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Born in Bavaria, Germany, February 6, 1832.

Married Ursula G. _____ a t _____ on _____, 18____.

Children Jesus, Frank, Isaac C., Emma, Amelia, Clara (Mrs. George Mize) and Ruth (Mrs. Frank Webster).

Enlisted, age 19, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 16, 1851, to serve 5 years as Private, Company H, 2d U.S. Infantry; occupation when enlisted, Shoemaker; went with the Company by sea to California, participated in a skirmish with Yuma Indians near the junction of Gila and Colorado Rivers, August 25, 1852; transferred to Company F, 3d U.S. Artillery at Fort Yuma, California, where he was honorably discharged December 14, 1853; naturalized as an American citizen in the District Court of San Diego County, California, October 7, 1856; on February 12, 1859, was issued warrant No. 85,336 for 160 acres of land in California for service in the California Indian War, which he sold to Gustav Eichhoff in San Diego on April 29, 1859; came to Arizona from San Diego, California, 1863; engaged in freighting until the railroad came; employed as Guard at the Territorial Prison, Yuma, from December 13, 1876 to July 18, 1879, and again on April 7, 1883; owned a homestead near Yuma on the Gila River; the following is taken from his obituary in the Yuma Advertiser:

"Mr. Bossung was an industrious and worthy citizen and was an old resident, having faithfully served the Southern Pacific Company here in the capacity of ice man for thirteen years. Among all the employees of the Southern Pacific here none was more kindly or agreeable than was "Adam", as he was familiarly called. "

Died at his home in the Gila Valley, Yuma County, Arizona, April 14, 1896, age 64.

Buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Yuma, Arizona

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Arizona Pioneers Historical Society, Tucson, Membership book.

Probate Court of Yuma County - Docket No. 144

The Arizona Sentinel, Yuma, August 17, 1878; June 20 and August 21, 1880; November 18, 1882; February 22, 1890; April 18 and June 6, 1896.

The Advertiser, Yuma, April 16, 1896, p. 4, Vol. 2.

U.S. General Land Office - Bounty land records.

The Adjutant General of the Army - Military service records.

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Arizona Sentinel,

Feb. 22, 1890, Adam Bossing homestead near Gila thought
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Membership Book,

Pioneers' Historical Society, Tucson, p. 168, (old volume)

Born Feb. 6, 1838, at Bavaria.

Came to Arizona in 1852.

Occupation: Laborer, Yuma Ariz. 1886.

Pioneer membership, Feb. 17, 1886.

Died in Yuma, Ariz.