

History of a Place Called Rescue

Etzel

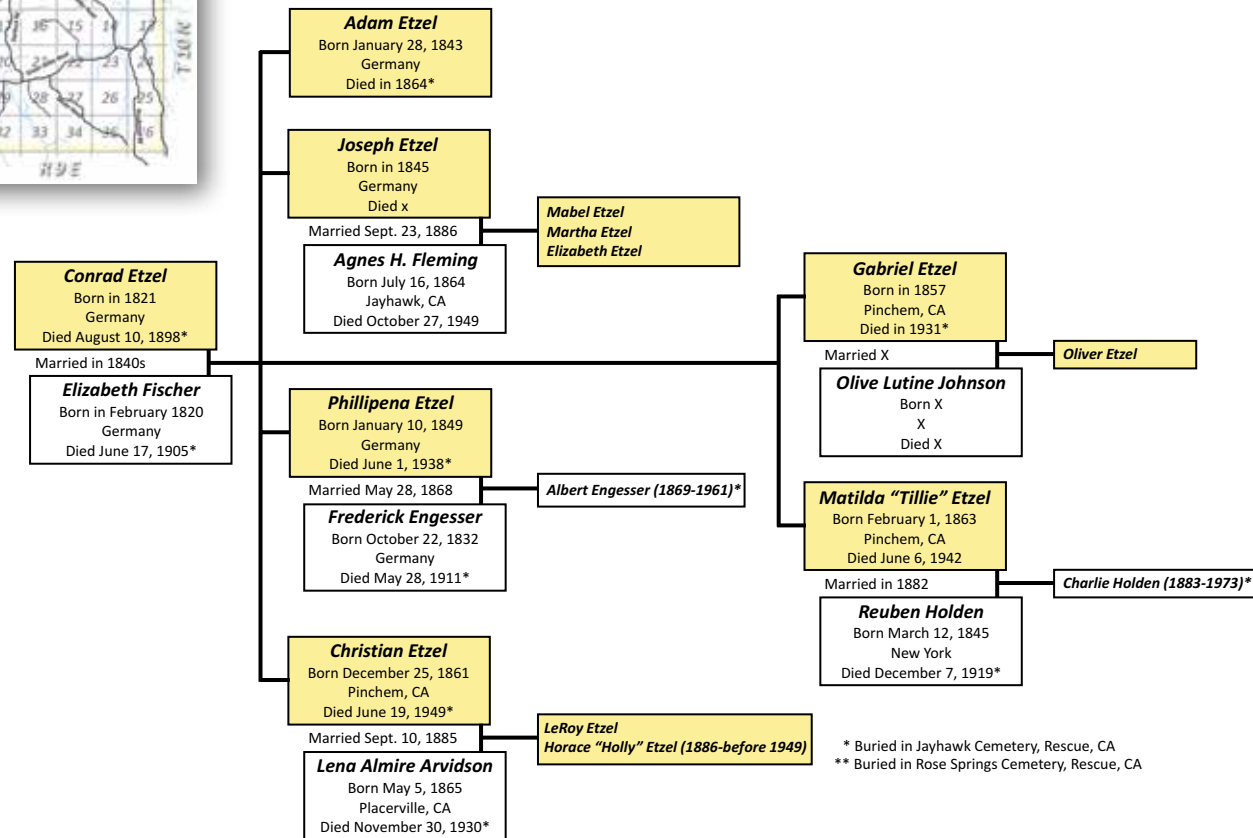
Conrad Etzel was born in Germany in 1821. He married Elizabeth Fischer in the 1840s. Conrad and Elizabeth and their three children: Adam, Joseph, and Phillipena, emigrated from Germany to New York. They then traveled west with Joseph and George Fischer, Elizabeth's brothers.

When gold was discovered in California, the three men made their way to El Dorado County. Conrad worked the streams looking for gold for about a year. He then went into freight-hauling. He used a buckboard and a team of horses to move food and supplies between Wentworth Springs, Lotus, and Georgetown. Some of the trips took him over the summit to Lake Tahoe.

At some point in the early 1850s, he sent for his family. They traveled west in a Conestoga wagon. Conrad made enough money to settle down in Pinchem. He purchased and hauled bricks from Sacramento to begin construction on a two-story building. This building was to become the Pinchem-Tight General Store. The Pinchem-Tight General Store was not the only business in Pinchem, but it was the first, and most prominent.



Etzel Family Tree



* Buried in Jayhawk Cemetery, Rescue, CA
** Buried in Rose Springs Cemetery, Rescue, CA