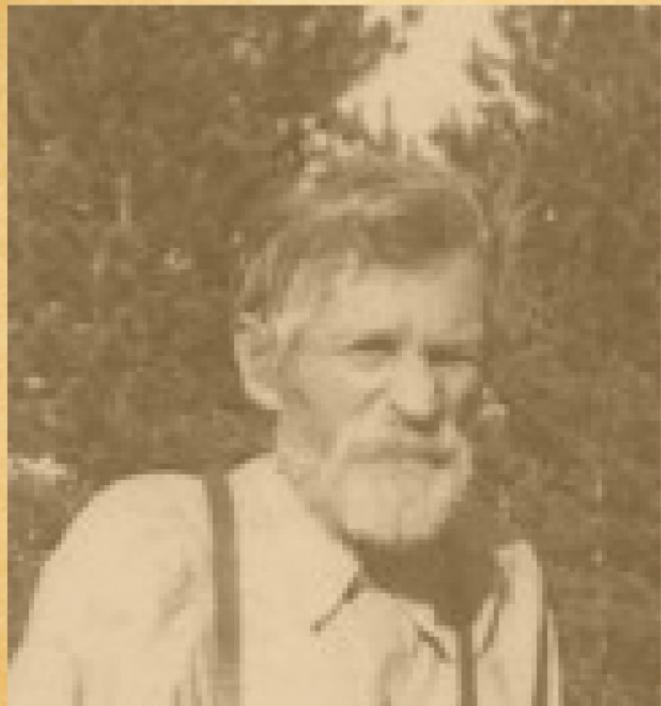


John B. Zacherle

Life, Work, Activities and Family

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YOUR SELF-SATISFACTION AND THE
THANKS OF ALL FAMILY MEMBERS
WILL BE YOUR REWARD!



JOHN B. ZACHERLE

Foreword

In the late 1990s, after my paternal grandparents had died, I stumbled upon a binder that included the records about the ancestors of my grandparents, going back until the mid 1700s. For me, this was the start into a hobby that has fascinated and kept me up at night ever since. I was not really interested in going back in time (and have only succeeded going back one generation in more than 20 years of research), but what made this hobby absolutely unique was the possibility to connect with distant family members and sometimes even meet them. I was able to experience wonderful meetings and sometimes even made friends with relatives. Lucky me! I value this tremendously, and I try to give back to my family, whether they are in the US, in Germany, in Austria, or elsewhere.

This document describes what I learned when trying to connect my family tree to that of John B. Zacherle who was born in Germany in 1868 and died in 1951 in Disautel, Okanogan. Through Y-DNA tests we know that our particular families are very closely related, we just don't know (yet) how.

If you have the faintest idea on how I could find this missing link, please get in contact with me! And if you want to help but don't know how, please have a look at the last page of this document.

I appreciate your interest and your help!

Ettlingen, March 8th, 2020

Michael Zacherle

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Photo taken on my first visit to Omak

His life before 1886

On June 18, 1868 (or 1867? Most sources talk of 1868, but one source talks of 1867), John Baptist Zacherle was born in Germany. Where exactly? If only we knew that. The main reason for me to write this little biography is to honour him and to find out in which village or city he was born, to know where he lived until he left Germany. I have been unsuccessfully looking for his place of birth since 2005.

I'm looking for the city or village of birth of John Baptiste Zacherle. If you have any information about him, I kindly ask you to forward it to me (Michael Zacherle, michael@zacherle.com)

We don't have any knowledge of his life in Germany. We have no birth record, no school that he visited is known, we don't know who his parents were (although they were mentioned in his death record as "Simon Zacherle and Walburga Lauter").

Emigration and Immigration in 1886



Advertising for the Fulda passage in: *Der Deutsche Correspondent*, April 19, 1886

Being only
16 years of
age, his
grandmother

*Source: „Okanogan Rendezvous“
(1989), published by the
Okanogan Reunion Committee*

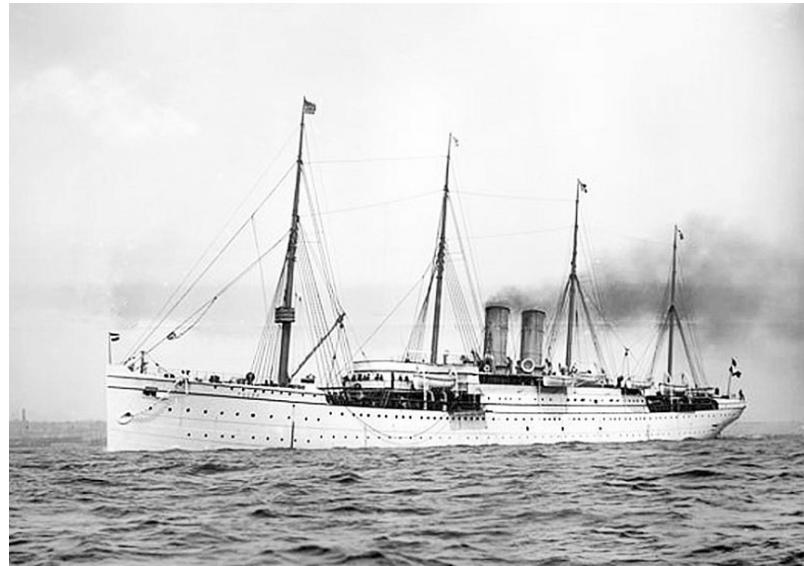
sent him to America because she feared that he would have to participate in a war, and that she wanted him to have a better life. The Franco-German War had ended when John B. was three years old, so sending him away was probably a smart move in the moody atmosphere at the time. Family history in the Okanogan County tells us that he had two brothers when he left.

The port of Bremen, Germany was a major point of embarkation for emigrations during the 19th and 20th centuries. This was true not only for German nationals, but also millions of inhabitants in Austria, Hungary, and other Central European nations seeking opportunities or refuge in the New World. Moreover, twice as many passengers

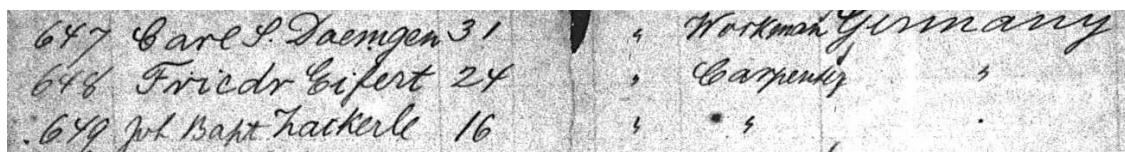
departed from Bremen as from Germany's second busiest port for emigration, Hamburg.

One of the great losses in genealogical history is the nearly complete destruction of the Bremen passenger records. From 1832, Bremen port officials kept meticulous records on their ships' passengers. The "Ordinance Concerning the Emigration Traveling on Domestic or Foreign Ships" of 1832 in Bremen was the first state law to protect emigrants. Among other things it required the ship owners to maintain passenger lists. In 1851 the Bremen Chamber of Commerce established the "Nachweisungsbureau für Auswanderer" (Information Office for Emigrants), to which the ship captains had to deliver their lists. The rules and regulations of the "Nachweisungsbureau" considerably improved the quality of both the stay at Bremen prior to the sailing plus the seaworthiness of the ships. Then, in 1874, the authorities (the "Nachweisungsbureau"), citing a lack of space, destroyed all Bremen passenger records except for those of the current year and the two previous years. This practice was followed until 1909, when customs officials resumed the earlier pattern of preserving the original copies of all emigration lists. Unfortunately, the original lists for 1909 and beyond were destroyed in an Allied bombing raid on October 6, 1944. Except for the discovery of transcripts of Bremen lists for the years 1907-1908 and 1913-1914 at the German State Archives in Koblenz, no copies of the Bremen passenger

Source:
[https://www.familysearch.org/
 wiki/en/Bremen_Emigration/
 Immigration](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Bremen_Emigration/Immigration)



Picture of the Steamboat „Fulda“



The entry of John B. Zacherle (with his last name shown as Zackerle which is the reason why it took me quite some time to find this record) in the ship passenger lists

lists have ever come to light.

Given the loss of Bremen departure lists, researches in search of embarkedes from that port must fall back on arrival lists. In the case of emigrants to the U.S., that next best source is the U.S. Customs Passenger Lists.

We know from the Ship Passenger List that he departed with the Ship Fulda in Bremen on April 9th and arrived in New York on April 19th, 1884, that he travelled with the destination "Staying in the USA [Transit]" as a "Cabin Passenger [Travel]", and that he was trained as a carpenter.

There were 1300 passengers on board, and the name of the Captain was O. Heimbruch who commanded the pretty new ship only since March of that year.

Late 1880s - 1889 Seattle/King County

According to the "Okanogan Rendevouz" (1989), published by the Okanogan Reunion Committee, John "drifted around here and there" until settling down in Seattle where he had a homestead. However, I do not possess records from this period. As we can clearly locate him in Skagit County after 1889, this means that he then must have lived in Seattle from the late 1880s until 1889.

1889 - 1899 Skagit County / Seattle

United States of America:	
STATE OF WASHINGTON,	
County of Skagit } ss. I, John Zacherle	
do solemnly declare on oath that it is bona fide my intention to become	
A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	
and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to all and every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever and particularly to the Emperor of Germany John Zacherle,	
whereof I am now a citizen or subject. And I do swear that I will support the Constitution and Government of the United States.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 27 th day of April A. D. 1892	
By John B. Bloody, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court.	
Filed for Record the 27 th day of April A. D. 1892	
By John B. Bloody, Deputy Clerk.	

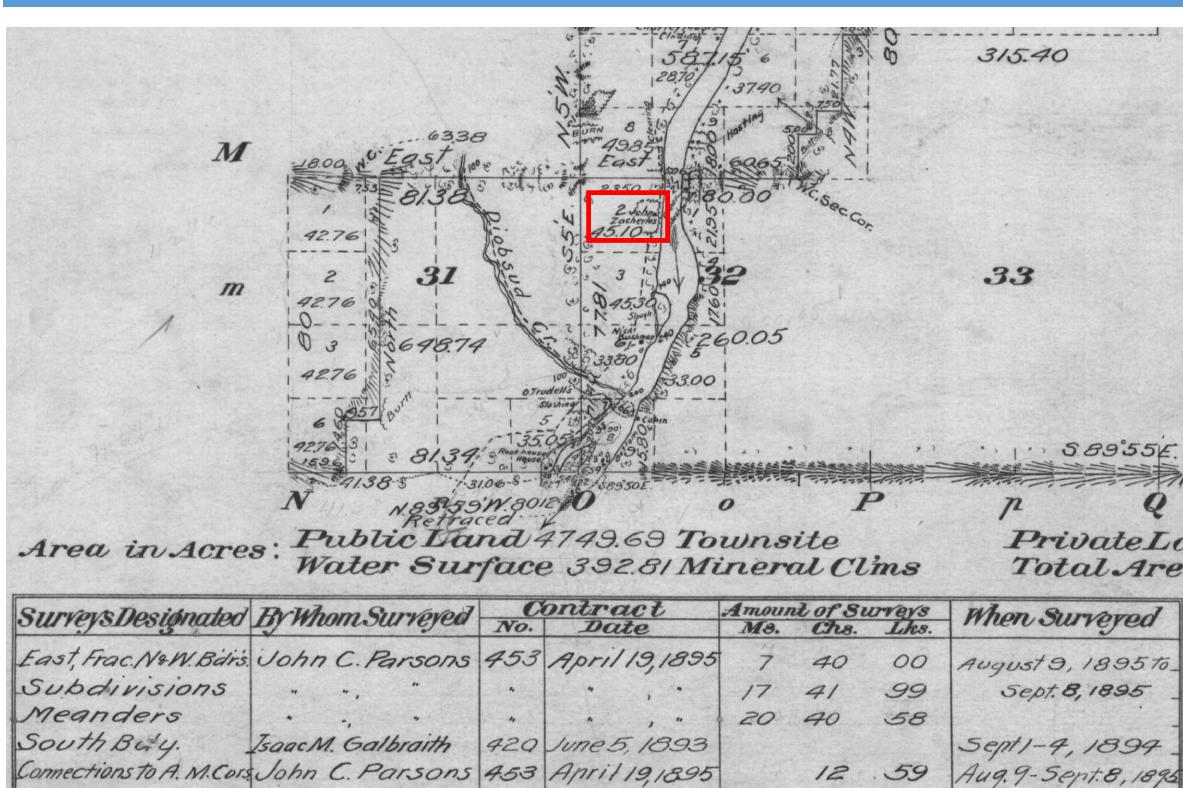
Declaration of Intention, April 27, 1892, Skagit County

Source: Skagit County Government, County Clerk, Declaration of Intention, 1878-1974; Petition and Record, 1906-1974; Washington State Archives, Northwest Regional Branch.

We don't really know much about his whereabouts between 1886 and 1889. Rumour tells us that he drifted through the northern US and possibly into Canada, but I have no records to support these rumours.

As far as I know, John lived in Skagit County most of the time from 1889 till 1899.

In 1892, he filed his Declaration of Intention to become a naturalized citizen there (Naturalization Id: 20823). Again, his origin is only noted as "Germany" - no state, no county, no city or village is mentioned.



In 1894, He had land on the Skagit River. The picture that shows where exactly he lived was sent to me by a gentleman who, together with his wife, purchased a piece of property along the Skagit River in Washington State that turned was homesteaded by our John Zacherle. They also found his name on an old survey listed as "Zacherles". John B. had a donation claim of ninety acres near Marblemount, WA (it is near Diosbud Creek). That gentleman found it interesting that John went over the Cascade mountains to find a job in Omak, but he could understand why. Marblemount and the Upper Skagit river was a very tough place for a settler to make a living. The land he homesteaded would have been a "stump farm" previously stripped of timber. The soil would have been very acidic for farming. Major "100 year" floods happened in 1897 and early 1900's. John probably went upriver to

find land that was still available for homesteading. All of the rich bottom land was taken by the late 1870's.

As tough as it was, he lived in a very beautiful place. It is called Marblemount, the "Gateway to the American Alps".

This same year in September, he got a mining claim in Skagit. What a harsh work this must have been! Today, there's 122 mines in Skagit County, and the most commonly listed primary commodities are Gold, Copper, and Silver. There's other records, too, that links him with being a miner in the area.

Five o'clock in the mornin'
I'm already up and gone
Lord-a, I'm so tired
How long can this go on?
'Cause I make a lil morning
Haul the coal by the ton
But when Saturday rolls around
I'm too tired for havin' fun
(Lyrics from „Working in the
Coal Mine“ by Lee Dorsey)

#25017.

Location Notice.

Notice is hereby given, That the undersigned, in compliance with the requirements of the Mining Act of Congress, approved May 10, 1872, and the Local Mining Rules of District, this day located and claim fifteen hundred linear feet along the course of this lead, lode or vein of mineral bearing quartz, and 300 feet in width on each side of the middle of said lead, lode or vein, situate in the unorganized Mining District, County of Skagit, State of Washington, and more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at this monument, being the center of the southerly end line of claim, upon which this notice is posted, thence East 300 feet to a monument, thence North 15° 00' feet to a monument, thence West 300 feet to a tree stand on 4 sides, being the center of the North end line of claim, thence West 300 feet to a monument, thence South 15° 00' feet to a monument, thence East 300 feet to a place of beginning. This claim is located on the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Town 36, S. Range 11 E. W. M. and shall be known as the Skagit Quartz mine.

Located 2^d of September 1896

Witness,

G. H. Landers

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H. Hammer Lundstr.

Source: *Skagit Mining Claims v.1*, Page 333

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Naturalization Record—Adult.

Printers, Lithographers, Stationers, Portland, Or.

STATE OF *Washington* ss. IN THE *Supreme Court of Washington* COURT,
County of *King*

In the matter of the application of *John B. Zacherle* to become a citizen of the United States, I, *John B. Zacherle*, and being severally sworn, do depose and say, each for himself, that he is well acquainted with the above named *John B. Zacherle*; that he has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States for five years last past, and for one year last past within this state; and that during all of said five years he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

R. W. Williams
John B. Zacherle

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court this *21st* day of *October* 1896.

By *John B. Zacherle* Clerk.
Deputy.

STATE OF *Washington* ss. IN THE *Supreme Court of Washington* COURT,
County of *King*

I, *John B. Zacherle*, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States of America; that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to *King Edward VII* of *England*, whose subject I was. And further, that I have never borne any hereditary title, or been of any of the degrees of nobility of the country whereof I have been a subject, and that I have resided within the United States for five years last past, and for one year last past within this state.

John B. Zacherle

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court, this *21st* day of *October* 1896.

By *John B. Zacherle* Clerk.
Deputy.

United States of America.

STATE OF *Washington* ss. IN THE *Supreme Court of Washington* COURT,
County of *King*

PRESENT: HON. *John B. Zacherle* JUDGE.

In the Matter of the Application of *John B. Zacherle* IN OPEN COURT,
AN ALIEN, this *21st* day of *October* 1896.

To become a Citizen of the United States of America.

It appearing to the satisfaction of this Court, by the oaths of *John B. Zacherle* and citizens of the United States of America, witnesses for that purpose, first duly sworn and examined, that *John B. Zacherle* is a native of *Germany* and has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States five years at least, last past, and within this state for one year at least, last past; and that during all of said time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and it also appearing to the Court, by competent evidence, that the said applicant has heretofore, and more than two years since, and in due form of law, declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States; and now having here, before this Court, taken an oath that he will support the constitution of the United States of America, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to *King Edward VII* of *England*.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, adjudged and decreed, that the said *John B. Zacherle* be and is hereby admitted and declared to be a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

John B. Zacherle Judge.

Naturalization Record, October 22nd, 1896

ENROLLMENT LIST				
Of Persons Liable to Military Duty in Skagit County, 1896				
No.	NAME	AGE	PRECINCT RESIDENCE	OCCUPATION
1204	Zachaba John	29	Marble Mt	Miner

Source: Enrollment List, Skagit County, 1896

On October 22nd, 1896, John B. Zacherle was finally naturalized, meaning that from this day on he was an alien any longer, but a full member of the US society with all rights and duties. One the duties was to be enrolled, meaning that he was available for military actions from that day on. And yes, we can find him in the 1896 Enrollment List from Skagit County. His last name was spelt "Zachaba" by the clerk. John was lucky: When World War I – also known as the Great War – broke out, with 46 years of age he was obviously considered to be too old to participate in any military action and therefore wasn't enrolled again.

1890 Kitsap County

A couple of years later, in 1900, he lived as a boarder in Port Madison, Kitsap, Washington. His occupation is listed as a cook, which is consistent with what we can learn from the "Okanogan Rendezvous", published by the Okanogan Reunion Committee produced for the Washington Centennial in 1989. This is a spiral notebook compilation of family histories from Okanogan, Washington, filled with local family histories as well as a section on the history of Okanogan's business district.

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.												33	A		
SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.												Supervisor's District No. 285		Sheet No. 5	
												Enumeration District No. 124		2	
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Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division.															
Enumerated by me on the	2 nd	day of June, 1900,	Joseph E. Pitt	Enumerator.											
LOCATION. IN CITIES.	NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this city.	RELATION.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.	NATIVITY.	CITIZENSHIP.	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION of each person ten years of age and over.	EDUCATION.	OWNER OF HOME.							
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Source: 1900 United States Census, Dog Fish Bay, Port Gamble, Port Madison, and Kingston Precincts, Kitsap, Washington

1901-1951 Okanogan County

John not knowing where to go, drifted around here and there until settling down in Seattle where he had a homestead. He heard later on that there was work as a cook in Omak, Washington at St. Mary's Mission. He came to Omak got the job and lived at St. Mary's where he met Pauline Cleveland (born in 1879), a first grade teacher at the Mission.

They married in 1901 and lived in a log cabin which they had built near Omak Creek at St. Mary's. Later on John left St. Mary's and found a job as a cook working on a government ditch which they dug to irrigate orchards from Concully to Omak.

He and Pauline moved to Okanogan, Pauline quitting her job teaching so she could stay home and take care of her family, garden and animals. John, having finished his job on the ditch, found another job planting apple trees for Boston Heights. When he finished this job, he worked for the Great Northern Railroad. He also worked for Biles-Coleman until the early 1930's, then he retired. After his retirement John and Pauline and their children moved to Disautel. John passed away at age 74 in 1950 from a heart attack, and Pauline passed away at age 89 in 1968 from a stroke.

Source: „Okanogan Rendezvous“ (1989), published by the Okanogan Reunion Committee

He married Pauline L., a young woman with the "S/2 Okanogan Tribe" (as stated in the 1911 U.S. Indian Census Schedules).

From here on, John B. Zacherle lived consistently in Okanogan County. Unless... Well, unless the 1930 Census, according to which he lived – without a family – in Sawyer, Wisconsin, as a retail merchant in a general store really lists him and not someone else.

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on	190	taken by	(Name.)	(Official Title.)	
NUMBER	INDIAN NAME	ENGLISH NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	SEX
2315 1810	2029 2030	(White)	Zacherle, John " Pauline L. Louisa	H W D	46 32 7

Source: 1911 U.S. Indian Census Schedule

In 1915, he was in contact with Miles Poindexter (1868-1946), attorney, member of Congress from Washington State, and diplomat. The so called "Poindexter Files" (Miles Poindexter papers. Special Collections, University of Washington Libraries, Seattle, Washington.) lists his file as "Series III:

Code Filing System, Department of the Interior (File 4), Correspondence Regarding Office of Indian Affairs, Box 77, File 8: Zacherle, John, 1915. This file contains correspondence with the Department of the Interior concerning Indian affairs and general land matters. Unfortunately, I have not yet been able to get a copy of this file.

The priestly visitor made some delightful observations on dear old Mrs. Pauline Zacherle. At that time she was enjoying the best of health and was newly married. Her husband was a German boy who had been a lay brother with Father de Rougé for some years. Pauline had been very devout during her girlhood and had wished to become a sister. Her mother, however, violently opposed her; she forcibly removed the crucifix from Pauline's neck. In her desperation and sorrow Pauline consulted Father de Rougé, who, to solve the predicament, finally suggested "that as her mother was insisting on her getting married, and Pauline was not in love with any man, perhaps she should marry this brother." Maybe Father saw that the brother had other inclinations also. Pauline stated that she had been taken to the Ward Mission when seven years old and had stayed there for about eleven to thirteen years, and "had a good time there." She learned to play the organ. When she was sick Father de Rougé doctored her. She seemed to be pleased with the choice of husband for her. Father de Rougé married Pauline to John Zacherle in 1901.

One afternoon Father suggested that his visitor watch Pauline who was directing the choir and was practicing Gregorian Chant for the Sunday Mass with a group of young Indians. "She wore modern clothing and a big black shawl about her shoulders. Her actions and her speech showed her convent training." Pauline seems to have waited for just such an opportunity to speak to the visiting priest. Carefully she inquired if perhaps he could write German, and her face became radiant when he said that he could. She wanted a letter written to her husband's mother. The husband probably was not able to write.

Pauline was the first to suggest that the letter should begin with a word about their marriage, that she had married him because he was such a good Catholic, hoping thereby to make better Christians of her own people. And, of course, it was to be written down that they were married in St. Mary's Church by their beloved Blackrobe, the saintly Father de Rouge. Fritz [John] . . . was more interested to let his mother know how many acres of land they owned and about their stock and crop. . . .

Source: Black Robes and Indians on the Last Frontier: A Story of Heroism, O.P. Raufer, Sister Maria Ilma, The Bruce Publishing Company, 1966

1908, 1911

He lived within the jurisdiction of the Colville Agency, Washington
(U.S. Indian Census Schedules 1908, 1911)

1920

He lived in **Okanogan, Washington** (US Federal Census, 1920)

1930

He lived in **Disautel, Okanogan, Washington** (US Federal Census, 1930, indexed as Zackerle)

1935

He lived in **Disautel, Okanogan, Washington** (US Federal Census, 1940)

1940

He lived in **Disautel, Okanogan, Washington** (US Federal Census, 1940)
The 1950 Census will be released by the National Archives to the general public in April 2022

United States Census, 1920

United States Census, 1930, showing a different John Zacherle in Wisconsin

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United States Census, 1940

Death in 1951

On December 8, 1951, John B. Zacherle died in Disautel from a heart attack, 84 years of age. His death certificate states that he had been living in the county for 50 years – that's exactly what we would have expected.

REG. DIST. NO. *P-18* STATE FILE NO. *22308*

REGISTRAR'S NO. *?*

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS SECTION

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Jo Keppler

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY *Okanogan*
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL OR TOWN *Disautel (west)* and give township)
c. LENGTH OF STAY (In this place) *50 yrs*
d. FULL NAME OF (If not in hospital or institution, give street address or location) *none*

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, If institution: residence before admission)
a. STATE *Wash* b. COUNTY *Okanogan*
c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) *Disautel (west)*
d. STREET (If rural, give location) *none*

3. NAME OF a. (First) JOHN b. (Middle) ZACHERLE c. (Last)
4. DATE OF DEATH *Dec 8 1951*

5. SEX *male* **6. COLOR OR RACE** *white* **7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify)** *married* **8. DATE OF BIRTH** *6-18-1867* **9. AGE (In years last birthday)** *84* **10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired)** *lumber* **11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)** *Germany* **12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?** *USA*

13. FATHER'S NAME *Simon Zacherle* **14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME** *Watburga Lauter* **15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service)** *no* **16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.** *none* **17. INFORMANT** *John B. Zacherle*

18. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)
This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) *Cerebral degeneration* **INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH** *6 mos*

ANTECEDENT CAUSES *Cardiac insufficiency* **3 years**

Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. Due to (c) *Arteriosclerotic vascular disease* **15 years**

II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS *Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.*

19a. DATE OF OPERATION **19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION** **20. AUTOPSY? Yes No**

21a. ACCIDENT (Specify) SUICIDE HOMICIDE **21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., In or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)** **21c. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE)**

21d. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) **21e. INJURY OCCURRED OF INJURY** **21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?**

22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from *10-10, 1946, to 6-12, 1951*, **that I last saw the deceased alive on** *6-12-1951*, **and that death occurred at** *12:50 p.m.*, **from the causes and on the date stated above.**

23a. SIGNATURE *John B. Zacherle* **(Degree or title)** **23b. ADDRESS** *Okanogan Wash.* **23c. DATE SIGNED** *12/10/51*

24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) **24b. DATE** *12-12-1951* **24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORIUM** *St. Mary's Mission* **24d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State)** *Omak Wash*

DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. **REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE** *Frank George* **25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR** *Henry J. Precht* **ADDRESS** *Omak, Wash.* **DEC 19 1951**

Death Certificate. Source: Washington State Department of Health. State Death Records Index, 1940-1996. Microfilm. Washington State Archives, Olympia, Washington.

His death certificate also states that his parents name from Germany were Simon Zacherle and Watburga Louter (possibly Walburga Lauter, as the name Louter is unknown in Germany, and Watburga clearly is a typo). This mentioning of his parents is by far the best clue how to find his John B. Zacherle

place of birth! Although I have some Simon Zacherle in my family tree, none of them was married to a person named Walburga and/or Lauter, none of them had a son which could be our John B., and mostly they lived in another time or place anyway.

Source: Saint Mary Mission Cemetery Index, 1900-2002, Office of Secretary of State, Washington State Archives, Digital Archives

John B. Zacherle was buried with the help of Precht-Harrison-Nearents Chapel on December 11, 1951 at the Saint Mary Mission Cemetery in Omak.

Afterthought

In 1855, Pauline must have requested a claim on the account of John B. Although I was able to find a reference in the US Security Applications and Claim Index, the US administration was not able to find the record when I requested the Social Security Death Index record from them. This is a mystery to me, but then I'm not really familiar with the administration issues of these records. Maybe you know more? Again, any help is highly appreciated.

SSN: 535220166

Type of claim: Death claim

Notes: 17 Nov 1955

Name: listed as John B Zacherle

Source: US Security Applications and Claim Index, 1936-2007

John Zacherle Dies

DISAUTEL - Dec. 11 - John Zacherle, 84, died Saturday at his home in Disautel.

Born in Germany on June 18, 1867, Mr. Zacherle came to the United States when 17 and had lived the past 50 years at Disautel. He was married to Pauline Louie in 1901.

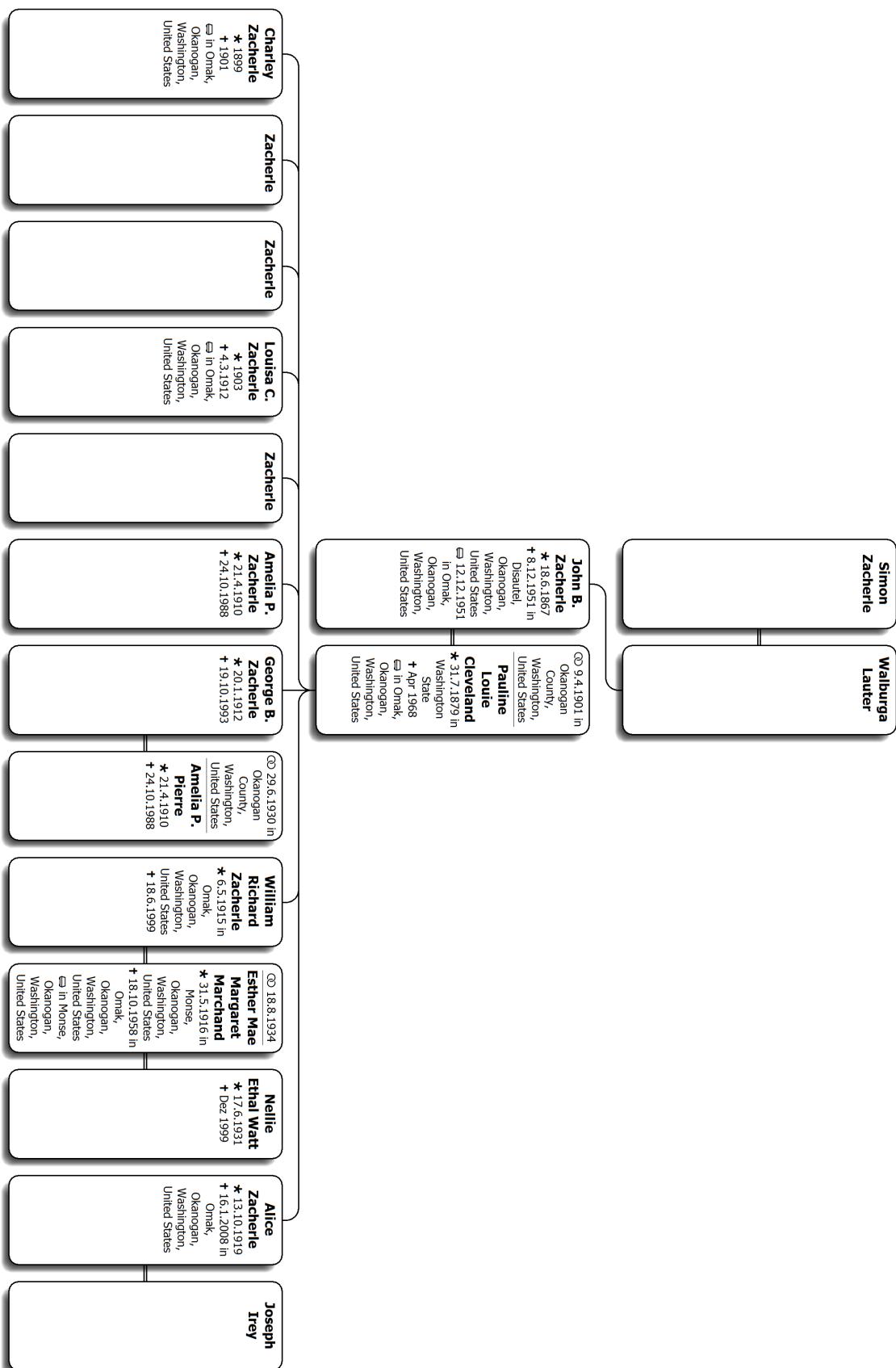
Rosary will be said tonight (Tuesday) at 7:30 at Disautel. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. from St. Mary's Mission. Burial will be in the Mission cemetery. Mr. Zacherle was a member of the Catholic church.

Surviving are his wife: two sons, George and William, both of Disautel; one daughter, Alice Zacherle of Disautel; and 13 grandchildren.

The Precht funeral home of Omak is in charge of arrangements.

**11 December 1951
Wenatchee Daily World**

A small part of the family tree of John B. Zacherle



At last: a small request from me to you

I hope that you have enjoyed reading the biography of John B. Zacherle, who had lived an interesting life in interesting times! For me, his biography still is an unfinished business. You ask why? Because it is unsatisfying for me not to know the origins of him. For me, it feels as if John B. Zacherle is disconnected from his ancestors, fallen out of time and space onto a new continent. The minute he set foot on US land, the first record that we have of him was created. Before that, we have nothing, absolutely nothing, just empty space.

You're as sad about that as I am? Well, maybe you can help, find information about his parents and his place of birth and thus re-connect John B. with his ancestors in Germany! How you could do that? This is really easy if you live around Omak. All you have to do is to visit one of the following four places and ask whether they still have the records that contain the information, and if you get the documents, send me a copy. That's all! It may take you 30 minutes, but it may solve an open question that has bothered me for more than 15 years.

Here's the four places I am talking about:

Place	Address	What to look for
Precht-Harrison-Nearents Chapel	2547 Elmway Okanogan, WA 98840 http://www.omakfuneral.com Phone (509) 422-3333	Copies of burial or cemetery records from his burial at December 11, 1951
St. Mary's Mission	323 Edmonds St Omak, WA 98841 Phone (509) 826-6401	Church records of his marriage with Pauline Louie (1901), birth of their nine children, his working records (1901-1930), his burial record (1951)
Okanogan County Courthouse	149 3rd N; PO Box 72 Okanogan, WA 98840 Phone 509-422-7275	Just ask them if they have any records that could help identify John B.'s place of birth
Catholic Diocese of Spokane	525 E Mission Avenue Spokane, WA 99202 Phone (509) 358-7336	Church records of his marriage with Pauline Louie (1901), birth of their nine children, his working records (1901-1930), his burial record (1951)

THANK YOU VERY MUCH IN ADVANCE!