddaughter of Mary A (Sanneman) Belina.[26] Mary A. Sanneman was the daughter of Henry Rudolph Sanneman and his wife Katherine Pichner.[27] Henry Rudolph Sanneman was the son of Henry Ludwig Sanneman and Maria K. Blume.[28]

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[19] Steele County, Minnesota, Death Record, Book B, Register of Deaths, page 119, #698, 30 December 1904, Sanneman, Maria K.; at *FamilySearch*, "Steele, Minnesota, United States records," Steele County, Minnesota, County Court, Film # 007552378, image #808.
[20] "Death of Mrs. Sanneman," The People's Press, Owatonna, Minnesota, 6 January 1905, page 8, column 1-2: *Ancestry*, (newspapers.com : accessed 15 July 2026.),
[21] This author visited the cemetery in June 2015. Details are from personal notes.
[22] H.L. Sanneman, Meriden Township Cemetery, Steele County, Minnesota, Memorial #82287782; *FindAGrave*, (https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/81978/meriden-township-cemetery : accessed 15 July 2026.)
[23] Maria K. Sanneman, *FindAGrave*, Memorial #82287832.
[24] Meriden Township Cemetery, Steele County, Minnesota, *FindAGrave*, (https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/81978/meriden-township-cemetery : accessed 24 July 2026.)
[25] Minnesota, Birth Certificates, Steele County, Minnesota, Owatonna, 16 January 1932, EXXX, 16 January 1932. Original is the author's possession.
[26] Minnesota Department of Health, Section of Vital Statistics, Certificate of Death, 20 November 1989, Violet M. Hogan, no local file number, no state file number; *FamilySearch*; Steele County, Minnesota, County Court, Owatonna, Death Certificates, 1987-1989, Film #007552441, image #1397
[27] Steele County, Minnesota, Death Register, Vol D., 1911-1940, 17 June 1932, Mary Belina, page 266, line 3; *FamilySearch*, Steele County, Minnesota, Probate Court, County Deaths, Film #007552379, image #150.
[28] Steele County, Minnesota, Death Register, Vol D., 1911-1940, 22 September 1933, Henry Sanneman, page 271, No 116, line 20; *FamilySearch*, Steele County, Minnesota, Probate Court, County Deaths, Film #007552427, image #207;

The DNA Background:

EXXX's 4 sets of great grandparents are:[29]

- Michael Hogan and Margaret Craddock (Paternal Grandfather's parents)[30]
- Alanson Martin Mitchell and Margaret Walker (Paternal Grandmother's parents)[31]
- Frank Joseph Belina and Antonia Fisher (Maternal Grandfather's parents)[32]
- Heinrich Rudolph Sanneman and Katherine Pichner (Maternal Grandmother's parents)[33]

AncestryDNA provides DNA matches that are divided into paternal and maternal sides. The Hogans, Craddocks, Mitchells and Walker are on EXXX's paternal side. On EXXX's maternal side the Belinas, Fishers, and Pichners are all from the same town, Dlouha Trebova, in Czechia. Only the Sannemans and Blumes appear to be from northern Germany.

Clusters of Shared DNA matches for each of these 4 sets of great grandparents were created. There appears to be no overlap in DNA matches between these 4 clusters except for the Pichner and Fisher lines where twin sisters are in the tree. Paulina Fibiger married a Pichner and Anna Fibiger married a Fisher. This does not affect the Sanneman/Blume lines. Not only is the family tree distinct in location on the Sanneman/Blume line, but DNA inherited from EXXX's Sanneman line is distinct from all of her other maternal lines. No other (except Heinrich Rudolph) Sannemans appear to have married into the maternal Czech lines. Therefore, the DNA Match Clusters to the Sannemans and Blumes should be and in fact are, independent (meaning no overlapping DNA matches) from other maternal lines.

Maternal Grandparents, Belina/Sanneman:

Frank William Belina married Mary A. Sanneman on 27 September 1899 in Steele County, Minnesota.[34] They had 5 children:[35]

- Galen Alphonso, born 1902, married Kate Tully, no children.[36]
- Luella Antonetta, born 1904, married Olaf Rosten, no children.[37]
- Frank Joseph, born 1906, married Lenore Portmann, 4 children.[38]

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[29] Addenda #1: EXXX's Pedigree Chart from the author's private online family tree, 2-XXXXXXXXX-XXXXX Research, *Ancestry*. www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/193732900/family?cfpid=262529704556&fpid=262529705018&usePUBJs=true

[30] Addenda #2

[31] Addenda #3

[32] Addenda #4

[33] Addenda #5

[34] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 27 September 1899, Francis Belina to Mary A. Sannamann, certificate #F-573-BFWSMA..

[35] Register of Births, Richland, Rice County, Minnesota, Vol B, 1892-1907, [no first name] Belina, 3 March 1902, to Frank W. Belina and Mary Sanneman, page 150, line 3; *FamilySearch*, Rice County, Minnesota, County Court, Birth Records, 1892-1909, Film #004881615, image #63.

[36] Steele County, Minnesota, Birth Records, Owatonna, Vol B, 1900-1908, page 11, No 1489, line 13, 13 July 1904, Owatonna, page line, Luelle Antonette Belina; *FamilySearch*, Minnesota, Births and Christenings, 1840-1980, Film #004881707, image #536

[37] Steele County, Minnesota, Birth Records, Owatonna, Vol B, 1900-1908, page 13, No 2097, line 12, 7 August 1906, Owatonna, Frank Joseph Belina; *FamilySearch*, Minnesota, Births and Christenings, 1840-1980, Film #004881707, image #540

[38] Steele County, Minnesota, Birth Records, Owatonna, Vol B, 1900-1908, page 15, line 22, 5 June 1908, Owatonna, page line, Violet Mary Belina; FamilySearch, Minnesota, Births and Christenings, 1840-1980, Film #004881707, image #546.

- Violet Mary, born 1908, married John Alanson Hogan, 3 children.[39]
- Mary Dorris, born 1911, died at 2 days old.[40]

The chart titled *"EXXX Matches to Belina/Sanneman"* includes EXXX's parents Violet and John.[41] Also included is her XXXXXXX, whose father is XXXXX[42] This chart also includes matches to the only other child of Frank and Mary to have children. Notably, EXXX has a full 1st Cousin, XXXX, who matches her at 968 cMs.[43] Each match with a known relationship, fits the acceptable range of shared DNA for the stated relationship.

Great Grandparents, Sanneman/Pichner:
Mary A. Sanneman's parents were Henry Sanneman and Katherine Pichner.[44] Henry Sanneman and Katherine Pichner married on 17 June 1863 in Steele County, Minnesota, USA[45]. They had 8 children: Emma, Harried, Clara, Frank, Mary, Ernest, Henry R., and George.[46]

In *"EXXX: Sanneman/Pichner Matches"* this large group of DNA Matches represent only those at AncestryDNA of Henry and Katherine's 8 children. Matches have been identified through children: Harriet, Frank, Ernest and Henry R.[47] Notably, EXXX has 2 full second cousins, PS at 243 cMs and DA at 230 cMs.

Great, Great Grandparents, Sanneman/Blohm:
Heinrich Ludwig Sanneman and Maria K. Blume had 4 known children: Henry Rudolph, John William Henry, Ernest and Minnie .[48] See the chart titled: *"EXXX: Sanneman/Blohm."*[49] DNA matches have been identified only through daughter Minnie and her husband Henry Drinken. These matches are:

- "B.M." by MM: 3rd Cousin, 1x Removed with 1 segment with 20 centiMorgans
- "BH": 3rd Cousin, 1x Removed with 1 segment with 16 centiMorgans
- "AL": 3rd Cousin, 2x Removed with 1 segment with 11 centiMorgans
- 'DB": 3rd Cousin, 1x Removed with 1 segments of 17 centiMorgans

These three matches match each other as expected for their stated relationships:

- BM match becky haas at 72 cM
- BM matches AL at 29 cM

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[39] Steele County, Minnesota, Birth Records, Owatonna, Vol D1, 1911-1924, page 27, line 10, 5 June 1911, Owatonna, page line, Mary Dorris Belina; *FamilySearch*, Minnesota, Births and Christenings, 1840-1980, Film #004881707, image #932
[40] Mary Belina, grave marker, born 5 June 1912, died 9 June 1912, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, author visited June 2015.
[41] Addenda #7
[42] Minnesota, Birth Index, 1935-2002, Richard Jay Hogan, 6 December 1958, Steele County, Film #1958=MN-0013153; *FamilySearch*
[43] "Frank J. Belina," The Daily Sentinel, newspaper Grand Junction, Colorado, Vol 96, No 85, 23 February 1988, page 3B, col 1; *Ancestry*, Newspapers.com; (accessed : 10 July 2026)
[44] Death Register, Mary Belina, 17 June 1932.
[45] Sanneman-Bichner Marriage.
[46] Addenda #5
[47] Addenda #8
[48] Addenda #6
[49] Addenda #9

- BM matches DB at 146 cM[50]
- AL matches BH at 24 cM
- AL matches DB at 1902 cM[51]

The Shared cM Project at DNAPainter.com states that a 3rd Cousin, 1x Removed relationship the mean shared DNA is 48cM with the range of one standard deviation as 16-80cM. For 3rd Cousin, 2x Removed the mean shared DNA is 36 cM with the range of one standard deviation as 9-63 cMs.[52] While these 4 DNA matches in the Sanneman/Blohm cluster are within the range for their stated relationships, each is on the lower end of the range.

Part 3 Best Known Matches, 2nd Cousins:

The low amount of shared DNA in the Sanneman/Blohm cluster (20, 16, 11, 17) requires extra caution because these may be false matches. They may be identical by state not identical by descent. Each was verified to also share DNA with two of EXXX's closest matches in the Sanneman/Pichner cluster: PS and DA, both 2nd cousins. PS and DA are both descendants of the Sanneman/Pichner marriage, but through different children. PS through Frank and DA through Ernest.[53]

The Shared cM Project at DNAPainter.com states that a 2nd Cousin relationship the mean shared DNA is 229 cM with the range of one standard deviation as 143-315 cM.[54] PS shared 243 cM over 16 segments with EXXX. They have 163 shared matches as of 30 January 2026 at AncestryDNA.[55] She has 111 matches in this time frame that share over 20 cM with EXXX. DA shared 230 cM over 13 segments with EXXX. They have 139 shared matches as of 30 January 2026 at AncestryDNA.[56] He has 86 matches sharing over 20 cMs with EXXX.

The four Sanneman/Blohm matches share DNA with the best known matches (who as 2nd Cousins to EXXX have the same named relationship to the in the Sanneman/Pichner cluster:

- BM matches PS at 20 cM
- BH matches DA at 39 cM
- AL matches DA at 28 cM
- DB matches DA at 57 and PS at 33 cM

All four Sanneman/Blohm matches share DNA with either PS or DA more comfortably within the range of their named relationships.

Part 4 Sanneman/Blume Explorer Matches:

These DNA testers share DNA with EXXX, and either the four Sanneman/Blohms Cluster Matches and/or the two Best Known Matches from Sanneman/Pichner.

- #1 TK managed by JS at 44
- #2 JK at 35
- #3 JB at 9

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[50] AncestryDNA: Shared Matches between EXXX and BM by managed by MM.
[51] AncestryDNA: Shared Matches between EXXX and AL
[52] The Shared cM Project 4.0, v4, March 2020, ©Blaine T. Bettinger, at DNAPainter.com by Johnny Perl, (https://dnapainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4 : accessed 15 July 2026).
[53] Addenda #5
[54] The Shared cM Project 4.0.
[55] AncestryDNA: Match between EXXX and PS; *AncestryDNA*, (accessed : 10 July 2026)
[56] AncestryDNA: Match between EXXX and DAn; *AncestryDNA* (accessed : 10 July 2026)

- #4 GB at 30
- #5 LR at 25 and his mother "NoEmail" at 20.2

#1 TKy (shares 44 cm/ 3 segments with EXXX)[57]
Tester TK has no family tree at all associated with his DNA. But the DNA kit is managed by JS. This user who has a tree titled, "Kelly Family Tree," which is complete to the great grandparents. The maternal line great grandmother is Emma A. Bluhm, who was the daughter of Johan Heinrich Christian Blohm (born 1828) and Eva Margaret Beck.[58] The tester shares DNA with: :

- PS at 30

#2: JK (35 cM/ 2 segments with EXXX)[59]
Tester JK has a 3 person private family tree. He manages the kit for his daughter, NK. She has no tree either. But, the Krause surname is present in Meriden Township Cemetery.[60] In his shared matches list with EXXX, there are surnames Abbe and Wilker. He also matches:

- PS at 22
- NK managed by JK at 3486
- TK at 24

#3 JB(shares 9 cM / 1 segment with EXXX)[61]
Tester JB shares very little DNA with EXXX and has a limited family tree of only 8 people.[62] But she has her father's surname, Krause. Tester MK is her brother.[63] Building my own family tree for JB, I'm able to connect her to Tester JK since they share so much DNA. JB and JK share in common Dora Emma Louise Abbe. Dora's paternal grandparents were Johan Heinrich Abbe (born 1821) and Catharina Dorothea Elizabeth Henrica Blohm (born 1825). She also matches:

- DB at 28
- MK at 2675
- JK at 477
- MK at 374

#4 GB (30 cM / 2 segments with EXXX)[64]
Tester GB has an attached family tree that is 4+ generations back with surnames including: Fette, Brase, Wilker, Abbe, and Bluhm (surnames from Meriden Cemetery.)[65] The surnames Abbe, Bluhm, Fette and Wilker appear in the testers shared matches list. This match has several close family members who have also tested including a daughter, 2 sisters, 3 nieces, a nephew and a granddaughter. This tester appears to be descended from the Abbe/Blohm marriage, but notably through a different child, Dorothea who married Conrad Heinrich Wilker.

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[57] AncestryDNA: Match between EXXX and TK; *AncestryDNA*, (accessed : 10 July 2026)
[58] Kelly Family Tree, public family tree, by JS; *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/74426329?cfpid=48294181695&dtid=100 : accessed 17 July 2026.)
[59] AncestryDNA: Match between EXXX and JK; *AncestryDNA*, (accessed : 10 July 2026)
[60] Meriden Township Cemetery, FindAGrave.
[61] AncestryDNA: Match between EXXX and JB; *AncestryDNA*, (accessed : 10 July 2026)
[62] JB family tree.
[63] AncestryDNA: Match between EXXX and MK; *AncestryDNA* (accessed : 15 July 2026.)
[64] AncestryDNA: Match between EXXX and GB; *AncestryDNA*, (accessed : 10 July 2026)
[65] XXXXX & XXXXX Family Tree, public family tree; *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/86890931/family/pedigree?cfpid=32551879250 : accessed 17 July 2026.)

- PS at 24
- BM by MM at 37
- BH at 27
- DB at 50
- JB at 47
- MK at 21
- JK at 30

#5 LR's mother is NoEmail (20.2 cM/ 1 segment with EXXX).[66]
Tester LR has an attached family tree with over 9,000 people. This tester frequently posts about his family tree and appears to be an active user. Upon contacting him via Ancestry Messaging, he stated that he had hired a professional genealogist to look into this side of his family. His tree indicates that his mother is deceased. On his shared matches list there is a tester with the username: "noemail1vql1cm8ucm22n8r3r5l7vpr2oqt," which I've shortened that username to NoEmail. LR and NoEmail are son/mother sharing 3484 cMs. EXXX also shares DNA with NoEmail, whose maiden surname is Blohm.[67] They have the same family line as TK, but through a different child of Johan Heinrich Christiam Blohm and Eva Margaret Beck. In both of their shared matches lists are the surnames Bluhm, Abbe and Wilker. Their shared matches lists have the surnames NoEmail matches:

- DA at 109
- DB at 29
- TK at 173
- MK at 25
- GB at 24

Multiple DNA Matches within the Sanneman/Blohm and Sanneman/Pichner clusters reveal two ancestors with the surname Blohm. Elizabeth Blohm who married Henry Abbe, and Henry Blohm who married Eva Margaret Beck. These two families are the Sanneman's neighbors in the 1857 Minnesota Territory Census.

While Maria K. (Blume) Sanneman has one spelling of her surname and Elizabeth and Henry Blohm have another spelling, the pronunciations of Blume and Blohm/Bluhm vary only a little, if any. Is it reasonable to accept these variant spellings?

Part 5 Research into the Blohm Family:
Online family trees indicate that Elizabeth (Bluhm) Abbe and Henry Blohm were siblings. Their parents were Franz Heinrich Blohm and Catharina Dorothea Nielandt of Mecklenburg, Germany who married in Boizenburg Parish, in the Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin in 1813.[68] Franz and Catherine immigrated to the U.S. on the ship with Henry Blohm and the Abbes.

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[66] AncestryDNA: Match between EXXX and noemeail1vql1cm8ucm22n8r3r517vpr2opt; *AncestryDNA*, (accessed : 10 July 2026)
[67] XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX Family tree, public family tree by Lee Recknor; Ancestry, (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/32386400/family/pedigree?cfpid=18247106461 : accessed 17 July 2026).
[68] Taufen, Heiraten, Tote U Index 1796-1856, Evangelische Kirche Boizenburg Elbe (Ag. Boizenburg); page 320, line 3, 24 November 1813, Blohm-Nielandt; *Ancestry*, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1500-1971, Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Taufen, Heiraten, Tote U Index 1796-1856, image #209.

Franz and Catharina Blohm moved to Meriden before 1857 and lived in their son Henry's household.[69] They were both with Henry's family in 1860 and 1865.[70]

Franz was still present in Henry's household in 1870, but his wife is not.[71] Franz stayed with Henry until his death in 1877.[72] There was no death register, probate or obituary found for Franz.[73] He is buried in Meriden Township Cemetery as H. Franz Blohm with a grave marker.[74] That states that he was born 2 February 1784 and died 14 May 1877 at 93 years, 3 months and 12 days.

Catharine was not in the 1870 US Federal Census in Henry's household and many researchers assumed that she passed away before then.

DNA has revealed 2 children for Franz and Catherine, but cemetery records and online trees give 3 children to Franz Heinrich Blohm and his wife Catharina:

1. Catharina Dorothea Elizabeta Henrica Blohm who went by "Elizabeth" or "Louisa" (born 1825) who married John Heinrich Abbe. They married on 1 May 1848 in Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg.[75] Her descendants include: JK, JB, MK, and GB.
2. Johan Heinrich Christian Blohm (born 1828), who went by "Henry" who in 1856 married Eva Margaret Beck in Clayton County, Iowa.[76] His descendants include: TK, NoEmail and LR.
3. William Blohm (born 1833) who married in 1863 Paulina Henrietta Rosenau in Steele County, Minnesota. [77] William and Henrietta had no known children and no known DNA matches.
    a. William died in Steele County, Minnesota, USA on 14 May 1888. When he wrote his will in 1884 he left all of his estate to his wife, Henrietta.[78]
    b. The administrator of his estate was Ernest Sanneman.
    c. Since William had no children, his estate would pass to others after his wife's death. So his probate papers name his heirs as: Henrietta Blohm, his widow; Heinrich Blohm, his brother; Maria Sanneman, Elisabeth Abbe, Dorethea Schmallfeldt, Catharine Luhr, his sisters

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[69] 1857 Minnesota Territorial Census
[70] 1860 US Federal Census, Henry Blohm. 1865 Minnesota State Census, Henry Blohm.
[71] 1870 US Federal Census, population schedule, Steele County, Minnesota, Meriden township, Meriden Post Office, page 7 [written], dwelling 46, family 46, line 13, Franz Blohm; Ancestry, 1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, T132_11; Page: 484.
[72] Heinrich Franz Christian Blohm, Meriden Township Cemetery, Memorial #40061612; FindAGrave, (www.findagrave.com : accessed 17 July 2026)
[73] Negative Findings.
[74] Heinrich Franz Christian Blohm, FindAGrave.
[75] Tote U Heiraten 1837-1872, page 77, line #2, entry #9,1 Mai 1848, in Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1519-1969, Boizenburg, Mecklenburg, Germany, Cath Dor Elis Henr Blohm to Joh Heinr Abbe; *Ancestry*, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Trau Register, Boizenburg, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Vol 4, 1837-1872.
[76] Iowa, U.S., Select Marriages, 1758-1996, Henry Blohm to Margaret Beck, 19 February 1856, Clayton County, Iowa; citing "Iowa, Marriages, 1809-1992"; *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XJ4S-CYW : 13 January 2020), (accessed : 10 July 2026)
[77] Minnesota Official Marriage System, moms.mn.gov, Steele County, 20 June 1863, William Blohm to Lede Bodenou, certificate #A-32-BWBL
[78] Steele County, Minnesota, Probate Estate Case File, Book B, page 308, Wilhelm Blohm; *FamilySearch*, Steele County, Minnesota, Probate Court, Film # 007668149, images 346-392

Is this Maria Sanneman from William Blohm's probate, the same woman as Maria K. (Blume) Sanneman? The probate files give no indication of her husband's name or her residence.

Passenger Lists:
The Ship *Ocean Home* arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana from Hamburg, Germany on 26 October 1854.[79] Passengers included:

- Blohm H. age 26 [Henry Blohm]
- " Franz, age 68 [Franz Blohm, his father]
- " Catharina, age 53 {Catharina, his mother]
- " Doris, age 30 [Is this Dorothea Schmahlfeldt?]
- Abbe H., age 33 [Henry Abbe]
- " Doris, age 28 [likely Elizabeth Blohm]
- " Wilhelm, age 6 [William Abbe]
- " Heinrich, age 4 {Henry Abbe]

The Ship *Copernicus* arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana also, but on 4 May 1854 from Hamburg, Germany. Wilhelm Blohm, age 19 from Mecklenburg was aboard.[80]

Clayton County, Iowa, USA:
The Abbes were in Clayton County, Iowa during the time frame when Maria K. (Blume) Sanneman was. They had a son who was born there in 1855.[81]

Henry Blohm married in Clayton County.[82]

Meriden, Steele County, Minnesota:
The Abbes moved to Meriden, Steele County and were enumerated there in 1857.[83] They remained in Meriden and were buried in Meriden Township Cemetery.[84]

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[79] Passenger List, Ship Ocean Home, Hamburg, Germany to New Orleans, Louisiana, 26 October 1854, page 4 [unmarked, unwritten], Blohm; *Ancestry*, Quarterly Abstracts of Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, Louisiana, 1820–1875, The National Archives in Washington, DC, USA, Microfilm publication M272, *Records of the U.S. Customs Service*; RG: *36.*
[80] Passenger List, Ship Copernicus, Hamburg, Germany to New Orleans, Louisiana, 4 May 1854, line 77, Wilhelm Blohm; *Ancestry*, Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving At New Orleans, Louisiana, 1820-1902; NAI Number: 2824927; Record Group Title: Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service; Record Group Number: 85, RG:36.
[81] Frederick C. Abbe, St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Meriden, Steele County, Minnesota, Memorial #82413643, birthdate 24 December 1855; *FindAGrave*, (www.findagrave.com : accessed 17 July 2026.)
[82] Iowa, U.S., Select Marriage Index, 1785-1998, Clayton County, Henry Blohm to Margaret Beck, 19 February 1856, *Ancestry*, citing FamilySearch, Iowa Marriages 1809-1992, "Iowa, Marriages, 1809-1992", database, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XJ4S-CYW : 13 January 2020),
[83] 1857 Minnesota Territorial Census, Steele County, Meriden township, Abbe.
[84] Louise Abbe, Meriden Township Cemetery, Meriden, Steele County, Minnesota, Memorial #82158857 and Heinrich Abbe, in same, Memorial #82158805; *FindAGrave*, (www.findagrave.com : accessed 17 July 2026.)

Henry Blohm stayed in Meriden for several years, but by 1880 the family had moved just across the county line into Waseca County.[85] Both Henry and Margaret are buried there.[86] Land records from Waseca indicate that Henry was buying land there as early as 1865. Meriden township is on the county line adjacent to Waseca County.

Wilhelm Blohm married Paulina Henrietta Rosenau and lived in 1863 and remained there his whole life. Though he also owned land in Waseca.

Sister Dorothea Schmallfeldt:
No information about William Blohm's sister, Dorothea Schmallfeldt, was provided in his probate records. There was no indication of her spouse or where she lived. An open-ended search for a marriage between a {no first name] Schmallfeldt and [no first name] Blohm in Minnesota and Iowa revealed one marriage abstract between Christopher Schmahlfeldt and Doris Blum on 25 September 1855 in Clayton County, Iowa.[87] This location and timeframe is consistent with Maria K. Blume Sanneman's other family's presence there.

Could this Dorothea be the same as "Doris Blohm, age 30" from the 1854 passenger list and the Dorothea Schmahlfeldt from William's probate?

In the 1870 US Federal Census, Doras and Christopher Schmahlfeldt were living in Farmersburg, Clayton County, Iowa.[88] There were no children in the household, but there were two others.

- Doras Blohm, age 75 from Mecklenburg, Doras Blohm's profession/occupation column states "lives with daughter."
- Henry Drinkern, age 58 from Mecklenburg. Maria Blume Sanneman's daughter married a Henry Drinken. These are not the same men, as they are different ages.

Could this Doras, age 75, be the Catharina from the 1854 passenger list? Did Catharine leave her husband, Franz, with their son Henry and move to Clayton County to live with their daughter Dorothea Schmallfeldt? Christopher and Doras Schmahlfeldt were buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Clayton County.[89] There is a FindAGrave Memorial for a "Darithea Bluhem" in that same cemetery who died in 1873.[90]

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[85] 1880 US Federal Census, population schedules, Waseca County, Minnesota, Freedom township, enumeration district 263, supervisor district 1, page 3 [written], page 155 [stamped], dwelling 23, family 24, Henry Bluhm; Ancestry, Tenth Census of the United States, 1880, NARA microfilm publication T9, Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.
[86]Henry Bluhm, First Lutheran Cemetery, Waldorf township, Waseca County, Minnesota, Memorial #64014641; *FindAGrave*, (www.findagrave.com : accessed 17 July 2026.) and Eva Margaretha Beck Blohm, at same, Memorial #64014699; FindAGrace, (www.findagrave.com : accessed 17 July 2026.)
[87] "Iowa, Marriages, 1809-1992," *FamilySearch*, (https:familysearch.org/ark:/6109/1:1:xj4s-c6r : 13 January 2020), Doris Blum and Christpher Schmallfeldt, 25 September 1855, Clayton County.
[88] 1870 US Federal Census, Clayton County, Iowa, Christopher Schmahlfelt household.
[89] Maria Dorothea Wilhelmina "Doras" Blohm, Schmahlfeldt, Clayton Center, Clayton County, Iowa, Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Memorial #161686206; FindAGrave, (www.findagrave.com : accessed 17 July 2026.)
[90] Christoph Schmahlfeldt, Clayton Center, Clayton County, Iowa, Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Memorial #161686135; FindAGrave, (www.findagrave.com : accessed 17 July 2026.)

Is it likely as they aged, Franz Heinrich Blohm and Catharine lived separately? Did he live with their son Henry Blohm and his wife Margaret Beck, and did she live in Clayton County, Iowa with their daughter Doras and her husband Christopher Schmahlfeldt.[91]

Doris Blum Schmallfeldt died in Clayton County, Iowa on 2 December 1893.[92] Her husband Christopher died 22 December 1911 in Farmersburg, Clayton County, Iowa.[93] Christopher's will, written in 1904 named no descendants. Instead he divided his estate into 9 parts for 9 heirs, who were his and his wife's siblings. Of those 9 were included these 4:

1. Brother in law, Henry Bluhm of Waseca County, Minnesota
2. Sister is law, Maria Sanneman of Steele County, Minnesota
3. Sister in law, Elizabeth Abbe of Steele County, Minnesota
4. Sister in law, Catherine Luhr of Clayton County, Minnesota[94]

These are the same names from William Blohm's will in 1888, but with additional residence information.

Catherine or Maria Luhr:
Performing a similar open ended search as for the Schmallfeldts, I search for Catherine Blum/Blume/Bluhm/Blohm who married Mr. Luhr. This revealed no marriages in Iowa or Minnesota in the time frame from 1853-1888, for Catharine Luhr. No Catherine Luhr was located in Clayton County, Iowa at all for this time frame, but DNA throws another lifeline.

DNA Match #6 HH (26 cM / 1 segment with EXXX):
William Blohm and Christopher Schmallfeldt named, in their probate files, a Catherine Luhr. But DNA Matches instead lead to "Maria Blum" who married Heinrich Luhr. Maria was from Mecklenburg, Germany and Heinrich Luhr from Hannover, Germany.

EXXX matches HH over 26cM and the tester has a small tree attached to his DNA results. His maternal grandmother is named "Ida Luhr."[95] HH is a close match with LL at 424 cM, and EXXX shares 20 cM over 3 segments with LL.[96] LL also has a family tree attached to his DNA results which includes his father EL and paternal grandfather William Luhr.[97]

- HH shared DNA:
    - PS at 29 and has Abbes in their shared matches list
- LL shares:
    - JB at 31, and 3 shared matches with the surname Abbe.

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[91] 1870 US Federal Census, Clayton County, Iowa, Christopher Schmahlfelt household.
[92] Maria Dorothea Wilhelmina "Doras" Blohm Schmahlfeldt, Memorial.
[93] Christoph Schmahfeldt, Memorial.
[94] Clayton County, Iowa, Will Record, Vol E, page 154, Christopher Schmahlfeldt, dated 21 May 1903,*Ancestry*, Iowa, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1758-1997, Clayton County Wills, 1905-1925, Vol D-G, Image #181 of 777.
[95] XXXXXXXXXX Family Tree, public family tree; *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/119085466/family/pedigree?cfpid=340181849235 : accessed 17 July 2026.)
[96] AncestryDNA: Match between EXXX and LL; *AncestryDNA*, (accessed : 10 July 2026)
[97] XXXX XXXXX Family Tree, public family tree; *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/158481791/family/pedigree?cfpid=152077137117 : accessed 17 July 2026.)

Recreating a family tree for HH and LL revealed a Maria Blum from Mecklenburg who married Heinrich Luhr from Hannover. They lived in Clayton County, Iowa where they had 2 more children to add to their 4 born in Germany.[98] As of this writing there are 6 DNA matches to EXXX descended from Maria and Heinrich Luhr.[99]

Could Maria (of the DNA Matches) and Catherine (of the probate records) be the same woman? Or were there two Miss Blohms who married a Mr. Luhr?

Passenger List

Seeing that the Blohms and Abbes (except for William) immigrated on the same ship, I suspected that the Luhrs may have as well. On the same ship (*Hannover*, arrived in New York City on 18 August 1853) as the Sannemans, immediately above them on the passenger list are the following bound for Iowa:[100]

- A. M.. Luhr, male, age 43 [the initials are difficult to read, the ink is smudged.]
- H. G. Luhr, female, age 33
- D. Luhr, male, age 10
- W. Luhr, female, age 7
- M. Luhr, male, age 4
- H. Luhr, female, age 2
- M. Kerstens, age 48 female

The age and sex of these travellers are consistent with the Luhr family in 1853, the first name initials do not fit. At the time there was Heinrich (age 43), Anna Maria Catharina (age 33), Heinrich (11), Maria Dorothea Elisabeta (9), Frederick Wilhelm (5), and Maria, (3). Is it possible that the initials were accurate, but in the wrong order?

It would be difficult to accept connection with the Sannemans to this passenger list of Luhrs based on the problem with first initials alone. But this passenger list also contains an M. Kerstens, a female aged 48. The Luhr family has in their household in the 1856 Iowa State Census a Margaret Carstens, female, age 39, from Mecklenburg.[101] In the 1870 US Federal census there is a Margaret Costan, age 70, from Germany, in the household.[102] Are these the same woman as the passenger list? Is this woman enough to connect Maria Luhr to the Sannemans?

In 1870 in this same household as the Luhrs and Ms. Karsten was a "Wm Sanneman" (transcribed at Ancestry as "Wm Lonneman"), from Germany, a male, aged 25.[103] This is likely Maria's son, John Henry William Sanneman.

Part 6 Records in Mecklenburg, Germany

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[98] 1870 US Federal Census, Fayette County, Illinois,
[99] See Addendum #7, The Blohm/Nielandt Cluster.
[100] Passenger List, Ship Hannover.
[101] 1856 Iowa, Clayton County, Iowa, Jefferson township, page 2 [written], page 726 [stamped], line 9, family 9, Lühr; Ancestry, Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, State Historical Society of Iowa.
[102] 1870 US Federal Census, population schedules, Fayette County, Illinois, Wilberton township, post office Vandalia, page 7 [written], page 817 [stamped], dwelling 46, family 47, lines 16-23, Henry Luhr household; *Ancestry*, National Archives, Washington, D.C., microfilm publication M593, M593_220; Page: 817A
[103] 1870 Census, Luhr.

The City of Hamburg is situated on the Elbe River and was where Henry Sanneman and Maria departed from in 1853 and where the Blohms and Abbes departed in 1854.[104,105] Downstream is the town of Boizenburg. Baptism and marriage records place the Blohm family in the parish of Boizenburg in the Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.[106] The family lived in Teldau a short distance away. Boizenburg is also located on the Elbe River.[107] The Elbe separated Mecklenburg-Schwerin from the Kingdom of Hannover. The boundary line between Hannover and Mecklenburg-Schwerin crosses the Elbe River just south of Boizenburg. The topography provides an easy explanation how two men from Hannover (Heinrich Luhr and Heinrich Ludwig Sanneman) married into the Blohm family from Mecklenburg.

Online and digitized Church records from Hannover have not revealed the location of the Sannemans hometown.

The Blohm/Nieland marriage took place on 24 November 1813 in Boizenburg.[108] Both their marriage record and baptisms used their full name in these forms: Franz Heinrich Blohm and Catharina Dorothea Nieland(t).[109,110] In the US Franz' s wife went by both "Doras" short for Dorothea, and Catharina. The following baptism records for their children were located with Franz Blohm and Catharina Nielandt as parents in Boizenburg Parish with parents from Teldau or Vorderhagen:

1. **Jochen Heinrich** Blohm, born 22 January 1815. He died on the 1st February of that same year, all in Boizenburg.[111]

[104] Passenger list, Ship Hannover.
[105] Passenger list, Ship Ocean Home.
[106] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, Burials 1780-1848; *Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg.
[107] Northern Germany, comprising Hanover, Brunswick, Mecklenburg, etc. Map by Sidney Hall, London, published by Longman, Rees, Orme, Brown & Green, Paternoster Row, 1 October 1828; DavidRumsey, David Rumsey Map Collections, Image #4224016, (https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~21793~670026:Germany-Northern-?mi=2&trs=4&qvq=q:mecklenburg%201840;lc:RUMSEY~8~1 ; accessed 1 August 2026.)
[108] Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1500-1971, Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Taufen, Heiraten, Tote U Index 1796-1856, Marriages, 24 November 1813, Franz Hinr Blohm to Cath Doroth Nielandt, image #209 of 847, page 320 [written], entry #3; *Ancestry*, Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Register A3 - #1, 1809-1817.
[109] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Baptisms, Franz Heinrich Blohm, 13 February 1784; *Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Taufen 1778-1795, image #36, page #2 , entry #19.
[110] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Baptism Catharina Dorothea Nielandt
[111] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Baptisms, Jochen Heinrich Blohm, 22 January 1815; *Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Taufen 1812-1817, image #19, page 2, entry #1.

2. **Catharina Maria** Blohm, born [unreadable day] March 1816, and baptized on 13 March.[112] A confirmation record gives her birthday as 11 March 1816.[113]
3. **Anna Catharina Maria** Blohm, born 11 November 1819, Boizenburg, and baptized 14th November.[114]
4. **Maria Dorothea Wilhelmina** Blohm, born 18 October 1822 in Boizenburg, and baptized 21 October[115]
5. **Catharina Dorothea Elizabeth Henrica** Blohm, born 12 November 1825 and baptized 14 November.[116]
6. **Johan Heinrich Christian** Blohm, born 12 October 1828 and baptized 15 October 1828.[117]
7. **Heinrich Wilhelm Theodore** Blohm born 15 December 1831, baptized 20 December 1831, and died 24 December 1831.[118]
8. **Joachim Heinrich Wilhelm** Blohm was born 18 Nov 1835, and baptized 30 November with parents from Vorderhagen.[119]

Franz and Catharina had four daughters and used the given name Maria 3 times, Catharina 3 times, and Dorothea 2 times. Franz and Catharina had four sons and used the given name Heinrich 4 times, Joachim 2 times, and Wilhelm 2 times. This may account for some confusion in records for first names.

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[112] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Baptism Catharina Maria Blohm, 13 March 1815; *Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Taufen 1812-1817, image #27, page 1, entry #20.

[113] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Confirmation, Catharina Maria Blohm, 1830; *Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch- Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Konfirmationen 1818-1836, image #22, page 2.

[114] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Baptism Anna Catharina Maria Blohm, 14 November 1819; *Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Taufen 1818-1836, image #17, page 1, entry #8.

[115] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Baptism Maria Dorothea Wilhelmina Blohm, 21 October 1822; *Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch- Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Taufen 1818-1836, image #33, page 2, entry #6.

[116] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Baptism Catharina Dorothea Elizabeth Henrica Blohm, 14 November 1825; *Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch- Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Taufen 1818-1836, image #55, page 1, entry #10.

[117] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Baptism John Heinrich Christian Blohm, 15 October 1828; *Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch- Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Taufen 1818-1836, image #75, page 1, entry #1.

[118] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records,Baptism Heinrich Wilhelm Theodore Blohm, 20 December 1831;*Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch- Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Taufen 1818-1836, image #100, page 1, entry #7.

[119] Boizenburg Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Baptism Joachim Heinrich Wilhelm Blohm, 3 February 1835; *Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg, Taufen 1818-1836, image #128, page 2, entry #5.

If we correlate birth dates from baptism records with the birthdates from grave markers, we can clarify some identities and eliminate apparent inconsistencies. The baptism name is listed first and the name in the U.S. records is listed second.

- Catharine Maria Blohm versus Maria Sanneman:
  - Baptism: [unreadable day] March 1816
  - Confirmation: 11 March 1816[120]
  - Cemetery: 12 March 1816[121]
- Anna Catharina Maria versus Maria Luhr aka Catherine Luhr
  - Baptism: 11 November 1819
  - Cemetery: 11 November 1819[122]
- Maria Dorothea Wilhelmina Blohm versus Doras Schmallfeldt
  - Baptism: 18 October 1822
  - Cemetery: 15 October 1822[123]
- Catharina Dorothea Elizabeta Henrica Blohm versus Elizabeth Abbe
  - Baptism: 12 November 1825
  - Cemetery: 25 November 1825[124]
- Johan Heinrich Christian Blohm versus Henry Blohm
  - Baptism: 12 October 1828
  - Cemetery: 12 October 1828[125]
- Joachim Heinrich Wilhelm Blohm versus William Blohm
  - Baptism: 18 November 1835
  - Cemetery: NOTE: the headstone is very difficult to read.[126]

How do we reconcile the apparent inconsistency for Mrs. Luhr's first name? She was born Anna Catharina Maria Blohm. In the U.S. she went by Maria. Her brother William and brother-in-law Christopher both used the given name Catherine. Did Mrs. Luhr use both names like her mother used both Catherine and Doras? Did she feel free to use her preferred first name in Clayton County since her older sister who used it lived so far away? Could this have been because Mrs. Luhr's older sister went by Maria and to eliminate confusion the probate records named the sisters by different first names? In the U.S. today it would be unusual to name two children the same, but obviously not unusual in Germany in the early 1800s.

Part 7 The Blohm/Nielandt Cluster:

See the Family Group Sheet for Franz Heinrich Blohm and his wife Catharina Dorothea Nielandt, and the attached chart titled *"EXXX: Blohm/Nieland Matches."* This large group of DNA Matches represent only those at AncestryDNA.

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[120] Confirmation, Catharina Maria Blohm.
[121] Maria K. Sanneman, *FindAGrave*, Memorial #82287832.
[122] Anna Catharine Maria Blohm Luhr, Memorial #54012026, Guttenberg Cemetery, Guttenberg, Clayton County, Iowa, FindAGrave, (FindAGrave.com : accessed 1 July 2026).
[123] Maria Dorothea Wilhelmina Blohm Luhr, Memorial #161686206, Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Clayton Center, Clayton County, Iowa, FindAGrave, (FindAGrave.com : accessed 1 July 2026.)
[124] Catharine Dorothea Elisabeta Henrica Blohm Abbe, Memorial #82158857, Meriden Township Cemetery, Steele County, Minnesota, FindAGrave, (FindAGrave.com : accessed 1 July 2026).
[125] Heinrich Wilhelm Blohm, Memorial #64014641, First Lutheran Cemetery, Waldorf, Waseca County, Minnesota, FindAGrave, (FindAGrave.com : accessed 1 July 2026).
[126] Wilhelm Blohm, Memorial #67648710, Meriden Township Cemetery, Steele County, Minnesota, FindAGrave, (FindAGrave.com : accessed 1 July 2026).

As of July 2026, Franz Heinrich Blohm and Catharine Dorothea Nielandt had 8 known children:

- 2 did not reach adulthood.
- 2 adult children did not have descendants who lived to adulthood.
- EXXX descends from Catharine Maria who married Heinrich Sanneman.
- There are 6 Matches through Anna Maria Catharine who married Henry Luhr.
- There are 15 Matches through Catharina Dorothea Elizabeta Henrica Blohm who married Henry Abbe.
- There are 3 Matches through Johan Heinrich Christian Blohm who married Margaret Beck.

These matches through Catherine Luhr, Elizabeth Abbe and Henry Blohm represent independent lines of descent (independent from EXXX's line) from Franz Heinrich Blohm and Catharine Dorothea Nielandt and proof of a common ancestor via a unique, separate ancestral pathway.

Part 8 Summary and Conclusion:

Correlation of the traced evidence of the events including, births, marriages, immigrations, residences, deaths and burials, puts the Blohms, Sannemans and Luhrs in the same places and at the same times.

	Franz/ Catherine	**Maria**	**Catherine**	**Doras**	**Elizabeth**	**Henry**	**William**
Birth[A]	1784/1796	1816	1819	1822	1825	1828	1835
Arrives US[B]	26 Oct 1854	18 Aug 1853	18 Aug 1853	26 Oct 1854	26 Oct 1854	26 Oct 1854	4 May 1854
IA[C]	?/1870	1853	1856	1855	1855	1856	??
MN[D]	1857	1857	no	no	1857	1857	1857
Death	1877/1873	1904	1908	1893	1906	1922	1988
Where[E]	MN/IA?	MN	IA	IA	MN	MN	MN

NOTES:

- A : all baptisms in Boizenburg Parish with residences in either Teldau or Vorderhagen
- B : in either New York City, or New Orleans
- C : Dates are for Clayton County only
- D : Dates are for Steele County only
- E : U.S. State of where each died

The two married Blohm daughters immigrated in late Summer, their youngest son was the following Spring, Elizabeth Abbe gave birth in March 1853, her family traveled with her parents and their unmarried children.[127] All of the Blohms arrived in the U.S. within 14 months and all gathered in

[127] Johanna Dorothea Wilhelmina Maria Abbe, 29 March 1853, Gültz Bandekow Parish, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Lutheran Church Records, Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, Burials 1780-1848; *Archion*, Schleswig-Holstein, Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch- Lutherischen Kirche in Norddeutschland, Kirchenkreis Mecklenburg, Boizenburg Gültz Bandekow, Mischbuch, 1851-1857, image #5, entry #3.

Clayton County, Iowa. Two married daughters stayed there with their husbands, while the remaining moved to Steele County.

The timeline, along with cemetery, census, passenger lists, baptisms, confirmations, two significant probate records and DNA matches tie the Blohm family back together as a whole family unit.

Conclusion:
Maria K. Blume had no paper trail before her immigration as a wife and mother in 1853, but DNA testing was able to bridge a gap in documentary evidence and link Maria to her previously unknown parents and siblings. Researching those close family relationships uncovered a vigorous paper trail that reunited the whole Blohm family beyond what DNA could reassemble.

Part 9: List of Addendums:

1. EXXX Jean Hogan Morrissey: Pedigree Chart
2. Family Group Sheet: Michael Hogan and Margaret Craddock
3. Family Group Sheet: Alanson M. Mitchell and Margaret Walker
4. Family Group Sheet: Frank J. Belina and Antonia Fisher
5. Family Group Sheet: Henry Sanneman and Katherine Pichner
6. Family Group Sheet; Heinrich Ludwig Sanneman and Maria K. Blume
7. DNA Matches Chart: EXXX Matches to Belina/Sanneman
8. DNA Matches Chart: EXXX to Sanneman/Pichner
9. DNA Matches Chart: EXXX to Sanneman/Blohm
10. EXXX - Sanneman/Blohm Matches in McGuire Chart
11. DNA Matches Chart: EXXX to Blohm/Nielandt
12. Family Group Sheet: Franz Heinrich Blohm and Catharina Dorothea Nielandt.