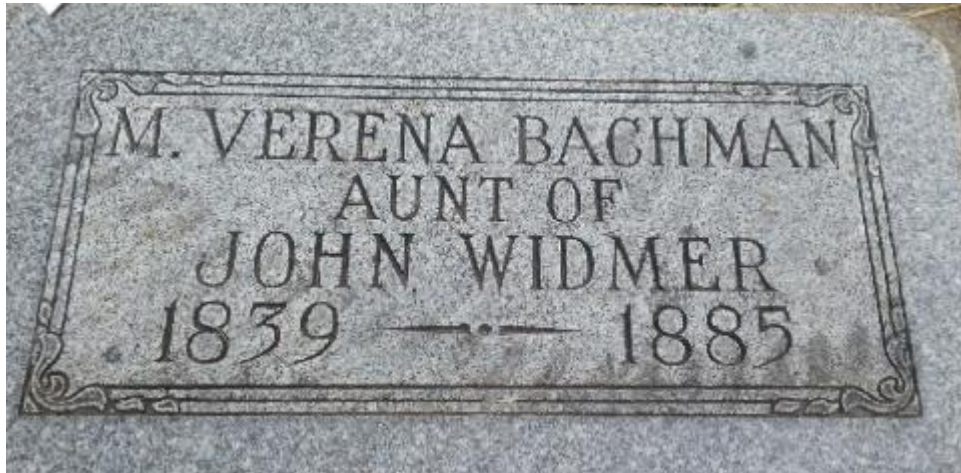


Maria Verena Meier Bachman

Maria Verena Meier was born 14 January 1839 in Unterehrendingen, Aargau, Switzerland. She was the oldest of five children of Johannes Paulis Meier and Maria Katherina Kramer. Her father had two previous wives, so Verena also had six half siblings. Verena's father died when she was five years old.¹ At age 24, Verena had an illegitimate daughter (born in Switzerland) who was raised by another family until Verena immigrated to America (before 1872). This daughter was later adopted by Verena's husband.

Rudolph Bachman joined the Mormon Church in 1871; Maria joined the next year. They were married in 1873 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory.² In 1880, Verena and Rudolph were living in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory, where he was a jeweler.³ He was listed as a watchmaker in the Silver Reef city directory in 1884.⁴ Verena died 8 April 1885 in Logan, Cache, Utah Territory, and was buried in the city Logan cemetery. Rudolph remarried in 1888⁵ and had seven children. He died in 1900 in Salt Lake and was buried in the Logan city cemetery.⁶



(Image from *BillionGraves.com*)

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¹ Registry Office of Unter-Ehrendingen.

² In 1878, daughter Annie gave her father's name as John KINDLIMAN. Whether she really knew her father or if this was the name of the man who raised her until her mother took her to America is not known. She often told the family she had no father. (Familysearch.org).

³ United States Census, 1880. On the census, Verena was recorded as Farana Bachmann.

⁴ US City Directories, 1822-1995.

⁵ Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940; US Western States Marriage Index.

⁶ Utah Death Records, 1908-1949; Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946; Utah Salt Lake County Death Records, 1849-1949.