

John Frederic Theodore Boniface Brentano,
finding myself getting old and feeble in
mind and body, wonder why it was that
I did not ask more questions of my parents
than I did. I blundered and now
feel the neglect.

In order to avoid a repetition of such
blunders I shall, in my old age,
try to supply you with such
answers as may be wished when
I am gone.

^{father} My father, John, Frederic, ~~of~~ Joseph, Brentano, was born
in Groningen, Holland March 20, 1820.
He graduated as Doctor of Medicine.

January 1844.

He practised more for charity than
for money. He died in St Paul mission
County, Oregon.

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My mother, Elisabeth, Wilhelmina Josephina, Marie Muller, was born on Feb 23-1818 at Eemum, in the province Groningen of German's Dutch blood. She died in St Paul, Marion County, Oregon R I P

My parents were married on April 13 1844 before the Burgemeester te Underkerk in de Ansted, province Noord Holland and they were married before the Catholic priest in the church at Duivendrecht.

Noord Holland. (priest's name Van Breukel)

Note: The laws of Holland require a civil marriage before they can be married in the church

They had nine (9) children, of which they raised three (3) to manhood

The following is the list of their children

- John Frederic Joseph Brentano
- John, Fred. Brended born March 5-1845 Died March 25-1849 (1)
- Ringneus, Lambert Henricus born Sept 16-1846 Died Jan 2-1849 (2)
- Henrika born Oct 12-1846 Died Aug 26-1849 (3)
- John Fred. Theodor Doufaa born June 5-1849 (this written) (4)
- Henrika Maria born April 13-1851 Died Dec 2-1855 (5)
- Ringneus, Lambert Maria born May 2-1853 died (6)
- Antone Rudolf, Hermann born Jan 20, 1855 died Jan 22-1855 (7)
- Theodore Bone diet. Wernerus born May 10-1856 died Dec 1857 in Kansas (8)
- Casimir Frederic born October 27, 1859 in Atchison Co. Kansas (9)

The above list was taken from my mother's prayer book, that received from my uncle, Rudolf Brentano, who died at our house, in Duivendrecht. All were born in Holland except Casimir Frederic who was born in Kansas and who was baptized in the Peter Cley house, on the Independence Ave; by Rev. Father Casimir O.S.B.

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Kate Shern was born in County Cork,
Ireland on Dec 13/18 Her father's
name was Charles Shern and her mother's
maiden name was Kate Linane.

John Theo B Brentano and Kate Shern
were married in the Catholic ^{church} at St Paul
Marion Co, Oregon, by Father Bartholomew
Delorme V.C. on Oct 14 - 1882 in presence
of R. De Brentano & Josephine Van Wassenhove.

They had seven children as follows:

John Dennis Charles born Oct 20 - 1885 at St Paul, Oregon

Charles Ring, born July 1 - 1887 at St Paul, Oregon

Elizabeth Catherine, born June 18 - 1889

John Joseph, born April 27 - 1892

Mary Kate, born at Frank Ronds, Oregon Feb 26 - 1898

Theresa Agnes, born June 3 - 1900, died March 27 - 1915

Theodore Bernard, born May 24 - 1903

All born at St Paul except Mary Kate

1857

My father concluded to go to the
United ^{States} (Kansas) and sent my mother
and us children to visit her
mother, her sister, Mina in Meppen
and her brother, de eerwaerde de
de Johanna, David, Leonard Miller who
was priest at Daljen, near L...
Holland. When we came back my father
made the round trip. When he came
back to Diemenbrug we prepared
to go to Kansas, Lonphan. We went to
Amsterdam with canal boat, then
with railroad cars to Antwerp, Belgium.
We had engaged a steamer for New York
but the vessel went in service of
Great Britain, after the Cimman...
we took on American sailor, the
"Roach de Cain" for New York.

1857 We were 7 weeks on sea. Hard
 weeks of starvation and hardships
 1857 from New York to St Louis, Mo, we
 went with the cars, which stopped
 for Sunday, as they did not run on that
 day. We heard Mass in Columbus Ohio
 We stayed in St Louis a couple days and
 took a sidewheel steamer called the "Omaha"
 for Doniphan, Kansas. We arrived
 late in 1857. Ice floating on River.
 We stayed in Doniphan and Atchison Counties
 until the spring of 1862.

1862 In April 1862 we left intending to go to Oregon
 but really went to Sacramento, Cal. We had
 one yoke of Oxen, well broken, one yoke half broken
 and one yoke of raw steers. Also had a
 yoke of milk cows under yoke. Had one odd
 cow (Mickel) when we left Doniphan home.

winter

Started from Doniphan in April 1862.
 Thomas Black was elected Captain and John
 Black, his brother, assistant. They both
 had crossed the plains and back
 to and from California. It was said that we
 were about 125 men and boys in our company of
 all ages that could and did bear arms. but
 ammunition was hard to get in account of the scarcity.
 In Colorado a train from Illinois joined us.