

BUCK FAMILY

Martin Buck, 1818-1890

Catharine (Maas) Buck, 1828(?)-1849: first wife of Martin Buck

Margaretha (Siëg) Buck, 1814(?)-1905: second wife of Martin Buck

Margarethe (Buck) Angehr, 1848(?)- ? : daughter of Martin and Buck and Catherine Buck, wife of Peter Angehr, mother of Martin Angehr

Martin Buck was born in the town of Dusslingen (just south of Tübingen, near Stuttgart), in the kingdom of Württemberg in southern Germany, on November 28, 1818. He probably emigrated to the United States between January 1847 and February 1849. His first wife, Catharine (Maas) Buck, died March 15, 1849, in New York, of "inflammation of the bowels" (possibly appendicitis), at the age of 21. Martin and Catharine had a daughter Margarethe (or Margaret or Margarete), who later married Peter Angehr. Martin was remarried on April 12, 1849, less than a month after Catherine's death, to Margaretha Siëg (also called Margrat, Margareth, or Margarete; last name also spelled Siech), at the Second German Evangelical Mission Church (Dutch Reformed) on Grand Street. Margaretha Siëg was born about 1814 in Weinsberg, Bavaria, Germany. Her parents were named Henry and Elizabeth. There are no records of any children from Martin Buck's second marriage. A naturalization petition was filed by a "Martin Buk" from Württemberg on October 24, 1856.

Before the Civil War, Martin Buck worked as a tailor. He enlisted in the 45th Regiment, N.Y. Volunteer Infantry, an all-German unit also known as the "5th German Rifles," in September 1861. He was taken prisoner by Confederate Cavalry in the Regiment's first skirmish with the enemy on December 2, 1861, at Annandale Church, ten miles south of Washington D.C. He was held for six months at the Salisbury prisoner-of-war camp in North Carolina, where he contracted tuberculosis. In June, 1862, he was released in a prisoner exchange. After hospitalization for several months, he rejoined his regiment in February 1863, but was discharged in April for disability due to lung disease.

Martin Buck was very sick and unable to work for three years after his discharge. About 1866, he got a job with the Cornell & Co. Iron Works on 11th Avenue, doing light yard work two or three days a week. The Buck family lived on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, mostly around 3rd and 4th Street. In 1886 he applied for a Veterans Invalid Pension on account of his lung disease. The pension was finally granted in 1888. He died January 4, 1890, of pneumonia, at 189 E. 3rd St., the house of his son-in-law Peter Angehr. Margaretha received a Widow's Pension until her death on September 25, 1905.

