

making a home for themselves in this country, Katharina died on March 1, 1888⁷ at the age of 39 years, one week after the birth of their son Henry. Peter was left a widower with nine children, six sons and three daughters.

Katharina had a sister Aganetha, married to Johann Becker, who had come with their children to Mountain Lake in 1878.⁸ Johann Becker was a farmer and taught school which the Peter Eitzen children attended in Mountain Lake.⁹

Katharina's brother was Rev. David Nickel; he and his family remained in Russia. He was from Steinfeld but lived with the Peter Eitzen family and taught in the German school which their son Peter attended in Russia.¹⁰ David Nickel and his wife did visit in Minnesota at one time as we have a picture taken of them in Windom.

After Katharina's death Peter married Elizabeth Flaming, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Flaming. The Flaming family immigrated to this country from Russia in 1876, arriving in Philadelphia on July 28 on the S.S. Vaderland from Antwerp.¹¹

Peter sold their farm November 20, 1909 and moved to town with the six youngest children who were still at home. Elizabeth became ill and died June 11, 1914. When he was 78 years old, Peter decided to move into the old people's home connected with Bethel hospital. He made the move on February 24, 1922 and lived there until his death on December 24, 1924.¹²