

Magdalena (Treuthardt) Zurcher

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Magdalena Treuthardt, who was my great great-grandma on my grandpa's side, came from a family of 11 or 12 kids from Switzerland. Her parents are unknown because we couldn't find the files for her, since they're in Switzerland. After they were confirmed and joined the church in their early teen years, they left home to make their own living. Magdalena and her sister worked in the French part of Switzerland for a few years. They then went to New York in 1884, which was a complete and total no-no in that time. They arrived in Bluffton, Ohio at midnight. The station man met them and took them to his house to sleep and eat for the night. The next day he took them to my great great-great grandma Zurcher's house, where she met Fredrick Zurcher, who she ended up marrying. (This information was from John Inniger Jr.) She then found work, sewing dresses for mistresses, and found another place to live until she eventually married my great-great-grandpa, Frederick Zurcher. Magdalena and Frederick had three kids before finally moving from Bluffton, Ohio to Berne, Indiana. She and Frederick ended up having nine children and then died after all her children were married and having their own families. She was a widow for 26 years, until finally reuniting with her husband in heaven. Where she was buried is unknown, but it's believed to be somewhere in Lima, Ohio.

Source: Inniger Jr., John. "Zurcher Family Tree." (*Years 1870-1998*). n. page. Print.