

## ***Descendants of Benedict STUDER***

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Overview: Benedict Studer (1820-1913) and wife, Elizabeth (1821-1909), both immigrants from Switzerland, participated in the Gruetli land lottery on 16 August 1869. Census records indicate that the Studer family immigrated in about 1868. They brought at least four children from Switzerland and birthed at least two more while at Gruetli. The family was not noted in the 1870 TN Census, but they did appear in the 1880 Census.

Benedict Studer remained in Gruetli until at least 1887 (the date of Confirmation of son, Benedict). Over the next few years, Benedict and several of his children left Tennessee. Son, Benedict, had moved to Kansas by 1890. Son, Julius, was found in Hemphill County, TX by 1890. Another son, Alois, was married in Grundy Co. in 1896, then moved to Hemphill County, TX by 1900.

Son, Benedict, had moved from Kansas to Oklahoma, and finally to Texas in the interval 1910-1916 where lived near his brothers until his death.

Benedict and Elizabeth Studer also moved to Texas by 1890 where they lived the remainder of their lives with their sons.

Of interest is that son, Benedict Studer, married Barbara Bollinger, the daughter of another charter member of Gruetli, Jac Bollinger. Another of Jac Bollinger's daughters, Katherine, lived with the Benedict Studer family. She remained single, moving with Benedict's family to Texas where she passed away. Son, Alois, married Margaretha Kissling, the daughter of another Gruetli Charter Member, Johann Kissling.

### *Generation No. 1*

1. BENEDICT<sup>1</sup> STUDER was born 1820 in Switzerland<sup>1</sup>, and died 1913 in Hemphill Co., TX<sup>2</sup>. He married ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> in Switzerland. She was born 1821 in Switzerland<sup>3</sup>, and died 1909 in Hemphill Co., TX<sup>4</sup>.

Notes for BENEDICT STUDER:

CENSUS:

1880 TN Census, Grundy Co., District 2

Benedict Studer, 60, Swiss, farmer, both parents from Switz.

Elisabeth, 50, Swiss, housekeeping, both parents from Switz.

August, 30, Swiss, farmer

Alois, 12, Swiss, at school

Julia, 10, TN, at school

Jacob Studer, 9, TN, at school.

1880 TN Census, Grundy Co., Distr 2

L.R. von Rohr family

Listed with family are two sons of Benedict:

Benedict Studder, 21, Swiss, wagon maker, both parents from Switzerland

Julius Studder, 16, Swiss, Wagon Maker, both parents from Switzerland.

1900 TX Census, Hemphill Co., Canadian (Benedict living with son)

Julius Studer, 37, married 10 years, SwitzX3, immigration in 1868,

Ella, wife, 37, married 10 years, six children of which 5 survive, TNx3

Carlton A., son, 9, TX

Floyd V., son, 7, TX

Oxcar, son 5, TX

John F., son, 2, TX

Otto H., son, 6 months

Benedict Studer, father, June 1818, age 82, married 50 years, immigration 1868

Elizabeth Studer, mother, born March 1822, age 74, married 50 years, one child of which one survives (?), SwitzX3, immigration 1868

1910 TX Census, Hemphill Co., 3rd Ward, Canadian

Julias (Julius) Studer, 45, first marriage, married 19 years, SwitzX3, immigration in 1869

Ella, 45, first marriage, married 19 years, 9 children of which 6 survive, TNx3

Carlton A., son, 18, single, TX

Floyd V., son, 17, single, TX

Oscar V. son, 15, single, TX

John F. 13, single, TX

Harry O., 11, single, TN

Benedict, 90, widow, SwitzX3, immigration in 1869

Children of BENEDICT STUDER and ELIZABETH are:

- i. AUGUST<sup>2</sup> STUDER, b. 1850, Switzerland.
- ii. BENEDICT STUDER, b. 1859, Switzerland; d. 1916, Hemphill Co., TX<sup>4</sup>; m. BARBARA BOLLINGER, 17 Jun 1883, Gruetli, Grundy Co., TN<sup>5</sup>; b. Jun 1861, Switzerland; d. Aft. 1930.

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1900 OK Census, Woods Co., Driftwood Twp, June 17, 1900, ED223, sht3

Benedict Studer, b. June 1859, age 41, married 16 years, Switzerlandx3, immigration in 1870, blacksmith

Barbara, wife, b. June 1861, age 39, married 16years, 6 children of which 3 survive, Switzx3, immigration in 1870  
Thomas B., son, b. 1890, age 10, single, Kansas, farm laborer  
Elizabeth, dau, Sept 1894, age 5, Kansas  
Lee R., son, b. 1897, age 3, OK  
Catherine Bollinger, sister-in-law, b. Jan 1845, age 55 , Switzx3, immigration in 1870, nurse

1910 OK Census, Alfalfa Co., Cloud Twp, ED6, Sht10a  
Ben Studer, 50, married 23 years, Switzx3  
Barbara, 50, married 23 years, 5 children of which 5 survive, Switzx3  
Thomas B., 20, single, KS  
Elisabeth, 15, single, KS  
Leon M., 13, single, OK  
Carl O., 9, OK  
Alice, 7, OK  
Catherine Bolinger, mother-in-law, 61, single, Switzx3

Notes for BARBARA BOLLINGER:

CENSUS:

1920 TX Census, Hemphill Co, Canadian  
Barbara Studer, 59, immigration 1869, widow, SwitzX3  
Thomas B., son, 29, married, KS  
Pearl, DIL, 23, married, TX  
Elisse, dau, 24, single, KS  
Leo, son, 22, single, OK  
Carl, son, 19, single, OK  
Alice, dau, 16, single, OK  
Catherine Bolinger, sister, 71, single, SwitzX3

1930 TX Census, Hemphill Co., Canadian  
Barbara Studer, 70, widow, SwitzerlandX3, immigration in 1870  
Leo R., son, 31, widow, OK, pressman

- iii. JULIUS CEASAR STUDER, b. 24 Mar 1863, Switzerland<sup>6</sup>; d. 06 May 1957, Hemphill Co., TX<sup>6</sup>; m. ELLA GALLAHER<sup>6</sup>, Abt. 1890; b. 28 May 1863, TN<sup>6</sup>; d. 17 Jun 1932, Hemphill Co., TX<sup>6</sup>.

Notes for JULIUS CEASAR STUDER:

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation in Gruetli Dec 6, 1879

CENSUS:

1880 TN Census, Grundy Co., Distr 2  
L.R. von Rohr family  
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1900 TX Census, Hemphill Co., Canadian

Julius Studer, 37, born March 1863, married 10 years, SwitzX3, immigration in 1868,

Ella, wife, 37, born May 1863, married 10 years, six children of which 5 survive, TNx3

Carlton A., son, 9, TX

Floyd V., son, 7, TX

Oscar, son 5, TX

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John F. 13, single, TX

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Benedict, 90, widow, SwitzX3, immigration in 1869

1930 TX Census, Hemphill Co., Canadian

Julius Studer, 66, married 25 years, SwitzX3, immigration in 1867

Ella, 66, married 25 years, TNX3

Lola, dau, 29, single, TN

- iv. ALOIS STUDER, b. 04 Jan 1867, Switzerland<sup>7</sup>; d. Aft. 1930, Nueces Co., TX; m. MARGARETHA (MAGGIE) KISSLING, 05 Apr 1896, Grundy Co., TN; b. 19 Apr 1873, Gruetli, Grundy Co., TN; d. Aft. 1930.

Notes for ALOIS STUDER:

BIRTH:

From the Protocol\*: Alois Studer, right to receive Communion granted on Palm Sunday, 1883, in Gruetli. Alois birth noted as Jan 4, 1867.

Birth date in 1867 from 1910 TX Census

**CONFIRMATION:**

Confirmationn in Gruetli , Palm Sunday, 1883

**MARRIAGE:**

IGI record shows Maggie Kissling married Alois Studer on 5 April 1896 in Grundy Co., TN

**DEATH:**

Death on 26 Jan 1954 from Texas Death Index on Ancestry. Tentative data point.

**CENSUS:**

1900 TX Census, Hemphill Co, Canadian

Cluder, Alioes (Alois Studer), born Jan 1846, age 54, married 4 years, SwitzX3, immigration 1868.

Maggie, wife, born Oct 1841, age 58, married 4 years, two children of which 2 survive, TN/Switz/Switz.

Wallace H., son, born July 1898, age 1, TX

(unnamed), son, born March (or May) 1900, TX

1910 TX Census, Hemphill Co., 2-wd-Canadian

Alvis (Alois) Studer, 43, Switzerland X 3, married 14 years

Maggie, 37, married 14 years, 4 children of which 4 survive, TN/Switz/Switz

Wallace H., son, 11, TX

Theodore J., son, 10, TX

Rudolph E., son, 6, TX

Alma M., dau, 3, TX

1920 TX Census, Nueces Co., Robstown

Alois Studer, 53, immigration date (not readable), Switzx3, farmer

Maggie, 46, TN, parents from Switzerland

Wallace, son, 21, single, TX

Theoreore, son, 19, single, TX

Rudolph, son, 16, TX

Alma, dau, 13, TX

1930 TX Census, Nueces Co

Alois Studer, 63, married at age 30, Switzx3, immigration in 1869, farmer

Marguerite, wife, 54, married at age 24, TN/Switz/Switz

Theo J., son 30, single, TX

Alan, son, 10, TX

Notes for MARGARETHA (MAGGIE) KISSLING:

**BIRTH:**

The Protocol\* indicates Margaritha was born on April 19, 1873, the daughter of Johann Kissling from Schwarzenburg , Glarui(?) and Margaritha nee Balsiger. Witnesses were Heinrich Flury and Catherine Bauholzer nee von Sergen.

From the Protocol\*: Confirmation on Dec 24, 1887 in Greutli. Her birth noted as April 19, 1873.

**DEATH:**

Tentative: Death on 26 Nov 1943 Nueces Co. TX from Texas Death Index. However, the Index showed her mother to be Florence Miller.

**OTHER:**

Mentioned in St. Louis obit for brother, Andrew, in 1917.

- v. JULIA STUDER, b. 1870, TN.
- vi. JACOB STUDER, b. 1871, TN.

*Endnotes*

1. Census Records.
2. Hemphill Co. TX, Canadian Cemetery Markers.
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5. Protocol of the Community Switzerland, Grundy County, State of TN, Started April 11, 1869. Property of the Grundy Co. Swiss Historical Society..
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From Hemphill County TX Biographies at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txhemphi/bios5.html>

## **STUDER, JULIUS CAESAR (1863-1953)**

Julius Caesar Studer, rancher, the son of Ben and Elsie Studer, was born on May 24, 1863, in Kastenholz, Switzerland. In 1867 the Studers immigrated to America and settled in a Swiss colony near Tracy City, Tennessee. There Studer hired out as a farmhand at the age of ten, and at thirteen he apprenticed himself to a carriage maker in Grundy County.

In 1885, shortly before his nineteenth birthday, he moved to Kiowa, Kansas, where he worked as a railroad machinist and blacksmith. The following year, after learning that the Southern Kansas (Panhandle and Santa Fe) Railway was to be built through that area, he filed on a 640-acre claim in Lipscomb County, Texas.

Studer sold this claim in 1887 and moved to the new rail town of Canadian, where he opened a blacksmith shop. There he manufactured gun parts, bridle bits, and spurs and also purchased a livery stable and feed store. In addition, he bought eight sections of ranchland northeast of town from Sam Pollard and became the first rancher to place registered bulls, which he imported from Burlingame, Kansas, with his entire herd of range cattle.

For a brand, Studer used the Anvil, after the symbol of his trade. On July 4, 1888, his Anvil Park Ranch became the first site of the annual Texas Cowboy Reunion, one of America's oldest professional rodeos.

Studer married Ella Gallaher, sister of Fort Worth rancher Will Gallaher, on June 28, 1890. They had five sons and a daughter; their second son, Floyd V. Studer, became famous as an amateur archeologist. At various times J. C. Studer was engaged in the operation of a packing plant, meat market, feedstore, and lumberyard. He furnished the lumber for building the towns of Briscoe and Allison, supplied meat for Miami and Pampa, and operated the ice plant in Canadian for fifteen years.

In 1912 he established a new market and bakery and reorganized his ranching enterprise as J. C. Studer and Sons. When asked why he had so many different kinds of businesses, he replied, "I have so many different kinds of sons." For over twenty years the Studers themselves provided the stock and managed the annual rodeo at Anvil Park Ranch.

In 1915 Studer retired from management of his various businesses to devote full time to his ranch, but he again took over briefly in 1917-18, when his sons entered the service in World War I. Afterward, he continued breeding Herefords and managing his ranch for the remainder of his life. He was a founder and charter member of the Panhandle and Southwest Livestock Association, which later merged with the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas.



Studer was also active in community and church work, and bought and sold several town lots in Canadian. In 1950 he sold 5,000 acres of the Anvil Park Ranch to the Texas Game and Fish Commission for the Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area. Studer died in 1953 at the age of ninety and was buried in Canadian.

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