

Excerpt from the 2014 Schwab Reunion Notes

“. . . Family history on display at the reunion will tell how Louis and Josephine Schwab helped Mount Angel Abbey acquire land for the Benedictine monastery. A copy of the original deed from Josephine to Mount Angel Abbey's first Abbot, Adelhelm Odermatt, and other artifacts will be shown. . .

Louis, his four brothers and three sisters were all born in a former Carthusian monastery in Astheim, Germany, which was purchased, exclusive of the church building, by his father's uncle in 1804. . .

Louis, who was born in 1825, emigrated to America in early 1850, landing in Philadelphia. There he met and married Josephine Winterer and became a citizen of the United States.

The family moved to Mount Angel in 1881 after learning about the opportunities in Oregon and plans for a Benedictine monastery in Marion County.

Upon the request of Benedictine Father Adelhelm, who later became the first abbot of Mount Angel Abbey, Louis took options for the abbey on three nearby farms, but died before all the paperwork could be completed.

Josephine, his widow, completed the business transaction and on Nov. 16, 1882, sold 215 acres of land to Father Adelhelm for \$6,000.

A great-granddaughter of Louis and granddaughter of Adolph is Merri Flury of Portland, married to Bob Flury, whose great-grand-uncle was Abbot Adelhelm. . .”