

# Descendants of Abraham Bechtel

## *Generation No. 1*

**1. Abraham<sup>2</sup> Bechtel** (unknown<sup>1</sup>) was born Nov 14, 1821 in Baden, Germany, and died Apr 01, 1906. He married **Fredericka Stecher** Aug 15, 1852 in Pittsburgh, PA. She was born 1830 in Wartenburg, Germany, and died Jan 1904.

Notes for Abraham Bechtel:

Abram Bechtel died Sunday evening, April 1st at his home on what is known as the old Wattles farm in the northeast corner of Glidden Township. Mr. Bechtel was born in Baden, Germany, Nov. 14, 1817. He came to America, in 1836. For some years he resided in Dubuque and later took up his residence in Eagle Grove from which place he came a year ago to live with his daughter, Mrs. A.P. Johnson on the farm above noted. Two children survive the father, Mrs. A.P. Johnson with whom he resides and H. A. Bechtel who resides in Minneapolis. The deceased was a member of the German Lutheran Church. His remains were taken to Eagle Grove where funeral services were held Tuesday and interment made in the Eagle Grove Cemetery. Glidden Graphic 4 April 1906

Mr. Bechtel, father of Mrs. A.P. Johnson, died in Glidden last week Tuesday, the remains were brought here over the Great Western Railroad for burial. The remains were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson. The funeral was held in the Methodist church and burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Source: Eagle Grove Eagle Thursday April 5, 1906

More About Abraham Bechtel:

Census: 1854, Living in Lafayette Township, Allamakee Co., IA

Immigration: 1836, Pittsburgh, PA

Occupation: Miner in Germany

Occupation, Bar tender then merchandiser in U.S.

Notes for Fredericka Stecher:

The death of Mrs. Bechtel occurred Thursday morning, at 8:45 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Johnson. Mrs. Bechtel was born in Germany, in the famous kingdom of Wurtemberg, in the year, 1829, March 18. Moving from Germany to this country her parents settled near Pittsburg, Penn. She was joined in marriage to A. Bechtel at Pittsburg, August 15, 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel moved to Iowa soon after they were married, and they have lived in the state ever since. They celebrated their golden wedding two years ago. The deceased leaves besides her husband, a sister, Mrs. M. Mohr of Dubuque, two children, H.A. Bechtel of Des Moines, and Mrs. A. P. Johnson of this city who mourn her departure. The funeral will be held at the residence of Mrs. AS. P. Johnson, Saturday at 2: p.m., and interment will be made in Rose Hill cemetery. Eagle Grove Times Gazette, Iowa Jan 15, 1904

More About Abraham Bechtel and Fredericka Stecher:  
Marriage: Aug 15, 1852, Pittsburgh, PA

Children of Abraham Bechtel and Fredericka Stecher are:

- + 1 i. Catharine Bechtel, born 1853 in Iowa; died before 1870
- + 2 ii. Henry A.<sup>3</sup> Bechtel, born Jun 18, 1855 in Dubuque, IA; died Dec 04, 1910 in Estherville, Emmett Co., IA.
- + 3 iii. Wilhelmine Elizabeth Bechtel, born Jul 21, 1857 in Dubuque, IA; died Aug 26, 1924.

*Generation No. 2*

**2. Henry A.<sup>3</sup> Bechtel** (Abraham<sup>2</sup>, unknown<sup>1</sup>) was born Jun 18, 1855 in Dubuque, IA, and died Dec 04, 1910 in Estherville, Emmett Co., IA. He married **Inglebor Amundsd (BelleAnderson) Berge/Kloster** Jul 19, 1884 in Lawler Chickasaw Co., IA, daughter of Amund Anders.Berge/Kloster. She was born in Norway, and died Feb 1933.

Notes for Henry A. Bechtel:

**BIOGRAPHY**

BECHTEL - Henry A. BECHTEL, a lumber dealer of the village of Persia, is made the subject of the following biographical notice. He is a native of the "Hawkeye State," having been born June 18, 1855, in Dubuque, and when fourteen years of age commenced clerking for OSBORNE & RICHMOND, dealers in hats, caps and millinery goods in Dubuque, and remained with them for four years, and then went to Chickasaw County, and clerked in a general store in the town of LAWLER, remaining there until the summer of 1877, when he went to California. He remained in and about Los Angeles and San Diego, until some time during 1878, when he enlisted in the regular army, Company K, Sixth United States Cavalry, and was stationed in Arizona Territory. The date of his enlistment was January 7, 1878, and he was discharged January 6, 1883, at Ft. Lowell, Ariz., when he returned to Chickasaw County, Iowa, engaging in general merchandising with his father, A. BECHTEL. He remained there until the spring of 1887 and then went to Gowrie, Webster County, Iowa, where he was engaged in the lumber business until the spring of 1890, and then came to Persia.

Mr. BECHTEL was married at the Village of Lawler, July 19, 1884, to Belle ANDERSON, and they are the parents of two children—Raymond E. and Donald G.

Mrs. BECHTEL was born in Norway, and when a small child emigrated to Fayette County, Iowa, with her parents.

Source: 1891 Harrison County Iowa History, pp.438-441

**OBITUARY**

Henry A Bechtel, who recently purchased the lumber and coal business of W. W. Fullam was suddenly stricken with apoplexy Saturday afternoon and died at 3:00 Sunday morning without regaining consciousness. His death was a great shock to his family as well as the community. That day he had been as well as usual and ate a usual dinner.

Soon after he went to the lumberyard and started to shovel some cinders and while thus engaged was stricken down.

Funeral is to be held this Thursday from the residence, conducted by Rev. Mitchell of the Presbyterian church.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Raymond E. and Donald G, and a sister, Mrs. A. P. Johnson of Glidden, Iowa.

Mr. Bechtel was born in Dubuque, Iowa, June 18, 1855, and was therefore a little past 55 years of age when he died. For about 25 years he has been engaged in the lumber business in different towns in Iowa. About two months ago he purchased the lumber and coal business of W. W. Fullam, of this city and moved his family here soon after. He was comparatively a stranger in our midst, but those who met him found him to be a gentleman and an honorable business man.

The sympathy of the community goes forth to the family in his untimely death.

More About Henry A. Bechtel:

Burial: Estherville, Emmett Co., IA

Notes for Inglebor Amundsd (BelleAnderson) Berge/Kloster:

Mrs. Belle Bechtel, age 82 died Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. at the home of her daughter in law Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bechtel of 406 Eight st South. In addition to R.E. Bechtel, she is survived by two other sons\* Anund Bechtel of Newman Grove, Neb., and Nels Anderson of Adams, Minn., one sister, Mrs. Carrie Larson of Newman Grove. The body will be taken to Chicago for Funeral and burial.

\*This is wrong, Amund Larson (not Anund Bechtel) was married to Belle's sister Carrie and Nels Anderson was Belle's brother. Nels was from Adams, Mower Co., MN.

Source: Virginia Minn. Daily Enterprise, Monday 2-20-1933

Note: Belle real name was Ingleborg Amundsd.Kloster, Her father being Amund Anders.Berge/Kloster of Fayette County Iowa

She married in Lawler, Henry A Bechtel, July 19,1884

Note; Belle always joked about Moving 14 times since she was married, She lived in Lawler, Des Moines, Coon Rapids, Eagle Grove, Easterville, Persia, Gowery, Sacramento Ca., Omaha Ne., Valley Junction, Virginia, Mn., Newman Grove, Ne., and Chicago.

More About Inglebor Amundsd (BelleAnderson) Berge/Kloster:

Burial: Chicago, Ill

More About Henry Bechtel and Inglebor Berge/Kloster:

Marriage: Jul 19, 1884, Lawler Chickasaw Co., IA

Children of Henry Bechtel and Inglebor Berge/Kloster are:

- 4 i. Donald G.<sup>4</sup> Bechtel, born, Lawler, Iowa in 1889, died Feb 08, 1925 at Elgin, Ill.

More About Donald G. Bechtel:

Burial: Chicago, Ill

- + 5            ii. Dr. Raymond Emil Bechtel, born May 19, 1886 in Lawler, IA; died Jul 15, 1946.

**3. Wilhelmine Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Bechtel** (Abraham<sup>2</sup>, unknown<sup>1</sup>) was born Jul 21, 1857 in Dubuque, IA, and died Aug 26, 1924, in Glidden, Carroll City, Iowa. She married **Anders P. Johnson** Apr 18, 1876. He was born 1848, in Sweden and died 1941.

Notes for Wilhelmine Elizabeth Bechtel:

The funeral of Mrs. A. P. Johnson was held Thursday at the M. E. church conducted by the former pastor, Rev. J. L. Boyd, of Villisca. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson came to Glidden June first for a visit with their son H, A. and family. Mrs. Johnson was taken suddenly ill about two weeks ago and was taken to the hospital at Carroll for medical treatment, where she passed away on August 26. Mrs. Johnson, whose maiden name was Wilhelmina Elizabeth Bechtel, was born in the city of Dubuque, July 31, 1857. April 18, 1876, she was united in marriage to Anders Johnson, who with their family of two sons, H. A. of Glidden, and L. A. of Montreal, Canada, survive her and were present at her funeral services. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were residents of Glidden and Northwestern Iowa, until a short time ago, when they moved to Los Angeles, Calif., to make their home. A large number of old friends from a distance attended the funeral.

Source: Carrol Times Herald, September 3, 1924.

More About Wilhelmine Elizabeth Bechtel:

Burial: Westlawn Cemetery, Glidden, Carroll Co., IA

More About Anders P. Johnson:

Burial: Westlawn Cemetery, Glidden, Carroll Co., IA

More About Anders Johnson and Wilhelmine Bechtel:

Marriage: Apr 18, 1876, in Lawler, Ia.

Children of Wilhelmine Bechtel and Anders Johnson are:

- 6            i. Henry Adolph Oscar<sup>4</sup> Johnson, born Sep 1877; died 1944.

More About Henry Adolph Oscar Johnson:

Burial: Westlawn Cemetery, Glidden, Carroll Co., IA

- 7            ii. Leander August Johnson, born Oct 1882; died 1944.

More About Leander August Johnson:

Burial: Westlawn Cemetery, Glidden, Carroll Co., IA

*Generation No. 3*

**5. Dr. Raymond Emil<sup>4</sup> Bechtel** (Henry A.<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, unknown<sup>1</sup>) was born May 19, 1886 in Lawler, IA, and died Jul 15, 1946. He married **Florence Cecillia Kelly** Aug

1918, daughter of Michael Kelly and Ellen Sullivan. She was born Mar 03, 1885 in Iron Mountain, MI, and died Feb 06, 1969. Michael Kelly was from Ireland.

Notes for Dr. Raymond Emil Bechtel:

Dr Raymond E. Bechtel of 6434 Bosworth Av., beloved husband of Florence, fond father of Raymond, Donald, Robert, Susie and Sally. Funeral Monday, July 8, at Glenwood.

Interment All Saints. Please no flowers.

Source: Chicago Daily News, Sat., July 6, 1946

R.E. Bechtel was born in Lawler, May 19, 1886

More About Dr. Raymond Emil Bechtel:

Burial: All Saints Cemetery, West Des Plaines, Ill

More About Florence Cecillia Kelly:

Born, Iron Mountain, Michigan, One of 15 children, of Ellen (Sullivan) And Michael Kelly.

Died 2-6-1969, in Westminister Ca.

Hometown: Virginia, MN

More About Raymond Bechtel and Florence Kelly:

Marriage: Aug 1918

Children of Raymond Bechtel and Florence Kelly are:

- 8            i. Robert<sup>5</sup> Bechtel, born Oct 13, 1928 in Eveleth, MN; died Bef. 2007.
- + 9            ii. Florence "Susie" Bechtel, born Oct 13, 1928 in Eveleth, MN.
- + 10           iii. Raymond Bechtel, died Bef. 2007.
- 11            iv. Donald Bechtel.
- + 12           v. Ellen Isabel "Sally" Bechtel, born Jun 23, 1937 in Virginia, MN.

*Generation No. 4*

**9. Florence "Susie"<sup>5</sup> Bechtel** (Raymond Emil<sup>4</sup>, Henry A.<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, unknown<sup>1</sup>) was born Oct 13, 1928 in Eveleth, MN. She married **Richard "Dick" Naumann**. He was born Aug 20, 1928 in Jamestown, NY.

Children of Florence Bechtel and Richard Naumann are:

- 13            i. Margaret Mary<sup>6</sup> Naumann, born Oct 19, 1952 in Santa Monica, CA. She married ? Thorpe.

More About Margaret Mary Naumann:  
Residence: 2007, Huntington Beach, CA

- 14            ii. John Michael Naumann, born Oct 10, 1953 in Santa Monica, CA.

More About John Michael Naumann:  
Residence: 2007, Corona, CA

- 15      iii. Patricia Ann Naumann, born Apr 25, 1955 in Fresno, CA. She married Kurt Veeck.

More About Patricia Ann Naumann:  
Residence: 2007, Sausalito, CA

- 16      iv. Jean Marie Naumann, born Nov 18, 1956 in Fresno, CA. She married? Stringer.

More About Jean Marie Naumann:  
Residence: 2007, Tustin, CA

- 17      v. Daniel J. Naumann, born Aug 19, 1958 in Bakersfield, CA.

More About Daniel J. Naumann:  
Residence: 2007, Corona, CA

**10. Raymond<sup>5</sup> Bechtel** (Raymond Emil<sup>4</sup>, Henry A.<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, unknown<sup>1</sup>) died Bef. 2007.

Child of Raymond Bechtel is:

- 18      i. James<sup>6</sup> Bechtel.

More About James Bechtel:  
Residence: 2007, Chicago, Ill

**12. Ellen Isabel "Sally"<sup>5</sup> Bechtel** (Raymond Emil<sup>4</sup>, Henry A.<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, unknown<sup>1</sup>) was born Jun 23, 1937 in Virginia, MN. She married **John David "Pete" Murdoch** Oct 27, 1956 in St. Clements Church, Ocean Park, CA. He was born Dec 02, 1934 in Fortville, IN.

More About John David "Pete" Murdoch:  
Residence: 2007, Lake Isabella, CA

More About John Murdoch and Ellen Bechtel:  
Marriage: Oct 27, 1956, St. Clements Church, Ocean Park, CA

Children of Ellen Bechtel and John Murdoch are:

- + 19      i. Mary Ellen<sup>6</sup> Murdoch, born Aug 07, 1957 in Santa Monica, CA.  
20      ii. Catherine Suzanne Murdoch, born Oct 17, 1958 in Santa Monica, CA.

Notes for Catherine Suzanne Murdoch:  
2007 - Lives in Colinga & Onyx, CA

- + 21      iii. John Robert Murdoch, born Mar 12, 1961 in Newport Beach, CA.  
+ 22      iv. Leslie Ann Murdoch, born Jun 20, 1962 in Newport Beach, CA.

+ 23 v. Michael Peter Murdoch, born May 06, 1964 in Newport Beach, CA.

*Generation No. 5*

**19. Mary Ellen<sup>6</sup> Murdoch** (Ellen Isabel "Sally"<sup>5</sup> Bechtel, Raymond Emil<sup>4</sup>, Henry A.<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, unknown<sup>1</sup>) was born Aug 07, 1957 in Santa Monica, CA. She married **(1) Joseph Gorman**. She married **(2) William Erwin**.

More About Mary Ellen Murdoch:  
Residence: 2007, Kernville, CA

Children of Mary Murdoch and Joseph Gorman are:

- 24 i. Jack Anthony<sup>7</sup> Gorman, born Jul 03, 1986 in Bakersfield, CA.
- 25 ii. Jerry Andrew Gorman, born Jul 03, 1986 in Bakersfield, CA.
- 26 iii. Melinda Marie Gorman, born May 10, 1995 in Bakersfield, CA.

**21. John Robert<sup>6</sup> Murdoch** (Ellen Isabel "Sally"<sup>5</sup> Bechtel, Raymond Emil<sup>4</sup>, Henry A.<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, unknown<sup>1</sup>) was born Mar 12, 1961 in Newport Beach, CA.

More About John Robert Murdoch:  
Residence: 2007, Lake Isabella, CA

Child of John Robert Murdoch is:

- 27 i. Steven<sup>7</sup> Orr.

More About Steven Orr:  
Residence: 2007, Mesquite, NV

**22. Leslie Ann<sup>6</sup> Murdoch** (Ellen Isabel "Sally"<sup>5</sup> Bechtel, Raymond Emil<sup>4</sup>, Henry A.<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, unknown<sup>1</sup>) was born Jun 20, 1962 in Newport Beach, CA. She married **Aaron Q. Branson**.

More About Leslie Ann Murdoch:  
Residence: 2007, Onyx, CA

Children of Leslie Murdoch and Aaron Branson are:

- 28 i. Ariana Danille<sup>7</sup> Branson, born Aug 19, 1988 in Bakersfield, CA.
- 29 ii. Kelsi Ariel Branson, born Feb 16, 1992 in Bakersfield, CA.

**23. Michael Peter<sup>6</sup> Murdoch** (Ellen Isabel "Sally"<sup>5</sup> Bechtel, Raymond Emil<sup>4</sup>, Henry A.<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, unknown<sup>1</sup>) was born May 06, 1964 in Newport Beach, CA. He married **(1) Shelly Williams** He married **(2) Rhonda Ann Rubi**.

More About Michael Peter Murdoch:  
Residence: 2007, Bakersfield, CA

More About Michael Murdoch and Shelly Williams:

Divorce: 1986

Children of Michael Murdoch and Shelly Williams are:

- 30        i. Megan Nicole<sup>7</sup> Murdoch, born May 10, 1989 in Bakersfield, CA.
- 31        ii. Nickloes Ryan Murdoch, born Oct 12, 1991 in Bakersfield, CA.

Children of Michael Murdoch and Rhonda Rubi are:

- 32        i. Trevor<sup>7</sup> Brasher, born Aug 19, 1991 in Bakersfield, CA; Stepchild.
- 33        ii. Gracie Katherine Murdoch, born May 02, 1999 in Bakersfield, CA.
- 34        iii. Ellie Laine Murdoch, born Jan 19, 2000 in Bakersfield, CA.