

**Maria Katharina Epple**  
Compiled by Joyce Jensen Miya  
(Great-granddaughter)

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Maria married Karl Christian Bott and they lived in a beautiful countryside in Hochdorf, Donau, Wurttemberg, Germany not far from the Danube River. This small town, where you might see someone bringing in a herd of geese for the evening, had only fifteen houses. For warmth, the houses were built over the stables where the animals were kept. They carried their clothes to the river where they washed them.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was not accepted very well, and oftentimes missionaries were sent to jail. The chances seem so slim that missionaries would find this family in such a remote area. Karl and Maria, having lost a baby daughter, came with their three other children, Karl Christian, Maria Christine "Mary", and Gottlob Paul Eberhardt, to America about 1880 as converts to the Church. They were first sent to Lehi by the Church and then to the Price area, with a population of approximately 300. They were very patriotic and respected the flag of the United States. They were known as very stalwart, honest, and brave people.

It was in Price their youngest daughter, Emelia Matilda, was born, October 20, 1886. This little girl had very little chance to know her father, as he passed away September 8, 1888 when she was only two years old. Karl died at the age of thirty-eight, and was buried in Price. He had been grubbing sage brush, and died of Pneumonia.



John Bott, Carl Bott & Mary Bott Peterson  
Mille (Emilia) Bott Jones & Maria Katharina Epple Bott  
Conkling & Co. Ur la Bote Artists

While living in Price, Maria married Charles Young January 25, 1891. He was a Section Foreman on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. Their marriage lasted only a short time, and she then moved with her four children to Castle Dale. They were very destitute and lived in one room, with the kitchen being a lien-to added on.

On March 30, 1894 Maria married John Schultheiss of Castle Dale which also ended in divorce. He deeded Block 29 to her son, Carl Christian, who later gave the northwest corner to Warren E. and Pearl Bott Barton.

Maria died of consumption December 27, 1899 at the age of 50 and was buried in the Castle Dale cemetery. Her young daughter Emelia was only 13 years old and made her home with her brother Carl and wife Stena until her marriage to John Edward Jones, September 14, 1904, at age 18.

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