Ignatius (Ignatz) Gilles was born on March 17, 1820 in Drommersheim, Germany. He married Anna Barbara (born March 27, 1821) while still in Germany and their son, Adam was born there. Not long after they arrived in America, "Barbara" died on September 29, 1853. She was the sister of Jacob Schmitt and the mother of Adam Gilles... Immediately after "Barbara" died, Ignatius Gilles married Maria Anna (born July 4, 1829) on October 1, 1853.