

William Seeger, Sr

William Seeger, Sr., is a native of Hamburg, Germany, born May 12, 1810. There he remained until twenty-six years of age, then went to Moscow, Russia. He was interested in the banking and importing business sixteen years, and in 1852, came to America, and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. Until 1857 he was engaged in the leather trade. He made St. Peter, Minnesota, his home, and for six years gave his attention to brewing and distilling, then spent five years at LeSueur, in the grain and mercantile trade. After serving four years as deputy he was elected to the office of state treasurer serving two years. He was instrumental in locating and establishing a Russian colony in Cottonwood county, Minnesota, acting entirely upon his own responsibility. He was thus employed about four years. In 1856, in company with Colonel William Pfaender, he located a German colony- in what is now New Ulm. Enlisted in 1862 and served six months in company D, Ninth Minnesota; was honorably discharged on account of disability. His three sons and two sons-in-law also served in the army. In 1838, Mr. Seeger was married to Christiana Wolf, of Hamburg, who has borne him five sons and four daughters. All are living and all married. In 1876 he located in Chaska, and has since given his attention to grain and mercantile trade.

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