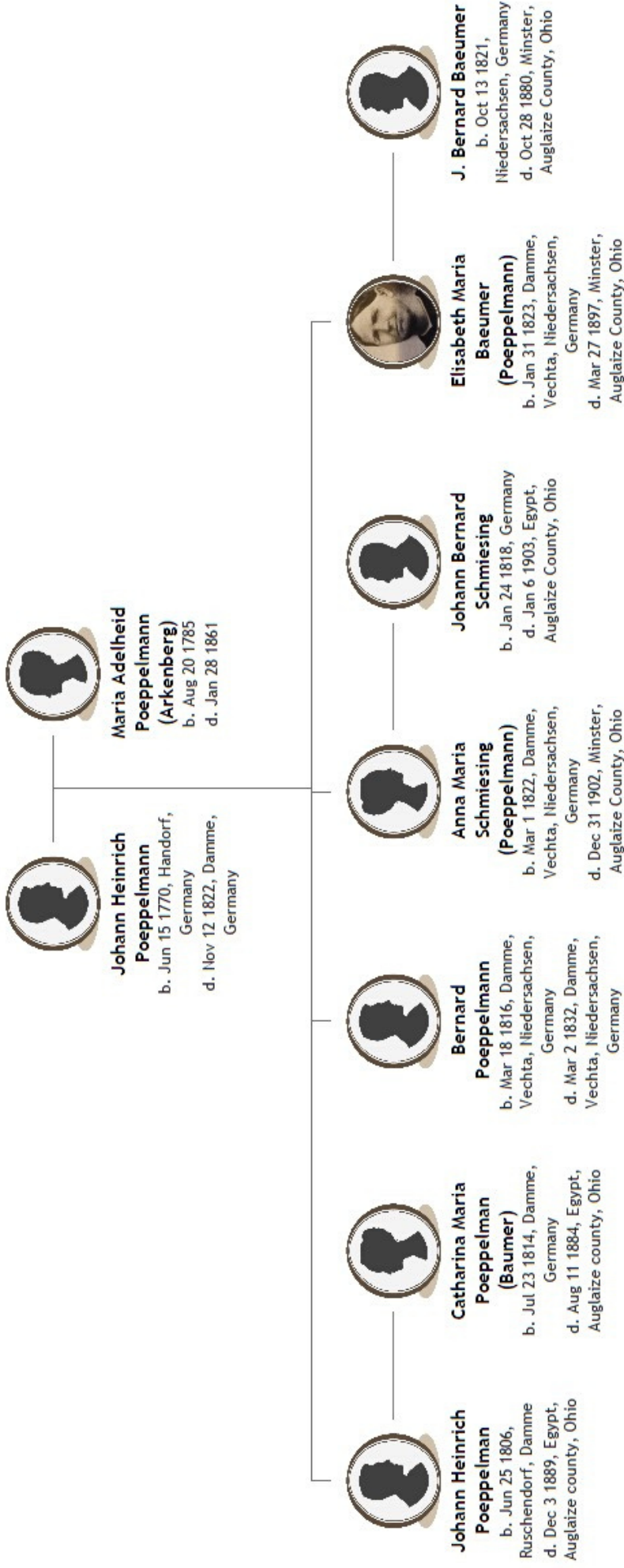


Descendants of Johann Heinrich Poeppelmann



Our story and history would not be complete without giving some background on Heinrich's family prior to leaving Germany. Heinrich was one of four children born in Damme, Germany. His father passed away in 1822, 15 years before Heinrich left for the United States. It must have been difficult to leave Germany with his widowed mother behind. In addition to Heinrich, his two sisters also emigrated to the United States. Anna Maria also came to Minster and married a Schmeising and Elisabeth Maria also came to Minster and married a Baumer. So, it is safe to say that the majority of local Schmeising and Baumers are distant relatives of ours and originated from the same area in Germany.