## Family Group Sheet for Andreas Ernst (Charles) Gatzke

**Husband:** Andreas Ernst (Charles) Gatzke  
- **Birth:** March 15, 1832 in Kolmar, Chodziez, Posen, Prussia  
- **Death:** April 26, 1898 in Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota  
- **Marriage:** September 08, 1860  
- **Father:** Andreas Gatzke  
- **Mother:** Anna Elisabeth Kalliess

**Wife:** Barbara /Kreitzer Kreuzer  
- **Birth:** May 05, 1839 in Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany  
- **Death:** April 28, 1914 in Kenyon, Goodhue County, Minnesota  
- **Father:** Kreitzer Kritzer Kreuzer  
- **Mother:**

### Children:

1. **Name:** Infant Gatzke  
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3. **Name:** Infant Gatzke  
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6. **Name:** John Frederick Gatzke  
   - **Birth:** September 18, 1861 in Merton, Minnesota, Steel County  
   - **Death:** January 09, 1931 in Miller, South Dakota  
   - **Marriage:** 1885  
   - **Spouse:** Alice Fogelsong  
7. **Name:** Elizabeth K. Gatzke  
   - **Birth:** April 13, 1863 in Kenyon, Goodhue County, Minnesota  
   - **Death:** June 10, 1946 in Miller, South Dakota  
   - **Marriage:** December 12, 1890 in Miller, South Dakota  
   - **Spouse:** Charles Henry Stegmire  
8. **Name:** Magdalena Margaret Gatzke  
   - **Birth:** November 28, 1864  
   - **Death:** October 01, 1950 in Wells, Rice County, Minnesota  
   - **Burial:** Maple Lawn Cemetery, Wells, Rice County, Minnesota  
   - **Marriage:** April 15, 1885  
   - **Spouse:** David Ernest Purfeerst  
9. **Name:** Annie Roseine Gatzke  
   - **Birth:** November 19, 1869 in Kenyon, Goodhue County, Minnesota  
   - **Death:** October 25, 1952  
   - **Marriage:** January 26, 1892 in Minnesota  
   - **Spouse:** Carl E. Cornelius (Bollie Johnson) Johanson
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**Andreas Ernst (Charles) Gatzke**

Buried Old Kenyon Village Cemetery, Lot # 52, Minnesota.

Born to Andreas and Barbara, 2 males, unknown, and 3 babies, unknown. Name in Germany was Andreas Ernst....changed to Charles when he came to the US in 1856.

Marriage records, Rice County, Minnesota 1855-1866, page 109, Top entry. I hereby certify that on the 8th day of September, 1860 at the house of William Yager in the Town of Faribault, County of Rice, State of Minnesota, Charles Gatzke and Barbara Kreitzer were by me united in the bonds of Marriage according to the laws of this State-that I first ascertained that there were no legal impediments to said marriage and that it was solemnized in the presence of John and August Gatzke-Witnesses.

Given under my hand this 8th day of September, AD 1860.

R A MOTT, Justice of the Peace.

Listed in Goodhue County, Minnesota Atlas, 1877, Kenyon, Minnesota.

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CARD OF THANKS

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MRS. JOHN GATZKE AND CHILDREN

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One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety
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I Joined Together in Holy Matrimony
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In Witness thereof I have hereunto put my name
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Edward (Adolph) Gatzke

Is listed in the 1900 Kenyon Township, Goodhue County, Minnesota Census, taken on June 22, by John F??ase, Supervisor's District #3, Enumeration District # 45, Sheet #9, living with his sister, Emma, and
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mother, Barbra. He was 24 at the time of the census (conflict with 1875 birthday) and was single. He was farming.

Born Adolph.

SERVICES FOR ED GATZKE HELD MONDAY  
From the Amery Free Press, Amery, Wisconsin, December 1952.

Ed Gatzke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gatzke, was born February 25, 1875, at Kenyon, Minnesota, and passed away at the Amery hospital after a lingering illness on Monday, December 29, 1952.

He was married to Helen Brusletten in 1901. They then moved to Deer Park, Wisconsin. To this union three daughters were born, Hazel, Ellen, and Marie. His wife passed away April 9, 1910.

On June 6, 1916, he was married to Cora Boe. They resided in Black Brook until 1940 when they moved to Amery.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Harvey Holliday, Mrs. Melvin Serier, and Mrs. Ray Friedericks, and two grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Emma Larson, of Reeve.

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Is listed in the 1900 Kenyon Township, Goodhue County, Minnesota Census, taken on June 22, by John F??ase, Supervisor's District #3, Enumeration District # 45, Sheet #9, living with his sister, Emma, and mother, Barbra. He was 24 at the time of the census (conflict with 1875 birthday) and was single. He was farming.

Born Adolph.

SERVICES FOR ED GATZKE HELD MONDAY  
From the Amery Free Press, Amery, Wisconsin, December 1952.

Ed Gatzke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gatzke, was born February 25, 1875, at Kenyon, Minnesota, and passed away at the Amery hospital after a lingering illness on Monday, December 29, 1952.

He was married to Helen Brusletten in 1901. They then moved to Deer Park, Wisconsin. To this union three daughters were born, Hazel, Ellen, and Marie. His wife passed away April 9, 1910.

On June 6, 1916, he was married to Cora Boe. They resided in Black Brook until 1940 when they moved to Amery.

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Emma Henrietta Gatzke
Attend the United Brethren Church in Reeve, Wisconsin. Loved cats.
Is listed in the 1900 Kenyon Township, Goodhue County, Minnesota, living with her brother, Edward (Adolph) and her mother Barbra. She was 15 years at the time of the census and was unmarried. She had been born in Minnesota.