

AUGUST 7, 1993 ****REUNION SPECIAL****

Kisabeth Historical Review

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GREETINGS

WELL IT'S OUR 3RD ANNUAL KISSEBERTH-KISSENBERTH KISABETH-KISABERTH FAMILY REUNION. WE HOPE THE WEATHERMAN COOPERATES THIS YEAR AS HE HAS DONE IN THE PREVIOUS TWO REUNIONS. OUR 1ST REUNION HAD A RECORD 138 RELATIVES & GUESTS WHILE LAST YEAR WE HAD 112 PEOPLE ATTEND. WE HOPE THIS YEAR TO HAVE OVER 100 RELATIVES ATTEND.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

TWO OF OUR MOST FAMOUS RELATIVES ARE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS TODAY SATURDAY AUGUST 7TH

CLAIR "STRETCH" KISABETH
BORN AUGUST 7, 1921
SON OF CHAUNCEY AND MINNIE (SUND) KISABETH
FAMED 1940 FOSTORIA HIGH BASKETBALL & FOOTBALL STAR & CLASS PRESIDENT

MEADOWBROOK PARK

PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE.
SEE GORDIE KISABETH FOR DETAILS

1940

Lettermen

CLAIR KISABETH
Height 6' 5"—Center

"Stretch" was the team's only letter man this year. He was also the chief basket maker, scoring an average of 10 points per game and making 211 points in all. This was "Stretch's" 4th and last year of Basketball on the varsity and he certainly made the most of it.



GORDON W. KISABETH
BORN AUGUST 7, 1938
SON OF FOSTER BRYAN AND BERTHA (DOBOZY) KISABETH.
CUSTOMER ENGINEER FOR IBM & PUBLISHER FOR OUR FAMILY NEWSLETTER.



GORDIE KISABETH -1993

Reunions



REUNIONS OF THE PAST

1932

Kisabeth Family Holds Reunion

The annual Kisabeth reunion was held at the home of Mr and Mrs. J. H. Mauck Sunday. At noon a dinner was served on the lawn. Following an enjoyable program officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Mervin Walters, president, Mrs. W. C. Graham, vice president, Mrs. S. W. Paul, secretary and treasurer. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sheller and Miss Louise Arkwright of Youngstown; Henry Spoon of McClellenville; Mr. and Mrs. Will and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kisabeth and daughter Betty Jane of Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Walters and son Charles; Mrs. Genevieve Walters and daughter Betty Lee of Burgoon; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Paul and daughter Alice of Gibsonburg; Mr. and Mrs. John Hour; Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Walters and children, Paul, Gordon and Esther Rose; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Graham and children, Ruth, Mervin and James; Mr. and Mrs. John Eader and Elroy LaMotte of Tiffin; Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Turner and sons Carl and Doug; Mr. and Mrs. John Kimes and daughter Nora Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Henry and son David; Charles Henry; Mrs. John Bette and daughter Freda; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mauck and children Olive Lacie and Barbara; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mauck, all of Bertrich. The next reunion will be held at the Mervin Walters home in Tiffin.

1991

Kisabeth-Kisseberth Kisaberth reunion

The first reunion of the Kisabeth-Kisseberth-Kisaberth families was held Saturday at Meadowbrook Park in Bascom with 138 members and guests present.

Mary Kisaberth of Tiffin was the oldest, 91 years; and Natalie Kisseberth, the youngest at two months. Bill Kisseberth of Toledo gave the blessing.

Thirteen states were represented with Brad Kisseberth traveling the farthest from LaMesa, Calif. These families are the descendants of the four brothers who emigrated from Germany and settled in Seneca County in 1832.

An August 1992 reunion is planned with the committee of Gerald and Gordon Kisabeth, Barbara Shipley, Bill Kisseberth and reunion President Foster B. Kisa-

1992

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.

Family Reunions

Kisabeth

The second annual reunion of the Kisabeth family was held recently at the J. H. Mauck residence near Betsville, where members of the family from many cities met to enjoy the dinner and program.

The program opened with the singing of America and a prayer. Other numbers were: Devotions by Alice Paul, Catherine Graham and Freda Kisseberth; Mrs. Helen Mauck; Mervin Graham and S. W. Paul gave readings; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mauck sang several selections. The program closed with talks by A. W. Kisabeth and R. O. Walters. A letter from John Kisabeth of Portland, Ore., was read.

Officers elected for the year were: President, A. W. Kisabeth of Kansas; vice president, Harold Walters of Burgoon; secretary, treasurer, Mrs. Nora Paul of Gibsonburg. The next reunion will be held at the home of A. W. Kisabeth of Kansas.

Those attending the reunion were Mrs. Charles Kisabeth of Tiffin; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kisabeth of Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Graham and family of Massillon; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Paul and daughter Alice of Gibsonburg; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar artafeller and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Walters of Burgoon; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mauck and family; Charles Henry and daughters, Dorothy and Irene; Mrs. Stella Bette and daughters, Evelyn and Helen; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sheller of Betsville and Miss Martha

1991

Kisabeth Kisseberth Kisaberth families gather

The first reunion of the Kisabeth-Kisseberth-Kisaberth families was conducted Aug. 10 at Meadowbrook Park, Bascom.

There were 138 family members and guests attending the event.

Mary Kisaberth, 91, was the oldest family member present and 2-month-old Natalie Kisseberth was the youngest.

Thirteen states were represented with Brad Kisseberth traveling the farthest from LaMesa, Calif. These families are the descendants of four brothers who immigrated from Germany and settled in Seneca County in 1832.

An August, 1992, reunion is planned with the committee being composed of Gerald and Gordon Kisabeth, Barbara Shipley, Bill Kisseberth and reunion president Foster B. Kisabeth of Plymouth, Mich.

CIRCA 1940

GILBOA . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stall and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gratz, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCullough attended the Ohio State fair this week at Columbus.

Five generations were present for the family dinner of the Kisseberth family at Defiance park Sunday. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. William Switzer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Clell Griffith, Richard Kisseberth of Sturgis, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sanders of Battle Creek, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Gust of Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. John Ozbun, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hepner and daughter of Forest; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vermillion and family of Williamstown; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw and daughter of Alger; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kisseberth and son, Miss Iona Kennedy, Mrs. Eda Kisseberth, Harold and Milo of Gilboa.

KISSEBÉRTH-KISABETH

ITS ORIGIN

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The family name Kisseberth and Kisabeth has undergone many changes in the course of the centuries. The family originated in the Fichtelgebirge (Fichtel Mountains). The probable progenitor (an originator of a line of descent) there was a Kunz Kűschwert in the medieval settlement of Wunsiedel in Northeast Bavaria. Wunsiedel was known as a castle settlement in 1163 and in 1326 it was promoted to the status of city. Our family name Kűschwert probably gets its origin either by occupation and/or personal characteristics. It is mentioned in the Wunsiedel Archives between 1442 and 1451. Keep in mind that the ordinary man of those far-off days was not only unable to write his own name, but never had his name written down by anyone else. So our progenitor, Kunz Kűschwert must have been very special. He is listed as being very wealthy and he bore an ostrich as his heraldic animal. Nothing is known about the origin of the name Kűschwert, that is, it has not been researched. It is conceivable that the word kűren in the sense of "to choose" or "to select" could have significance. The antiquated form of Kűren is Kiesen. This word form is another possible origin of the name. We can conclude from the various name pieces the following:

KűSCHWERT

German (Bavarian)- To choose a sword. Kűren-to choose, to select Schwert-sword.

The various 15th and 16th century spellings of our surname are as follows:

1. Kűschwert
2. Kűwert
3. Kueschwerd
4. Kueschwerdt
5. Kuschwerdt
6. Kieschwerdt
7. Kisebartus (Latin form)
8. Kisibert
9. Kissiberth
10. Kissebert
11. Kisibert

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And the remaining spelling variants are:

12. Kisseberth
13. Kisabet
14. Kisaberth
15. Kisabeth

Also I believe strongly that the four similar surnames, Kisseberth, Kissenberth, Küsspert and Kispert can be traced to the main common surname "KÜSCHWERT". The book "Deutsche Namenkunde"-unsere Familiennamen nach ihrer Entstehung und Bedeutung (Origin and meanings of a Family Name) lists under the main "stamm" GIS: Kispert, Küsspert and Kisse(n)berth. This suggests a common link between the three names. Also we know that the origin of Kisseberth was Küsswert in Wunsiedel. Today, several hundred years later the area in and around the small town of Wunsiedel there are several families with the last name of Küsspert. Also in the book "Deutsche Namenkunde" the prefix surnames KISP-, and KISS- are interchangeable. German regional dialects account for a great deal of inconsistency in surname spellings. Certain consonants can be pronounced alike, allowing for a variety of spelling possibilities. Note that B and P are often interchanged and are indexed as one in some languages, namely German. Also in handwritten old German s-c-h looks very similar to s-p. So combinations of vowels produce exactly the same sound, which make them interchangeable (Example I=UE).

All these various surname spellings, I believe, lead back to the common progenitor KÜSCHWERT in the early 1400's.

written Dec. 1989 by:
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