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Greetings

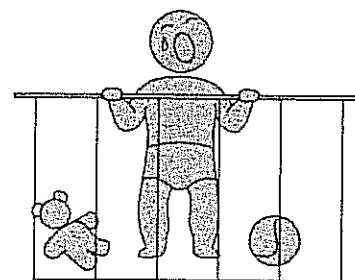
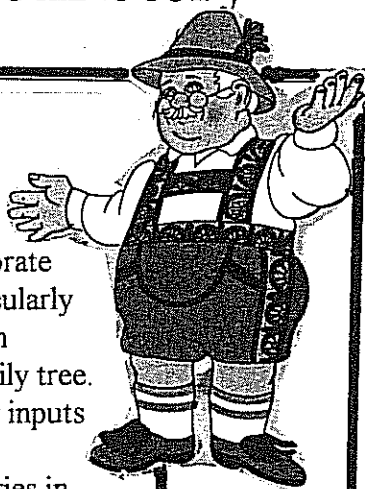
Just a note of thanks to all of you that sent information in for the newsletter. I have tried to incorporate much of what was sent in. I particularly appreciate those of you that sent in corrections & additions to the family tree. I hope that we have captured your inputs correctly.

I have included some more obituaries in this newsletter, including dear cousin Max Dieter Kisseberth of Michelstadt, Germany (written in German). I repeat that you must let us know of a birth or death of any family member. It is so important for our research to get this information to us.

Please let us know of any additions or address corrections to our mailing list. I have had several newsletters returned because of an address change.

Always remember we have the 1st Saturday of August reserved each year for our Annual Reunion unless you hear of a change or cancellation.

Again thanks for all the incoming stories, pictures and info. Keep 'em coming.

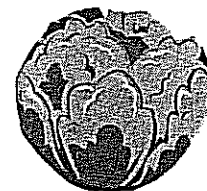


Jacob Foster Kisabeth

It's a boy .. It's a boy.... born to Robert Foster & Stephanie (Dooley) Kisabeth on July 16, 1997 in Williamsberg, VA. Both mother and baby are doing fine. So is 1st time grandpa Gordon W. & grandma Michelle (Case) Kisabeth as is 1st time great-grandpa Foster B. & great-grandma Bertha (Dobozy) Kisabeth. Little "Jake" weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 oz., and 19" long. This all occurred at 6:03 a.m. on Wednesday July 16, 1997. Brian Deasley and his wife Lisa (Gordie & Michelle's other child) are expecting their 1st sometime in August.... Stay tuned.....

What's Cookin'

"Kissy's Wilted Endive"



Wash 1 head of endive well. Break into bite size pieces. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup sugar & 1 t. salt. Cut 1/2 lb. bacon in small pieces & fry. Drain off some of the fat. Add 1/4 cup vinegar and 1/2 cup water. Bring to boil. Pour boiling liquid over endive & toss until sugar dissolves. Serve immediately.

Foster Bryan Kisabeth

Foster Bryan Kisabeth was born near Hicksville, Ohio on May 29, 1909 to William Earl and Carrie May (McClellan) Kisabeth. A more precise birthplace would be at his parents' home near Six Corners, Mark Township, Defiance Co., Ohio. His paternal ancestors were early Seneca County, Ohio residents of German origin having arrived in America in 1842 offering a strong theory as to explanation of his rather different given name. Charles Foster, Ohio governor and very prominent citizen of the Fostoria area was undoubtedly an influence on his parents choosing a name for their first born. Also his middle name Bryan could be derived from Bryan, Ohio (a nearby town in the agricultural area near Defiance County where his grandfather's farm was located). Incidentally, his uncle Estel's middle name was Bryan and Foster's son Kenneth has kept this traditional name in the family by naming his second son Bryan.

Foster's maternal ancestors were of Scotch-Irish, Swiss and German origin with inklings of both English and Dutch. Strong indications suggest that his maternal great grandmother Charity Yoder was of the Amish religion.

His grandfather William Kisabeth set up his farm in Six Corners after migrating to Defiance County around 1880. His great grandfather Johann Philipp Kisseberth (Philip Kisabeth Sr.) also traveled with son William and purchased 40 acres in the area. His father, William Earl Kisabeth was a tenant farmer in both Defiance and Seneca Counties before finally settling in the Plymouth, Michigan area in 1929.

From a very early age Foster became actively engaged in the management of the farm and spent countless hours tending to the everyday chores associated with the agriculture industry. The family lived in the Hicksville area until about 1917 at which time they moved east to the Loudon Township area of Seneca County where once again tenant farming was the priority. As a matter of fact, the William Earl Kisabeth lived and farmed in the very same house and farm that their ancestor Johann Philipp Kisseberth first toiled the American soil in 1844.

A tragic mishap occurred when only a young man of seventeen, Foster had his thumb and first two fingers blown off as a result of blasting caps exploding while attempting to remove them from his pocket. He had found the seemingly harmless metal explosives on the railroad tracks earlier that day. While the family moved to the New Reigel area and then to the Old Fort/ Greensprings area Foster opted to remain in Fostoria living with a local dentist and his family. In 1928 he graduated from Fostoria High School studying college preparatory courses and was a member of the Literary Society his senior year.

Shortly after Foster's graduation the entire family relocated to Plymouth, Michigan. His grandparents, Leander and Barbara (Hart) McClellan were living in the vicinity, he being a local shoemaker (cobbler) in the "Lowertown" section of Plymouth. In the 1931 Polk Plymouth Directory Foster is listed residing with his parents on 198 South Mill Street working as a clerk for the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. He was with A & P from 1929 until 1940 acting as a clerk and assistant manager. Foster worked from 1940 until 1945 with the Ford Motor Company as a checker and second foreman before settling in his career position with Pilgrim Drawn Steel. As their Traffic Manager Foster spent thirty years for the Plymouth based firm which was taken over by the larger Wyckoff Steel Division in the early 1970's.

Foster Bryan Kisabeth married the former Bertha Dobozy of New Boston, Michigan July 22, 1933 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church on Union Street in Plymouth. The Rev.

Frank LeFevre was the official. The young couple lived briefly in an apartment on Starkweather St. until purchasing their first house at 638 South Harvey. After the birth of son Kenneth the family moved to 643 North Harvey. Two months following the birth of their fourth son Gerald, the Kisabeths settled at 9301 Haggerty in Plymouth Township. Foster & Bertha have had five children. The two oldest sons Kenneth and Gordon were born in Plymouth while the following three children, F. Michael, Gerald Lee and Barbara Kerry all were born in nearby Northville.

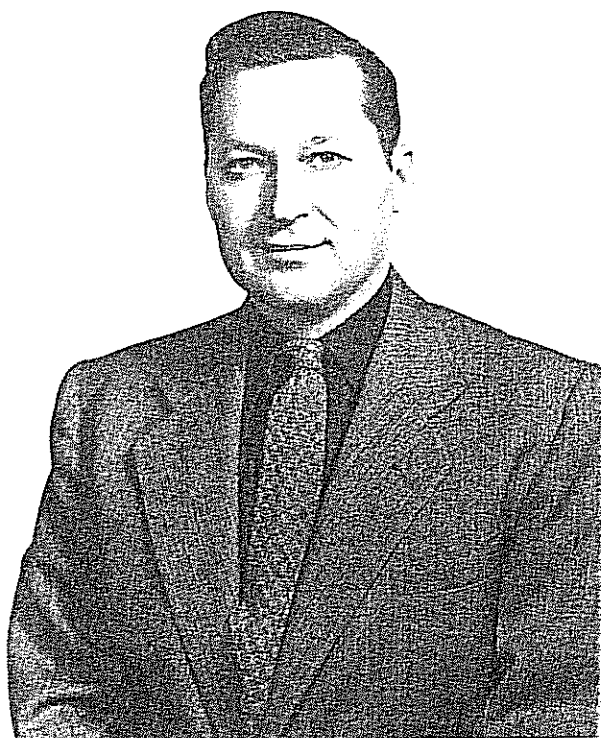
The Luthern (Evangelical) faith has stood for eleven generations in the Kisabeth/Kisseberth household since Foster's eight great grandfather Alexander Kisseberth (Kuschwert) started following the teaching of Martin Luther in the mid to late 1500's. Foster converted to the Catholic religion in 1952 and became active in the men's fraternity the Knights of Columbus. He was Financial Secretary for the local council #3293 for a number of years and the Kisabeths were chosen "Family of the Year" in 1983 by the Supreme Council in New Haven, Connecticut. Fos was instrumental in forming the Catholic Bowling League back in the 1940's and after 55 years his team (Curly's Barber Shop) is still active only under a new sponser.

In 1989 Foster visited the "Fatherland" for the first time with his son's family and had the great pleasure of meeting his 3rd & 4th cousins; Wilhelm Kisseberth & Dr. Fritz Kisseberth.

Foster still returns at least twice a year to the Ohio area and has been honorary chairman of our Annual Family Reunion since 1991. He and wife Bertha now reside in a beautiful apartment in Livonia, Michigan and like to visit his brother Bob and his wife Jimmye on Kiawah Island, South Carolina for a week's long game of Euchre.

Besides traveling as a hobby Foster enjoys visiting the K of C Hall. He has been a renowned philatelist for years specializing in stamps from New Zealand and Greenland. He also is known for his First-Day Cover collection. Fos also is a avid numismatist with his area of expertise being Canadian Coins. He has specialized in the United Nations stamps for quite a number of years.

As of this writing (1997) Foster is in great health and keeps very busy with his time. Foster was 88 years young last May.



a young Foster (1940's)



Foster & Bertha Kisabeth (1995)

Obituaries

Helen Caryl Kisabeth

Helen Caryl Kisabeth was born February 14, 1944 in Erie, Pennsylvania. She was the fifth of six children born to Everett LeRoy & Essie Evelyn (Cook) Kisabeth. It is said that her mother was a descendant of King Canute, a Danish King who ruled England during the 9th & 10th centuries.

In 1966 Helen married Paul Allen Love and gave birth to 3 children: Mark William (1-27-68), Lance Matthew (8-21-70), and Jeanette Lynn (4-24-72). Helen suffered from Manic Depression most of her adult life which probably contributed to her being estranged from her family of the sons and daughter, now adults living in Iowa. Helen was an independent person, highly principled and a hard worker. She worked as an administrative secretary for Southeastern University & The U.S. Soil Conservation Service in Washington, D.C. and in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Helen was an avid student and reader of philosophy and nature; also a talented artist & writer. She took a disability retirement in 1994.

Helen Caryl Kisabeth passed away on March 16, 1997 at her Green Bay, Wisconsin apartment from a massive heart attack.

In her memory, Helen's brothers and sister have donated \$100 to Kisabeth History project. She always spoke highly of this endeavor. Helen Caryl Kisabeth was 53 years old.

Pauline M.(Ometer) Haspesslagh 1912- 1997

Pauline M.(Ometer) Haspesslagh was born August 5, 1912 in Galion, Ohio. She was the daughter of Joseph & Sophia (Schmidt) Ometer. Pauline lived in Shelby, Ohio since 1941. In 1931 she was married to James Jacob Haspesslagh who was the son of Louis & Elsie May (Kisseberth) Haspesslagh. Her husband of 44 years passed away in June of 1975.

To this union were born four children: Jacquelin Marie (Haspesslagh) McFarland, Donna Jean, James Louis and Karen Joanne (Haspesslagh) Quinn.

Pauline died unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 28, 1997 in MedCentral- Mansfield, Ohio. She was living at 1627 Taylor-town Road at the time.

Surviving are her three daughters and the son; 13 grandchildren; 6 step-grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and 9 step-great-great grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Pauline will be missed at our Annual Reunion. Both Pauline & her daughter Jackie had attended our past reunions and have provided several old family pictures for our collection. God bless her.

Keiner wird gefragt,
wann es ihm recht ist,
Abschied zu nehmen
von

Menschen,
Gewohnheiten,
sich selbst;

Irgendwann
plötzlich
helßt es
damit umzugehen,
ihn aushalten,
annehmen
diesen Abschied,
diesen Schmerz des Sterbens,
dieses Zusammenbrechen.

Mein einziger, stets hilfsbereiter Sohn

Max-Dieter Kisseberth

* 27. 2. 1951 † 3. 6. 1997

hat mich in meinem großen Schmerz ganz allein zurückgelassen.

Seine Mutter
Anni Kisseberth und alle
Angehörigen
Seine Freundin
Sabine und Eltern

64720 Michelstadt, Fasanenweg 3

Die Beerdigung findet am Dienstag, dem 10. Juni 1997, um 14 Uhr auf dem Michelstädter Friedhof statt. Von Beileidsbekundungen auf dem Friedhof bitten wir abzusehen. Kondolenzliste liegt aus.

DANKSAGUNG

Beeindruckt von der Vielzahl der erhaltenen, aufrichtigen Beileidsbekundungen zum Tode meines lieben Sohnes

Max Dieter Kisseberth

Ist es mir ein Bedürfnis, aus tiefstem Herzen ein Dankeschön auszusprechen.

Danke auch Herrn Pfarrer Gänssle für die trostreichen Worte, Herrn Reg.-Dir. Klein, Vorsteher des Finanzamtes und Chef meines Sohnes, für die wohlthuende Ansprache, seinen Kolleginnen, Kollegen und Mitarbeitern im Amt, dem Tennis-Club, den Schulkameradinnen und -kameraden, der Abteilung Ringen des VfL Michelstadt, allen seinen Freunden, dem Organisten, den Spendern der vielen Blumen und Zuwendungen für Grabschmuck.

Ebenfalls Dank meinen Verwandten und meinen Nachbarn sowie allen, die ihm die Ehre gaben, ihn auf seinem letzten Weg zu begleiten.

Mir ist es ein Trost zu wissen, daß er sehr beliebt war.

In tiefem Leid:
Seine Mutter Anni Kisseberth
Sabine und Eltern

Michelstadt, den 18. Juni 1997

Eldiva Marie (Kisabeth) Douglas 1918 - 1995

Eldiva Marie Kisabeth was born February 4, 1918 in Boyne City, Michigan. Her parents were Fred A. and Eva Lizzie (Dindot) Kisabeth. Her father died August 14, 1942 in Warren, Pennsylvania while her mother Eva passed on November 16, 1968 in Pleasantville, PA. Fred & Eva gave birth to seven children: Everett (1905), Lyle Stephen (1912), Violet May (1907), Edna Lucille (1910), Eldiva, Pauline Vivian (1920), and Gloria Annette (1926).

Eldiva (Kisabeth) Douglas was the catalyst for information on most of the Fred A. Kisabeth family. She was a very big help with this specific line. She passed away in New Jersey on August 4, 1995 while on a trip with her son & family returning from New England. Eldiva had resided in Pensacola, Florida.

1997 ** Reunion**

Kisseberth-Kissenberth-Kisabeth-Kisaberth

Our 1997 Reunion has arrived. We hope that you will have a great time and that the weather will be also great. We welcome all family members, guests and friends to this year's event.

Our 1997 Family Reunion is being dedicated to my father Foster Bryan Kisabeth who has been honorary chairman of this reunion since its conception in 1991. "Fos" being born just after the turn of the century has had many fond memories of the past and also of the present. He has known many of our family ancestors who have long since passed and his memories of rural Ohio are priceless. If you get a chance try to get over a talk with him. He's the fellow with the "Kueschwert" ball cap on and undoubtedly holding a can of "Bud" in his hand. Some of the other "old-timers" we also hope to have here today to talk about the old times are; Clyde Kisseberth and Farrell Hanna. We'll have the computer in full operation & we will again have old pictures & albums for you to glance at.

Our schedule will once again vary depending on several factors including the weather but we hope to try for the following times:

10:00 until NOON = check-in & visiting relatives, computer table & picture displays.

NOON til 12:30 PM= Group Picture in front of the Beech shelter

12:30 PM = Blessing by Deacon Bill Kisseberth & **Dinner**

1:00 PM until 2:30 PM= various games such as the famed "Egg Toss"

2:45 PM until 4:30 PM= Annual classic Softball game

4:30 until dusk- = visiting, punching the leftovers.

° Remember our donation box °

It helps with the reunion & newsletter

Descendants of SLYVESTER JACOB KISABETH

- I SLYVESTER JACOB KISABETH 1880 - 1969
- .. +CARRIE MAE OTIS 1885 - 1957
- 2 Ina Mae Kisabeth 1903 - 1970
- 2 ERMA LEOTA KISABETH 1905 - 1989
- +OLEUS GUY SHULL 1896 - 1987
- 3 VELORES JUNE SHULL 1927 -
- +WILLIAM GLEN MEANS
- 3 EMILY MARIE SHULL 1935 -
- +HAROLD GEE CURIE 1929 -
- 4 CHARLES GUY CURIE 1955 -
- +CONDACE EILEEN BARD
- 4 LEOTA MARIE CURIE 1958 -
- +LAWRENCE EDWARD RARDIN 1957 -
- 5 DANIEL LAWRENCE RARDIN 1983 -
- 5 HOLLY MARIE Rardin 1986 - 1986
- 5 TINA ELIZABETH Rardin 1988 -
- 2 CARL V. KISABETH 1907 - 1980
- +MARY ELLEN KEPLEY
- 3 CARLA ANN KISABETH 1945 -
- +BARRY ALLEN WASSER 1944 -
- 4 CARRIE ELIZABETH WASSER 1974 -
- 4 BRIAN ALLEN WASSER 1977 -
- 2 NONA LORETTA KISABETH 1909 - 1994
- +GEORGE URIE NAGY 1902 - 1985
- 3 INFANT NAGY
- 3 LOIS NAGY
- +RALPH BAMM
- 4 INFANT BAMM
- 4 CONRAD BAMM
- 4 CATRAINA BAMM
- 4 RALPH BAMM
- 4 CARRIE BAMM
- 3 MARGARET ANNIS NAGY
- +WILLIAM F. BRAMAN



Family History Book

We are still progressing toward a completion date. Also we have almost all the information for the make up of the book. Gordie and I apologize.

The main problem has been the format to be used. We want to include ALL family members but we do not want just a boring list of names. We want to include pictures but these can be costly.....
Gordie and I would like the price for each book to be in the range of about \$15 to \$20.....

On behalf of her brothers and sister, in memory of Helen Kisabeth, I received a check for \$100 contribution to our history project. We will use this toward the publishing cost of our book. We are most appreciative and thankful to her family. We will send out postcards with the details on the price and publication date later in the year.

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