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GREETINGS

Glueklisches neues jahr (Happy New Year). well, we had another successful family reunion last August. We had over 100 relatives again show for the big event. The weatherman cooperated by holding off the rain and letting the sun shine all day. Our shelter "The Beech" was very nice and private as it sets alone from the other six shelters.



Remember we have it reserved again for August 7, 1993. See you all there. Thanks to all who attended and regrets to those who couldn't. Your donations will keep the newsletter going for yet another year. I would personally like to thank cousins Maxine Steffanni, Farrell Hanna, Robert Fruth and Margaret D'haene for sharing their old family pictures with us.

COMPUTER USERS

For those with access to IBM computers and one of the many genealogy programs, I have available floppy disks with our data saved in GEDCOM format. Just send me a request and disk size. Gordon

Newsclipping from the Advertiser Tribune Tiffin, Ohio

Kisseberth reunion

The second annual reunion of the Kisabeth-Kisseberth-Kisaberth families was held Aug. 1 at Meadowbrook Park, Bascom, with 112 family and guests present.

This year marks the 160th year of the family's arrival in America. It was in 1832 that Johann Georg Kisseberth left his German village of Nieder-Kinzig for the rich soil of Seneca County.

Grace Doub of Hicksville was the oldest present at 90 years, while Jessica Tereace Roberts was youngest at 3 months. Bill Kisseberth gave the blessing.

Eleven states were represented. Among the traveled guests were Philip Kisabeth of San Jose, Calif.; Dr. Calvin Cotrell of Haines City, Fla.; Dr. Robert Kisabeth Jr. and Robert Sr. of Kiawah Island, S.C.; Paul Kisseberth and family of Stamford, Conn.; Brian and Lisa Deasley of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and Brad and Debbie Kisseberth of Colorado Springs, Colo.

An Aug. 7, 1993, reunion is planned with the committee of Gerald and Gordon Kisabeth, Barbara Shipley, Bill and Clyde Kisseberth, Phyllis Frost and President Foster B. Kisabeth of Plymouth, Mich.

KISSENBERTH

We will be expanding our newsletter starting with this issue. There seems to be another branch in our family tree. The name KISSENBERTH will be the fourth name added to our research. I have been in close contact with Bill Kissenberth of Merritt Island Florida. His ancestors came to America in 1850 and settled in the New York City area. Our famed Count Leonhard Kisseberth, the criminal magistrate at Castle Breuberg in the 17th century had two sons. Our specific line followed his son Johann Michael while descendants of his other son, Leonhard II took KISSENBERTH as their surname. We welcome our "new" cousins.



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THE KISABETH BROTHERS

1878-79



Back row : Philip Jr., William and Jacob
Front row: Adam, John, Henry and George

George Kisabeth

born: 23 Sept 1840
married: Delilah Rumples
died: 22 Mar 1879
children: Joab, Mary, Emma,
Ephraim, Jonah, Alice

Henry Kisabeth

born : 16 Oct 1843
married : Isabel Jane Henry
died: 23 Mar 1923
children : Bertha, Laura, Mary,
Charles, Anna, Elden, Minnie, Jessie,
Ethel

Adam Kisabeth

born : 27 Nov 1848
married : Nancy Stahl
died : 27 Oct 1912
children : Chauncey, Bessie, Jessie
Orley

Philip Kisabeth jr.

born : 22 April 1851
married ; Elisabeth Sholl
Caroline Breiningner
died : 9 Mar 1930
children : Ida, Murley, Luetta, Wilda

John Kisabeth

born : 23 Sept 1844
married : Laverna Holbert
died : 16 Jan 1934
Children: Anna, Myrtie

Jacob K. isabeth

born: 11 April 1853
married : Mary Stahl
died : 2 Aug 1929
children : Simon, Charles,
Sylvester, Maud, Lillian, Wealtha

William Kisabeth

born : 3 Dec 1858
married Rosa E. Balscr
died : 10 Mar 1932
childred : Elbert, Earl, James,
Dessie, Della, Hazel, Estel Bryan,
Ruth

Georg Friedrich Kisseberth Sr.

Georg Friedrich Kisseberth Sr. was born August 25, 1777 in Nieder-Kinzig, Germany. He had a daughter, Elisabetha, out of wedlock. The mother was Anna Margaretha Wolf and the child was born September 19, 1795 in Nieder-Kinzig. Elisabetha lived 84 years and married Heinrich Hofmann May 18, 1815. She died June 25, 1879 in Germany.

Georg married Maria Catharina Schimpf June 19, 1804. She was the daughter of Johann Peter Schimpf from the nearby village of Etzen-Gesab. To this union were born five sons and one daughter. The children were George Friedrich I or Georg Fred, Johann Georg or George, Johann Nicolaus, Johann Philipp later to be called Philip Kiseberth Sr., Johann Georg or John G., and the only daughter, Margaretha Elisabetha or Mary. They all came to America except son Johann Nicolaus who remained in Nieder-Kinzig and later in Michelstadt working as a Schulmacher (shoemaker). The second son Johann Georg was the first to immigrate to America having arrived in 1832, while the rest of the family left the fatherland ten years later in 1842-43.

The senior father was 65 years old when the trip to America was made. He had been a daily wage earner-farmer in Germany. On file in the Hessisches Staatsarchiv Darmstadt there are thirteen pages of registration emigration for the father and the sons. The last date mentioned in the German records is June 11, 1842 and the earliest American mention was the Seneca county marriage record of his son Philip on August 31, 1842. So it is safe to assume that aside from son Georg the majority of the Kisseberth family left for American soil in late summer or early fall (July or August) 1842.

There is minimal evidence that Georg Friedrich Sr. ever reached America alive. German records list no date of death thus indicating that he probably left the country. Also his age of 65 was somewhat advanced to make such a trip during that period of time. The physical dangers of the journey overseas were many. It is supposed that as many as one-third of the emigrants to America died as a consequence of their voyage. The elder father could very well have succumbed to the treacherous waters of the Atlantic.

His wife Catharina shows as a 68 year old living with daughter Mary (Kisseberth) King and family in the 1850 Federal census of Sandusky county, Ohio. There is no listing of the father. To complicate matters, his son was also named Georg Friedrich. In the general index of deeds in Seneca County there is a Friedrich Kisseberth listed as purchasing land in December 1842, and again in April 1843. This undoubtedly was son Georg Friedrich II.

I could not find any evidence of Georg Sr. and wife Catherina's deaths in Ohio. We can conclude the George Friedrich Kisseberth Sr. died sometime between leaving Germany in late 1842 and the printed federal census of Ohio in 1850. Her death occurred between the 1850 and 1860 census.

Ms Nan Card of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center Library in Fremont, Ohio offered some insight to the question about possible burial places of the senior parents. There could be any number of reasonable explanations. They could have been buried on the farm near their daughter. They could have been buried in the Hite (Wolf Creek) cemetery located on the Thomas Hite farm in section 36 of Jackson Township, Sandusky county, Ohio. On their son-in-law's obituary (George King Sr.) of March 19, 1885 it states that he died at the residence of Thomas Hite. The daughter, Mary and husband George are both buried at the Hite cemetery and no grave was found for the parents but it is entirely possible that the stones were never erected or that they were destroyed before a listing was made. The same holds true for Seneca county from which

Jackson township lies just north of the line. Their cemeteries have been copied only in the last several years. It is entirely possible the parents were buried near the town of Bettsville just across the county line. Here the same possibilities exist for destroyed tombstones, overlooked tombstones when copying was done or unmarked or unreadable graves.

written Oct. 89

by Gerald Kisabeth

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PICNIC



Cookbook

We hope to collect our favorite family recipes and assemble a printed cookbook.

Barbara (Kisabeth) Shipley & her mother Bertha Kisabeth have offered to coordinate in collecting all the recipes. So send your favorite dish to Barb or her mother in care of Gerald or Gordie. I heard that Jimmie Kisabeth is one of the best cooks in the south. Matter of fact, I know she is. I've tasted her great cooking.



OUR GERMAN CONNECTION

I have been in constant contact with cousins Dr. Fritz Kisseberth of Hildesheim and Willi and Anni Kisseberth of Michaelstadt, Germany for the past 6 years. I also just received pictures and letters from Jurgen Kisseberth of Berlin, Heinz Kisseberth of Frankfurt, Claus Kisseberth of Michelstadt and Heinz Kissenberth of Eschau. So there is quite a lot of interest in our family research from the fatherland, They want us to finish the history book soon.



HISTORY BOOK

I've been in touch with two printers. We hope to have our history book completed and available by next years reunion (August 7,1993). We hope the cost will be around 25 to 30 dollars. There is still time to send us your family photos (copies of course) and articles / stories.

FAMILY CALENDAR

At our last reunion over 40 people wanted to order a copy of the Kisabeth family calendar I had printed. Unfortunately I can't order a reprint with modifications from the printer. Instead of designing new calendar I've decided to use my efforts toward completing our family history book including all related families.

SORRY!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A surprise 40th anniversary was given to Philip and Kathy Kisabeth by their children Kerry and Dan and Tom and Kelly on Sunday December 20, 1992 in San Jose, California. Newly based Californian Rob Kisabeth and his bride-to-be Stef were among the guests.

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