

KÜSHWERT

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Kisabeth Historical Review

FROM OUR MEDIEVAL NAME OF KUSCHWERT
THE FOLLOWING NAMES HAVE EMERGED:

Küspert-Kispert-Kisseberth-Kissenberth-Kisabeth-Kisaberth

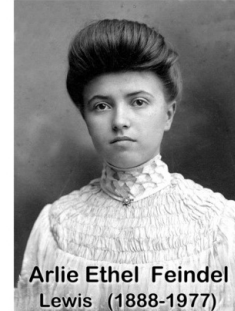
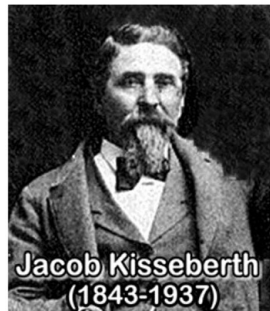
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Credora Jessie (Lewis) Cockrell

Our cousin Credora (Screeny) Cockrell will celebrate her 94th birthday on September 2. She has been a regular attendee to our Kisseberth/Kisabeth reunions since its inception 22 years ago. Each year we look forward to seeing her and her cousin from Mansfield, Ohio, Jackie McFarlane.

Credora has filled us in on the history of her great grandfather Jacob Kisseberth. He was a very prominent farmer in the same area in which we hold our annual reunion, Bascom. Jacob and some of his family were laid to rest right up the road in Sand Ridge Cemetery. Jacob & wife Barbara

Shaferly were the very proud parents of 14 children. Pictured below is the 4 generation photo collection from Jacob Kisseberth to Credora Cockrell.



A visit to the Fatherland



Craig & Connie Kisabeth have just returned from a brief visit to our Kisabeth-Kisseberth Fatherland, Germany. Their beautiful daughter Jennifer and her husband U.S. Army officer Daniel J. Helton live in the town of Wiesbaden which is the capital of the federal state of Hesse

(Hessen), one of Germany's 16 states. Dan is stationed at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden. Wiesbaden is now home to the U.S. Army Europe Command and Battle Center. Craig is the fourth of five sons born to Robert McClellan & Jimmye Joy (Harris) Kisabeth. Robert M. Kisabeth is from the Johann Philipp Kisseberth (1815-1892 line) who immigrated from the village of Nieder-Kinzig, Odenwald, Hesse in 1842. Craig & Connie are the parents of Jennifer and Craig Jr. (Beau). Beau & wife Kendra are the parents

of Madison and Harrison Kisabeth. Kendra is a teacher at Cocks County High School in Newport, Tennessee. Craig and his brothers are graduates of the school. From all indications Craig & Connie had a wonderful time.



German Rice Pudding



Milchreis is a German rice pudding made by cooking short grain rice on the stovetop in milk with sugar and vanilla. German Milchreis is usually served as a sweet main dish with fruit or compote, or simply with sugar and cinnamon on top.

Serves 4 for main dish.

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Total Time: 35 minutes

Ingredients:

1 c. short grain white rice
(brown rice won't get creamy)

1/4 c. sugar

4 c. milk (or 3 c. milk plus 1 c. cream)

1/8 tsp. salt

2 inch piece of vanilla bean, split open (or 1 tsp. vanilla extract)

Preparation:

Mix the rice, sugar and salt in a large saucepan, stir in the milk and add the whole piece of vanilla bean. Place over medium heat and bring to a boil, stirring often. Reduce heat and simmer the rice for 30 minutes, or until soft and milk becomes thick. Stir often.

Scratch out vanilla seeds and stir into pudding. Discard bean.

Serve warm with cinnamon and sugar or fruit compote or both.

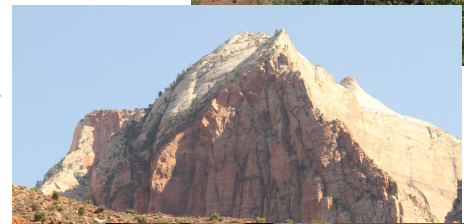
Tip: Cooking in a pressure cooker will virtually eliminate any chance of the pudding burning on the bottom. Bring the pudding to a boil in a pressure cooker (no lid) the first time, remove from heat, fasten on the lid but don't close the vent. Let it sit on the warm burner for 30 minutes. Check it, if it is not soft enough, bring it to a boil again and repeat (I did this twice, since I am at 6000 feet elevation and rice cooks much slower than sea level).

*“Kisabeth
grandkids
invade Utah’s
Canyons.*



Gordon and Michele Kisabeth and their three grandkids made a two week trip to the canyons of Utah. Starting with the Arch Canyons in Moab, Utah. Jake, Danielle and Matt tried to climb every arch they could find. After a few days in the Arch Canyon the trip took them to Bryce Canyon. Bryce is technically not a canyon but was formed by erosion. It was beautiful and capped by a 5am trip to the rim to see the sun rise. Beauty! The visit was concluded with a rodeo and breakfast at the lodge. Packing up in Bryce the group went on to Zion National Park. Zion does not allow cars on the main roads in the park, instead they have shuttles that circle the park allowing visitors off

and on at each site. After a few days taking hundreds of pictures the group went on to visit Robert and Stephanie Kisabeth in Denver and to drop off Jake and Matt. Gordon, Michele and Danielle went on to Michigan to sort all the photos. Update on sorting in a few months.



Future of Our Newsletter

The future of our Kisabeth-Kisseberth-Kisaberth-Kissenberth-Kispert-Kuespert seems to be very bright. In a check of the number of hits for the month of June 2012 , 16,285 hits were reached for the website: www.kisabeth.com

That in itself, shows that many of our relatives are checking for family information. We will be including more frequent newsletters and starting this September we will include an old picture from our archives. I have several hundred old family photos from all of our various "K" spellings. So look for this feature starting in September 2012.

German Surnames

The following is a listing of the top 25 German last names currently in Germany. The list was created by searching for the most common surnames in 2012 via German telephone books. The meanings of German last names are those as originally defined when these names became surnames.

1. Müller miller
2. Schmidt smith
3. Schneider taylor
4. Fischer fisher
5. Weber weaver
6. Schäfer shepherd
7. Meyer steward of landholder; leaseholder
8. Wagner wagoner
9. Becker from Bäcker -baker
10. Bauer farmer
11. Hoffmann landed farmer
12. Schulz mayor
13. Koch cook
14. Richter judge
15. Klein small
16. Wolf wolf
17. Schröder carter
18. Neumann new man
19. Braun brown

20. Werner defense army
21. Schwarz black
22. Hofmann landed farmer
23. Zimmermann carpenter
24. Schmitt smith
25. Hartmann strong man

Our rare surname would undoubtedly rank way, way down the list. In checking our various surname spellings in the latest German Telephone Directory (Das Telefonbuch) we have the following breakdown:

Kisseberth - Germany- 14 US-99

Kisabeth - Germany- 0 US-95

Kissenberth- Germany- 13 US-34 Austria-4

Küspert - Germany-391 US-100+ **
spelled Kuespert in US

Kispert - Germany- 82 US-100+ Austria-24

Kisaberth - Germany- 0 US-14

Our old medieval surname Kuschwert, of course, has no listings!!!!



"It took some doing, but we got all your names on!"

August 2012 Picture Page



1. Antonia Hartung 4. Madison & Harrison Kisabeth 9. Emily Bockman
2. Makayla Krause 5. Riley Kissenberth 7. Maria & Katelyn Schwab
3. Christine Küsspert 6. Juliana Vienna Kisabeth 8. Isla & Elle Kisabeth

Listen! The ancestor calls!

This is a nice little poem from the 1930s by German Hermann Löns.

Before you read the poem, however, understand this:

The "I" (ich) of the poem is the long-gone ancestor, speaking as an echo from centuries past, calling out to remind us of the toil and sufferings the ancestor endured while "breaking ground" for us, his descendants.

The "you" (ihr, plural "you") of the poem refers to us, the living, the descendants.

In other words, "I," the ancestor, speaks to "you," the descendant.

German

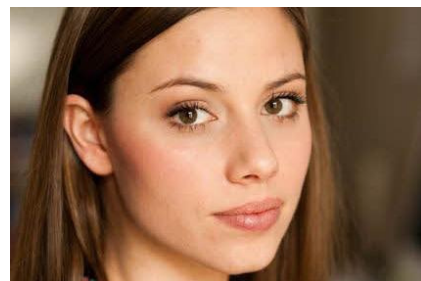
Ehe ihr da waret, ihr Leute aus der Stadt, ob reich, ob arm, ob hoch, ob niedrig,
Ich brach den Boden, ich säte das Korn, ich schuf das Feld, auf dem ihr leben und
gedeihen konntet mit eurem gewerbe, eurem Handel, eurer Industrie, eurem Verkehr.
Ich fand das recht, ich gab das Gesetz, ich wehrte den Feind ab, ich trug die
Lasten Jahrtausende lang. Ich bin der baum und ihr seid die Blätter,
ich bin die Quelle und ihr seid die Flut, ich bin das feuer und ihr seid der Schein.

English translation:

Before you were here, you people of the city, regardless of whether you were
Rich or poor, of high or low class, I was here. I broke the earth, I sowed the grain, I
worked the fields on which you came to live and prosper with your occupations,
your trade, your industry, your commerce. I created justice and established laws,
I defended against enemies; I carried burdens throughout centuries.

Nieder-Kinzig (home of our Kisseberth ancestors)

Our small village of Nieder-Kinzig (with a population under 800) now has an actress. The Odenwälder actress has starred in RTL series Anna-Katharina Fecher from Nieder-Kinzig has fulfilled her dream of acting. She is now living in Berlin for some time and just finished filming the RTL series "All that matters".



There

is a short 4 minute showreel on her acting at:

Showreel: [Anna-Katharina Fecher – YouTube](#)

She is also on Facebook: [Katharina Fecher](#)

[Offizielle Seite](#)

Georg Ernst Kisseberth Gemeinmann

Our direct ancestor Georg Ernst Kisseberth was born on January 28, 1707 in the small village of Nieder-Kinzig in the Odenwald area of Hessen, Germany. His parents were Leonhard Kisseberth (1663-1738) & Anna Scior. His father was the Schulthiß (mayor) of Nieder-Kinzig. Georg Ernst married Anna Margretha Reipold, daughter of Johann Adam Reipold of nearby Stockheim, in 1730.

Georg Ernst Kisseberth held the village position of Gemeinmann which has a unique definition that needs an explanation. The Gemeinmann in Germany was a community position instituted by a city or village (Gemeinde) council. The appointee had the job of investigating any and all kinds of irregu-

larities in the village, both public and private, which came to the attention of the town fathers, and he had to report back to the town council on his findings and the development of events. It was a very local profession. The Gemeinde, under the leadership of elected village elders, made important decisions on behalf of the community: which fields to leave fallow, what crops to plant in which fields, what community projects to undertake such as rebuilding roads. Members of the Gemeinde were allowed to share in common village assets such as the meadows, pastures, and woodlands.

Georg Ernst & Anna were blessed with seven children. They were;

Margretha Elisabetha (1731), Anna Elisabetha (1732), Johann Adam (1734), Eva Margretha (1735), Johann Friedrich (1737), Anna Maria (1738) and Georg Adam (1749). The Kisseberth-Kisaberth-Kisabeth families in America are the direct descendants of son Johann Friedrich Kisseberth who married Anna Maria Lehr in 1765 and who died in Nieder-Kinzig in 1804.



Gerald Kisabeth
Haggerty Woods
Canton MI, 48187



2013 Family Reunion— 23rd annual

2013 will mark our 23rd consecutive family reunion held at Meadowbrook Park in Bascom, Ohio. We started our joint family names connection back in 1991. There were several small individual family reunions held throughout America in the early 1900s, but 1991 was the 1st family reunion which included all our various spellings (over 70+). The most common of our surnames in use today are: Kisabeth, Kisaberth, Kisseberth, Kissenberth, Kispert, Kuespert (Küspert), D'haene, Birchall.

Many of our 'regular' family members have since passed on so we must have the cooperation of our 'younger' folks to keep these annual reunions alive and going. Last year we had about 25 attendees compared to about 150 our 1st year in 1991. Several years we have had over 50-70

people attend.

Please try to make a special note to attend. We need people. You may wish to call a cousin, brother/sister, uncle/aunt, or just a friend, and tell them to come.

Each reunion both Gordon & Gerald Kisabeth bring several old items including scrapbooks, computer updates, pictures, newsletters, and other items of interest.

Our reunion is so informal and we would love to see new families or individuals show. Stay for a great home cooked lunch or just visit. You are always welcome!!!!

So on Saturday July 26 2013 get in the car and stop over to Meadowbrook Park. You can learn more about your ancestors and have a nice conversation for a few hours. We have our annual lunch around 1 pm

and there is swimming, softball and other games for the kids.

See our website for directions. We have our updated book for sale and we need to get your family updates into our database. Gordon always brings his computer for updates, additions and corrections.

