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Research Question:

Was Jacob Allimang, enlisted Union soldier of Co. M, 9th Regiment Michigan Cavalry, who died on Governor's Island, New York on 22 January 1865, and Anna Gasser, who was remarried to Frank Schwab on 10 August 1865, the parents of Mary Allimany, who was born 24 May 1861 in New York, married to Robert F. Schnabel, and lived in Detroit, Michigan?

BACKGROUND

- **Vital records for New York State:** No births or marriages were recorded by the State of New York between 1850 and 1880 due to the failure of the 1847 law. However, some cities including Albany, Buffalo, and Yonkers started recording in the 1870s.¹
- **Spelling variations for Jacob Allimang's surname:** Several name variations are recorded on military records for Jacob including Allemany, Allimarey, Allimange, Allemang, Allimeny, and Allingham.

DOCUMENTS ANALYZED

- Michigan Marriage Records, 1867-1952 for Maria Allimany and Carrie Ginster
- Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1952
- U.S. Federal Census for 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930
- Wayne County, Michigan, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Declaration of Minor Children for Pension

¹ FamilySearch Research Wiki, "New York, United States Genealogy" (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/New_York,_United_States_Genealogy : accessed 20 April 2020), Getting Started, "How to Find Birth Records," and "How to Find Marriage Records," 1851 thru 1880.

Source 1: Michigan Marriage Records, 1867-1952²

INFORMATION ITEMS	SOURCE TYPE	INFORMANT	INFORMATION TYPE	EVIDENCE TYPE
Maria Allimany , bride <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place of Marriage: Detroit • Residence: Detroit • Age: 17 • Inferred Birthdate: 1861 • Birthplace: New York 	<u>Derivative</u> <i>Transcript</i>	<u>Walter S. Harsha DL,</u> <u>County Clerk</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recorded: 12 August 1879 	<u>Primary</u> <i>Although this is a transcript, the information was likely provided by the bride, groom, and witnesses at the time of marriage, and recorded shortly after.</i>	<u>Direct</u> <i>Directly answers some of the research question</i>
Robert Schnabel , groom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place of Marriage: Detroit • Residence: Detroit • Age: 25 • Inferred Birthdate: 1853 • Birthplace: Germany • Occupation: Cigar Maker 				
Charles Haass , Pastor				
Gustave Lick , Witness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence: Detroit 				
Frank Allimany , Witness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence: Detroit 				
Date of Marriage: 30 March 1878				
Date of Record: 10 April 1878				
ANALYSIS: Maria and Robert’s names closely match those of the research question. Maria’s age, birthplace and residence also tie. While this record does not include the names of Maria’s parents the witnesses include a potential relative, Frank Allimany.				

²“Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952,” database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search> : accessed 22 April 2020), entry for Robert Schnabel-Maria Allimany, 30 March 1878, page 282, record number 3025; citing Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing, Michigan, [Marriage Records] Film 17, 1878 Washtenaw-1879 Lake.

Source 2: Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1952³

INFORMATION ITEMS	SOURCE TYPE	INFORMANT	INFORMATION TYPE	EVIDENCE TYPE
<p>Mary Schnabel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place: Wayne County, Detroit • Address: 4578 Bewick Ave. • In this community: 65 years • Widowed • Husband: Robert Schnabel • Birth date: 24 May 1861 • Age: 82 years, 6 months, 16 days • Birthplace: New York • Occupation: Retired • Father: Frank Alamig, Germany • Mother: Unknown, Germany • Burial: Detroit • Cemetery: Forest Lawn, 13 December 1943 • Died: 10 December 1943 	<p><u>Original</u> <i>Certificate of Death;</i> <i>contains a variety of</i> <i>handwriting and</i> <i>signatures</i></p>	<p><u>Frank Schnabel</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4578 Bewick Ave. </p>	<p><u>Secondary</u> <i>Information was</i> <i>provided by Mary's</i> <i>son Frank, likely facts</i> <i>passed on to him</i> <i>from family members.</i></p>	<p><u>Direct</u> <i>Directly answers</i> <i>some of the question</i></p>
<p>Walter J. Dehn, Funeral director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8811 E. Forest Ave. 				<p><u>Indirect</u> <i>Fact(s) would need to</i> <i>be combined with</i> <i>others to show</i> <i>correlation</i></p>
<p>Chas W. Knaggs MD, Doctor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12244 Gratiot 				
<p>Filed: 11 Dec 1943 by [?] (handwriting too faint), Local Registrar</p>				
<p>ANALYSIS: Mary's residence, husband's name, birth date, and birthplace match those of the research question. Her father's name is listed as Frank Alamig and does not include her mother's name. Both are said to have been born in Germany.</p>				

³"Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1952," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search> : accessed 22 April 2020), Mary Schnabel, 10 December 1943, no 315441; citing Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing, Michigan, [Death Records] 693: Wayne (Detroit), 1943-1944.

Source 3: Select information items from United States Federal Censuses: 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930⁴

1880 – Detroit, MI	1900 – Detroit, MI	1910 – Detroit, MI	1920 – Detroit, MI	1930 – Detroit, MI	EVIDENCE TYPE
A. Mary M Schnabel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: 19 • Birth: New York • Birth Father: Alsace • Birth Mother: Switzerland 	Mary Schnabel, wife <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth mo: May • Birth year: 1861 • Age: 39 • Birth: Michigan • Birth Father: Germany • Birth Mother: Germany 	Mary A. Schnabel, wife <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: 48 • Birth: New York • Birth Father: Germany • Birth Mother: Germany 	Mary Schnabel, wife <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: 58 • Birth: New York • Birth Father: Alsace-Lorraine • Birth Mother: Switzerland 	Mary Schnbel, wife <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: 68 • Birth: New York • Birth Father: France • Birth Mother: France 	<p><u>Direct and Indirect Facts regarding Mary's name, age, residence, birthplace and husband's name help answer some of the research question. Other fact(s), like parent's birthplace, would need to be combined to show correlation</u></p>
Robert Schnabel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: 27 • Birth: Saxony • Birth Father: Saxony • Birth Mother: Saxony 	Robert Schnabel, head <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth mo: Oct • Birth year: 1852 • Age: 47 • Birth: Germany • Birth Father: Germany • Birth Mother: Germany 	Robert F. Schnabel, head <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: 57 • Birth: Germany • Birth Father: Germany • Birth Mother: Germany 	Robert Schnabel, head <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: 68 • Birth: Saxony / Germany • Birth Father: Germany • Birth Mother: Germany 	Robt. Schnbel, head <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age: 78 • Birth: Saxony • Birth Father: Saxony • Birth Mother: Saxony 	
	<i>Others listed:</i> Fred Schnabel, son, 19 Frank Schnabel, son, 12	<i>Others listed:</i> Frank Schnabel, son, 21	<i>Others listed:</i> Ray Jessup, lodger, 24 Arthur Clark, lodger, 18	<i>Others listed:</i> Henry Furnia, lodger, 63 Louis Platz, lodger, 36	
SOURCE TYPE <u>Original</u> <i>All census documents are copies of the original population schedules</i>		INFORMANT <u>Unknown</u>		INFORMATION TYPE <u>Undetermined</u> <i>Not enough information to identify informants to classify</i>	

⁴For 1880, see 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Detroit, Michigan, schedule 1, Enumeration District (ED) 302, p. 246C (stamped) p. 59 (penned), dwelling 557, family 611, Robert Schnabel household; database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6742/4241815-00495/22922625>: accessed 20 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, Roll 613. For 1900, see 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Detroit, Michigan, schedule 1, Enumeration District (ED) 128, p. 90A (stamped), sheet no. 25 (penned), dwelling 359, family 466, Robert Schnabel household; database with images, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7602/4119805_00841/25956601: accessed 20 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T623. For 1910, see 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Wayne County, Michigan, population schedule, District 6, p.167A (stamped), Enumeration District (ED) 168, sheet no. 14B, dwelling 191, family 260, Robert F. Schnabel household; database with images, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7884/31111_4330209-00343/198876089: accessed 20 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T624_685. For 1920, see 1920 U.S. Federal Census, Wayne County, Michigan, population schedule, District 7, Enumeration District (ED) 338, p. 10B, dwelling 156, family 184, Robert Schnabel household; database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6061/4311648-00393/86736533> : accessed 20 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T625_810. For 1930, see 1930 U.S. Federal Census, Wayne County, Michigan, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 82-324, p. 11B, dwelling 160, family 16, [sic] Robt. Schnbel household; database with images, *Ancestry.com* (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/6224/4609284_00604/12256734 : accessed 20 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T626.

Source 3: Select information items from United States Federal Censuses: 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 (con't)

ANALYSIS: Mary and Robert’s names in each census closely match those of the research question, in addition to Mary’s age and residence. Outside of the 1900 census, Mary’s birthdate is common to New York. While the census documents do not show any evidence of Mary’s parent’s living with them, it does list the birthplace of each. In 1880 and 1920, Mary’s father’s birthplace is listed as Alsace, and Mary’s mother Switzerland. In 1900 and 1910 they are both listed as born in Germany, and in 1930 both in France. It’s possible that different people supplied data for different years based on the variety of information for Mary’s origins. The earliest data, from 1880, would be closest to time of the events and could be given more consideration. Alternatively, since this was a turbulent time historically for Alsace—ceded by France to Germany in 1871, and then back to France in 1919—Germany may have been the technically correct answer for the time period in 1900-1910.⁵ The locality and influence of French and German culture in Switzerland could have also led to some confusion.

Source 4: Wayne County, Michigan, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Declaration of Minor Children for Pension⁶

INFORMATION ITEMS	SOURCE TYPE	INFORMANT	INFORMATION TYPE	EVIDENCE TYPE
<p>Anna Schwab, personally appeared before the Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court on 12 May 1866</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 30, Inferred Birthdate: 1836 • Resident of Detroit, MI • Guardian of minor children of Jacob Allemang (deceased soldier) under sixteen years of age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maria Allemang ○ Caroline Allemang ○ Sophia Allemang • Mother of the children • Remarried to Frank Schwab on 10 August 1865 • Married Jacob on 27 August 1860 in Dunkirk, NY by Protestant Minister, Pastor Althaus • Has not presented an application for her own pension up to the day of remarriage • Appoints Eugene Fecht of Detroit as her attorney • Makes the declaration under oath with signature 	<p><u>Original</u> Copy of an official court document for Wayne County, Michigan that exhibits several signatures</p>	<p><u>Anna Schwab, Nicholas Tisler, and Edward Horle</u></p>	<p><u>Primary</u> Anna Schwab, and other witnesses, were recorded to be present in court on the date of execution and signature</p>	<p><u>Direct</u> Directly answers the research question</p>

⁵Encyclopædia Britannica, “Alsace” (<https://www.britannica.com/place/Alsace> : accessed 23 April 2020), History.

⁶“Declaration of Minor Children for Pension,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search> : accessed 20 April 2020), digital image, “Janine Marks Family Tree,” public member tree, gallery, user: Janine Marks, shared 31 August 2016; citing Wayne County, Michigan, Declaration of Minor Children for Pension, Mrs. Anna Schwab, 12 May 1866, guardian of the minor children of deceased soldier Jacob Allemang.

Source 4: Wayne County, Michigan, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Declaration of Minor Children for Pension⁷ (con't)

INFORMATION ITEMS	SOURCE TYPE	INFORMANT	INFORMATION TYPE	EVIDENCE TYPE
<p>Jacob Allemang, private, Co. M, 9th Regiment, Michigan Cavalry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer in war of 1861 • Died at Governors Island, NY on 22 January 1865 from wounds received in the battle of Waysboro 	<p><u>Original</u> Copy of an official court document for Wayne County, Michigan that exhibits several signatures</p>	<p><u>Anna Schwab, Nicholas Tisler, and Edward Horle</u></p>	<p><u>Primary</u> Anna Schwab, and other witnesses, were recorded to be present in court on the date of execution and signature</p>	<p><u>Direct</u> Directly answers the research question</p>
<p>Maria Allemang, child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born 24 May 1861 				<p><u>Indirect</u> Fact(s) would need to be combined with others to show correlation</p>
<p>Caroline Allemang, child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born 26 October 1862 				
<p>Sophia F. Allemang, child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born 8 December 1863 				
<p>Frank Schwab, current spouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident of Detroit 				
<p>Nicholas Tisler and Edward Horle, witnesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents of Detroit • Say they were acquainted with Jacob Allemang for five years before he entered service, and that he is the identical soldier who performed the military services • Say they were acquainted with Anna Schwab five years before her remarriage • State that Jacob and Anna lived together as husband and wife, and that they never heard the marriage disputed or questioned • They further state they are acquainted with the names, ages and relationships of the said children and were present at the time Anna Schwab signed and executed the declaration • Signatures of both men in two places 				<p><u>Direct</u> Directly answers the research question</p>

⁷ "Declaration of Minor Children for Pension," digital image, Declaration of Minor Children for Pension, Mrs. Anna Schwab, 12 May 1866, guardian of the minor children of deceased soldier Jacob Allemang.

Source 4: Wayne County, Michigan, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Declaration of Minor Children for Pension (con't)

ANALYSIS: Jacob's name, military service, date of death and location match that of the research question. Additionally, a marriage to Anna is confirmed by witnesses, along with children's names that include Maria Allemang. Information also confirms the date of Anna's remarriage to Frank Schwab of Detroit in 1865, as well as Maria's birthdate.

Source 5: United States Federal Censuses: 1870⁸

INFORMATION ITEMS	SOURCE TYPE	INFORMANT	INFORMATION TYPE	EVIDENCE TYPE
Frank Schwab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place: Wayne County, Detroit • Age 38, Inferred birthdate: 1832 • Occ: Laborer • Personal Estate Value: 300 • Birthplace: Baden 	<u>Original</u> <i>Document is a digital copy of the original population schedule</i>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Undetermined</u> <i>Not enough information to identify informants to classify</i>	<u>Direct</u> <i>Directly answers the research question</i>
Anna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 34, Inferred birthdate: 1836 • Occ: Keeping House • Birthplace: Switzerland 				
Maria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 9, Inferred birthdate: 1861 • Birthplace: Michigan 				
Francis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 15, Inferred birthdate: 1855 • Birthplace: Michigan 				
Caroline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 6, Inferred birthdate: 1864 • Birthplace: Michigan 				
<p>ANALYSIS: While the 1870 census does not specify relationships, Frank and Anna's names support the hypothesis they were a married couple after 1865 with a child named Maria. Maria's age and inferred birthdate also closely match the information. However, her birth location is listed as Michigan.</p>				

⁸1870 U.S. Federal Census, Wayne County, Michigan, schedule 1, Seventh Ward City of Detroit, p.187 (penned), dwelling 1254, family 1454, Frank Schwab household; database with images, Ancestry.com (https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7163/4273771_00191 : accessed 23 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication M593_714, p.94A.

Source 6: Michigan Marriage Records, 1867-1952⁹

INFORMATION ITEMS	SOURCE TYPE	INFORMANT	INFORMATION TYPE	EVIDENCE TYPE
<p>Carrie Ginster, bride</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maiden name: Alliming • Residence: Detroit • Age: 52, Inferred Birthdate: 1862 • Birthplace: New York • Name of Father: Jacob • Name of Mother: Anna Gusser • Time previously married: one 	<p><u>Derivative</u> <i>Transcript</i></p>	<p><u>County Clerk</u></p>	<p><u>Primary</u> <i>Although this is a transcript, the information was likely provided by the bride, groom, and witnesses at the time of marriage, and recorded shortly after.</i></p>	<p><u>Indirect</u> <i>Fact(s) would need to be combined with others to show correlation</i></p>
<p>Edw. H. Vogel, groom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence: Detroit • Age: 52, Inferred Birthdate: 1862 • Birthplace: Michigan • Occupation: Molder • Name of Father: Edward • Name of Mother: Alvina Latchson • Time previously married: one 				
<p>Date of License: 26 December 1914</p>				
<p>Date of Marriage: 31 December 1914, Detroit</p>				
<p>Otto C. Kean, Pastor</p>				
<p>Bertha Voelkuer, Witness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence: Detroit 				
<p>Robert Schnabel, Witness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence: Detroit 				<p><u>Direct</u> <i>Directly answers some of the research question</i></p>
<p>ANALYSIS: Robert Schnabel’s name and residence match those of the research question and is likely Mary’s husband.</p>				

⁹“Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952,” database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search> : accessed 23 April 2020), entry for Vogel-Ginster, 31 December 1914, page 426 (stamped), record number 113247; citing Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing, Michigan, [Marriage Records] Film 122, 1914 Wayne-1915 Delta.

CORRELATION

Table 1: Select information items from all sources

	Names	BIRTH DATA	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE	SPOUSE	FATHER	ORIGIN	MOTHER	ORIGIN	SIBLINGS / OTHER
Source 1: Michigan Marriage Record	Mary Allimany	Abt. 1861	New York	Detroit	Robert Schnabel					Frank Allimany, Detroit
Source 2: Michigan Death Record	Mary Schnabel	24 May 1861	New York	Detroit	Robert Schnabel	Frank Alamig	Germany	Unknown	Germany	
Source 3: U.S. Census Records	A Mary M Schnabel Mary Schnabel Mary A. Schnabel Mary Schnbel	May 1861 1861-1862	New York Michigan	Detroit	Robert Schnabel		Alsace Germany France		Switzerland Germany France	
Source 4: Declaration	Maria Allemang	24 May 1861				Jacob Allemang (soldier, died 22 Jan 1865 Governor's Island, NY)		Anna Schwab, Abt. 1836 (remarried Frank Schwab, Detroit)		Caroline Allemang, 26 Oct 1862 Sophia Allemang, 8 Dec 1864
Source 5: 1870 U.S. Census	Maria	Abt. 1861	Michigan	Detroit		Frank Schwab, Abt. 1832	Baden	Anna, Abt. 1836	Switzerland	Francis, Abt. 1855 Caroline, Abt. 1864
Source 6: Michigan Marriage Record	Caroline (Alliming) Ginster	Abt. 1862	New York	Detroit	Edw. H. Vogel	Jacob		Anna Gusser		Robert Schnabel, Detroit

Additional analysis, Table 1:

- Mary's residence, birthdate and birthplace are similar across sources that contain primary and secondary information.
- Mary's maiden name on her marriage record is also similar to the one shown on the pension declaration and is one of the known spellings of Jacob's surname. It is also a variation of the spelling used on Caroline's marriage record.
- Maria is the prevalent name in early records, however birth dates are consistent across documents. The 1880 census lists Mary with a middle name M, which could possibly represent Maria; or Mary could have preferred an "American" version of Maria as she got older.
- If Jacob is Mary's father, she would have been only 4 years old at the time of his death. It's possible that she recognized Frank Schwab as her father growing up, and thus why Frank was the name reported on her death certificate. Alternatively, the information could be unreliable since it was reported many years after the events.
- Sophia is not listed on the 1870 census. It's possible she passed away prior to the census, but there is no obvious correlation within these sources.
- Vice versa, Francis is not listed on the declaration. If Francis was Anna's child in 1866, he would have qualified for guardianship at 11 years old (based on his reported age in the 1870 census). While it's conceivable that he could be Frank's child from a previous marriage, there is no obvious correlation within this documentation.
- Anna's reported place of birth on the 1870 census is similar to regions listed in census documents for Mary's mother.
- The Frank Allimany, who was a witness at Mary's marriage to Frank Schnabel, could be the Francis listed in the 1870 census. Even though the record was recorded soon after the marriage, the data could have included assumptions or errors by the recorder of the transcript.
- Caroline's reported age in the 1870 census does not match the information in the declaration or marriage record. But because her birthday is in October, and the census taken in July of 1870, it would explain the 2-year gap.
- Caroline's birthdate on her marriage record aligns with the birthdate on the declaration. She lists Jacob and Anna Gusser as parents. Robert Schnabel, Mary's husband, is reported as a witness.