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Küspert Origin

The Küspert version of our medieval surname Kuschwert is probably the oldest spelling in use today.

It is extremely difficult to actually pinpoint the exact date when Küspert was first used. In Weissenstadt Heinrich Kuschwert (Küspert) was named as assistant, or pastor from 1494-1513. Written records show that in 1569 one of the daughters of Jakob Kuschwert of Wunsiedel was written in church books as Dorothea Kuspert. I also have some family tree records showing the early name listings as Kuschwert (Küspert). Wolff Kuschwert of Weissenstadt was also Wolff Küspert born September 3, 1620. In Marktredwitz the names are spelled Kuschwert, Kuschwerdt,

Kischwerdt, Küspert, Kispert and Kiffbert from the 16th century on.

So we can assume that very early in our medieval history the names Kuschwert (d)t and Küspert were quite often used interchangeably. It is the accepted theory (belief) that all Küsperts are the descendants of the old surname Kuschwert and its variants.

It was in 1998 that I first decided to investigate the Küspert spelling of our old name. In two short years I have had several contacts with distant cousins in Germany, England, The United States and even a contact in the French Polynesia Island of Raiatea.

The Küspert/Kispert cousins are so distant to our Kisseberth cousins that a relationship chart cannot be developed at this time but I

know that a definite link is there with our

common origin. It is my personal feeling that if DNA testing were done today on a Kuspert(h), a Kispert(h), a Kisse(n)berth, and a Kisabeth there would be the Y Chromosome male match linking all of us to a common Kuschwert ancestor many generations ago in the Fichtelgebirge.

Today in Germany there are over 500 telephone listings for Küspert. About 85% are located in the Fichtelgebirge (medieval origin of our surname) area of Oberfranken in northeast Bavaria. The German umlaut (ü) is also written as an "ue".

In America the name is spelled only two ways; Kuespert and Kuspert. (without the umlaut "u



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GERALD KISABETH GETS NEW COMPUTER

Gerald Kisabeth turned in his old computer for a new Pentium II system with 256 MB of memory. Gerald opted for a larger 20 Gigabyte disk drive and a new 17" color monitor. This should improve his searching of the world wide web

on the internet. Also more stories and information should come from the Kisabeth house. Gerald searches the web from Michigan to the other 49 states and Hungary, Germany, ebay, and any other place he can get e-mail back.

His scanner is on the fritz for now. For web pages you know about, please send the address to Gerald at gerrykisabeth@mediaone.net



Kisabeth Origin

The spelling of Kisabeth has had some strange variations in its history, before finally settling on the current form sometime in the late 19th century.

It is accepted that the Kisabeth spelling started with our immigrant ancestor Johann Philipp Kisseberth. This is true but to pinpoint an exact date is difficult. Here is a very brief historical sketch of Philipp:

Johann Philipp Kisseberth (as he was known in his small German farming village of Nieder Kinzig in the lovely Odenwald area of southern Hessen) was born January 14, 1815. His parents were Georg Friedrich and Maria Catharina (Schimpf) Kisseberth. He was the fourth son of six children.

Philipp was only 27 years old when he arrived in Seneca County, Ohio in 1842. August 30, 1842 was the official marriage of Philipp and Eva Elisabetha Daum. This is when the spelling confusion starts. The marriage record shows Philipp Kissabeth and Elizabeth Dow-

mann (should be Elizabeth Daum) while on Philip's citizenship paper of 1856 the signature indicated Kisseberth but the name is printed Kisabeth. Throughout Philip Kisabeth Sr.'s life his name has been spelled the following ways: Kisseberth, Kisabet, Kisabard (1860 census), Kissabeth (1860 census), and finally Kisabeth.

Actually the spelling Kisabet seems to have been used the most in Philip's lifetime. On his last will in 1892 some of the children were referred to as Kisabet. Also on my great grandfather William Kisabeth's birth and baptismal document the name was spelled Kisabet. This was in 1858.

The Kisseberth name has been in use since our ancestor Alexander Kuschwert used it in the late 1500's. Once in America it was sometimes pronounced as Kisabeth. Some of the children of Georg Kisseberth, our first immigrant in 1832, used the spelling Kissabeth.

Today, Kisabeth is used by all the descendants of Johann Philipp Kisseberth (Philip Kisabeth Sr.) with one notable exception being the descendants of Frederick Kisseberth (1879-1942), grandson of Philip's brother George. He was called Fred Kisabeth throughout his adult life and his descendants still use this spelling today.

Our original name in German, Kisseberth, is pronounced as kiss-a-bart or kiss-a-bird or kiss-a-beart. Also I am told that the "r" is soft and petit instead of being hard and rolled, almost silent. In German there is no "th" pronounced the English way. The "h" could be left out to pronounce it. This all could very well explain why the spelling Kisseberth was changed to Kisabeth.

The Kisabeth name in America is alive and doing well. Next to the Kuspert and Kispert spellings it ranks third in total numbers thanks to a large part on Philip Kisabeth's 56 grandchildren keeping the name going.

Welcome new family members

Kaylin Brooke Janeski

was born March 5, 2000 to Jason & Corrie (Kisabeth) Janeski. Corrie is one of four daughters of Mike & Maureen Kisabeth.

Corrie is a graduate of Central Michigan University. Husband Jason is a builder by

trade and also a volunteer fire-fighter in the Gregory, Michigan area.

Little Kaylin recently celebrated her first Christmas by opening her presents and playing for hours with the wrapping paper.



Cole William Deasley

was born January 14, 2001 to Bryan & Lisa (Kisabeth) Deasley.

Lisa is the daughter of Gordon (our newsletter editor) and Michele Kisabeth. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. and has long brown hair.

Among his first gifts was a hockey puck given by his father Bryan. Bryan played college and professional hockey in the late 1980's. A native of Toronto, Canada Bryan played two years for the Michigan Wolverines and later signed a bonus contract with the Calgary Flames of the NHL. Will little Cole play hockey----without a doubt!!!!!!

Eh!!



Kisseberth Origin

He was born Alexander Kuschwert in Wertheim am Main on Christmas day 1561 and died July 23 1619 as Alexander Kisseberth. His name has been recorded as Kuschwert, Kusiwirth, Kisebert, Kieschwert, Kisibert and Kisseberth.

Thus, the beginning of the name Kisseberth originated between the late 1580's and Alexander's death in 1619. While attending the University of Lepzig in 1579, the Kuchwert spelling was used. When Alexander was appointed parish minister of Kirch Brombach in 1587, the document listed his name as Kisebert. So it is safe to assume that the Kisseberth spelling originated shortly after this date.

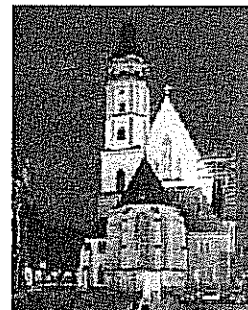
The actual Kisseberth spelling was not a fixture until ancestor Johann Michael Kisebert/Kisseberth (1637-1694) used it as mayor of Kirch Brombach. In Germany the descendants of Alexander Kisseberth (Kuschwert) have all kept

the spelling the same. It is in America where the various differences arise (Kiseberth-Kisaberth-Kisabeth) upon the family's immigration in 1832 through 1842.

It is hard to believe how the name could go from Kuschwert to Kisseberth in one's own lifetime, but remember Alexander was relocating from the states of Baden Württemberg to the Saxon city of Leipzig and finally to the Odenwald area of Hessen. Three different areas in Germany where three different dialects were spoken with several people recording the name. This in part could explain the gradual change of names. The sequence seems to be; Kuschwert, Kusiwirth, Kieschwert, Kisebert, Kisibert, and ultimately to Kisseberth. Today, the descendants of the Kuschwerts (Kueschwerdts) that remained in the Fichtelgebirge area of northern Bavaria use Kűspert-Kűsperth-Kispert-Kisperth

As of April 2001 there are more Kisseberths living in the United States than in Germany as there has been a gradual decline in births and specific families are dying out in the Fatherland. A current telephone directory shows 19 Kisseberths in Germany while in America it lists 43 Kisseberth families.

I would also like to point out that the correct German pronunciation of Kisseberth is kiss-a-bird or kiss-a-bared with a soft "r". While most of the present-day Kisseberths in America pronounce their name kiss-e-birth with a more hard "r".



Kisaberth Origin

The spelling Kisaberth has evolved from the American spelling of Kiseberth. When the Kiseberth family immigrated from Germany to the Seneca County area (city of Tiffin) in July 1842 all family members used the German spelling Kiseberth.

One of the brothers, the eldest, Georg Friedrich Kiseberth left the Tiffin area and settled in the farmlands of southern Sandusky County/northern Seneca County around the villages of Bellsville and Kansas, Ohio. This is his family:

Georg Friedrich Kiseberth II born July 21, 1806 in Nieder-Kinzig, Germany;
wife Anna Maria (Widder) Kiseberth born September 14, 1802
daughter Mary
son Johannes Kiseberth born July 23, 1829 but died as an infant March 1830
son Johannes Kiseberth born October 9, 1830
son Wilhelm Kiseberth born January 11, 1833

It is with his second son Johannes that the Kiseberth spelling originated. Actually the one "s" was dropped in transition in the mid 1800's. The change was undoubtedly a result of a clerk recording the spelling on a specific document. Here is his family:

Johannes (John) Kiseberth born October 9, 1830 in Nieder-Kinzig, Germany. married Mary Ann Kreis (1853) later married Hannah Garn.

Children with Mary Ann Kreis:

- 1.) Calistra Jane Kiseberth born 9/30/1854 married H. Wilson Lutz
- 2.) James Albert Kiseberth born 11/4/1856 married Mary Jane Harrison
- 3.) Rowena Kiseberth born 3/1/1859 married Absolum Mowery & Charles Daub.
- 4.) Mary Elen Kiseberth born 12/24/1861 married Jacob Sheller
- 5.) Maria E. Kiseberth born

10/16/1863 married William W. Spoon

6.) Infant born & died 3/6/1866

7.) Clara Etta Kiseberth born October 20, 1868 married Joseph H. Mauk

8.) Sarah Adella Kiseberth born 5/24/1875 married Marion Edwin Winters

The quaint little cemetery called Liberty Center near Kansas, Ohio in Liberty Township shows Kiseberth on all family grave markers.

The spelling Kiseberth gave way to the current Kisaberth with James Albert Kiseberth's sons namely Arthur W., John Ivan, and Charles R. The sole sibling to keep Kiseberth was Chester Earl. His daughters Evelyn Doris Swartzmiller and Helen Sullivan are the last to use Kiseberth.

There are only a handful of Kiseberths left today but some of the families have children to carry on the name for at least a few more generations. These families center around Tiffin, Ohio and Portland, Oregon.



Gilboa to Michigan's Upper Peninsula The Kisabeths

From the rich soil in the farmlands around Ohio's northeast to the sweet smell of "pine trees" in Michigan's Upper Peninsula we traced the Kisabeth family. Spanning four generations starting with George Kisseberth and continuing up to the retirement paradise of the Kisabeth brothers we follow this story.

George Kisseberth was the son of Johann Georg (George) and Anna Catharina (Osmann) Kisseberth of Tiffin and Seneca County, Ohio. After his father's early death in 1860 George along with brothers Jacob and Philip were left to care for their mother and to take charge of the operation of the farm. George later moved to Gilboa, Ohio. Gilboa today is just a very tiny village in Blanchard Township, Putnam County, Ohio. But back around a hundred years ago it was a thriving little community and home to some of our Kisseberth families. The surrounding area is rich in farming. George settled in tiny Gilboa and married Jemima Keel (first marriage was to a man named Ward). The marriage produced two children; Eva and Fredrick A. Not much is known about the daughter Eva. It is reported that she had married a man by the name of Conn and lived in Lima, Ohio. The names of their children were; Leona, Clifford and Vera.

It seems that George either divorced or lost his wife in death. She did pass away on November 13, 1903 and is buried in Harmon Cemetery at Globe. Recently uncovered was a 1919 Fostoria City Directory listing a George Kisseberth and wife Rhoda, laborer and living at 881 Columbus Avenue. I found a Rhoda V. Kisebeth as having died at age 78 years in 1942. She was probably George's second wife. No children were born in this marriage. At the time of his brother Gabriel's sudden death (December 14, 1908), George was actually present in the shoe repair shop at the precise moment. He was living with Gabriel during this time. It ap

pears that George held odd jobs for the next ten years finally ending his life in a barn on the John Dewald farm southwest of Bascom. This occurred on December 19, 1919. He had been living with the Dewalds since April of that year. Up until that time he had lived on Columbus Street in Fostoria. The Dewalds could not account for this terrible act as George had been in good health and seemingly happy. He was seventy-two years old.

Fred Kisabeth, the son of George and Jemima (Keel) Kisseberth was born in Gilboa on December 28, 1879. His mother had died in 1903. On May 5, 1905 he married Eva Dindot in Grover Hill, Ohio. She was born in Spencerville, Ohio on September 20, 1882 to John and Laura (Baymen) Dindot. The couple moved to Advance, Michigan where Fred worked for a tannery. Fred transferred to West Hickory, Pennsylvania about 1919 working 19 years as a foreman for the West Hickory Tanning Company. They were blessed with seven children. In order of age they were:

Everett Leroy born October 23, 1905 in Advance, Michigan
Violet Mae (Schall) born June 5, 1907 in Advance, Michigan
Edna Lucille (Hodges) born March 21, 1910 in Advance, Michigan
Lyle Stephen born and died in 1912 in Advance, Michigan
Eldiva Marie (Douglas) born February 4, 1918 in Boyne City, Michigan
Pauline Vivian (Keller) born October 18, 1920 in West Hickory, PA.
Gloria Annette (Howe) born March 23, 1926 in West Hickory, PA.

Fredrick A. Kisseberth passed away August 14, 1942 in a Warren (PA) hospital after an extended illness. He was 62 years old. His wife, Eva died Thursday, November 19, 1968 in Sharp Convalescent Home in Plesantville. She was 86 years old. This lovely couple was laid to rest in Mt. Collins Ceme



Fredrick A. Kisabeth (1879-1942)

tery in Tionesta, Pennsylvania.

Everett Leroy Kisabeth, the eldest son of Fredrick and Eva was born in 1905 at Advance, Michigan. Advance is a very small village located in Lower Michigan's scenic northwest corner. It was the birthplace of four of the Kisabeth children. He married Essie Evelyn Cook who was born September 19, 1907 in Buckley, Michigan. It was Essie who purchased the Upper Peninsula property by contract about 1925 from her grandmother's heirs. She wanted to keep it in the family. The Kisabeths moved to the Upper Peninsula in June 1945 from Erie, Pennsylvania. They lived there off and on until Essie passed away at the age of 75 in April 1983. Everett Leroy Kisabeth was only 55 years old when he died November 26, 1960 at the family's cottage on South Manistique Lake. Both are buried at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City, Michigan. Their children in order of age are:

Fred Alden Kisabeth born October 14, 1932 in San Diego, California. San Diego was his father's homeport while serving in the U.S. Navy. Fred's career was with the Idaho Department of

Lands as Assistant Director Lands, Minerals & Range Resources. He is now retired and enjoys family, traveling and outdoor activities. Fred married the former Rita Marie Slattery. She was born in Hancock, Michigan. Their three children were all born in Orofino, Idaho; Lisa Blanche (Cox), Diane Eden, and Suzanne Lee (Brower). Fred was appointed to the Idaho Forest Practices Advisory Committee and enjoys keeping abreast of forestry and land management issues.

Ted Marshall Kisabeth born March 22, 1934 in Warren, Pennsylvania. Ted was a Field Representative for a construction equipment company. He married Mary Joanne Fencley at Engadine, Michigan on June 28, 1958. They have one daughter, Maria Michele (Mrs. Robert Busk). Ted is now retired living on South Manistique Lake where he has established an excellent reputation on ORV, snowmobile and watercraft service and repair.

Jean Lynette Kisabeth born July 1, 1935 in West Hickory, Pennsylvania. She married Curtis Peterson in L'Anse, Michigan in June 1957. Their three children are; Cynthia (Crenshaw), Kristine (Fagan) and Curtis G. Peterson who married Brenda Smith. Jean later married Curt Cochrane who subsequently died in California of cancer. Jean was a Registered Nurse by profession and also a housewife. Jean also has retired to Manistique Lakes area after relocating from Roseville, California.

Jack Leroy Kisabeth born December 18, 1937 in West Hickory, Pennsylvania. In 1957 he married Shirley Jane Conlon in Newberry, Michigan. They were blessed with five lovely children; Steven J. who married Kathleen Williams, Teri L., Gayle J. who married Michael Wagner, Cheryl L. who married Dave Garrett and James A. who married Annette Bjournstad. Jack was a Plant Foreman at Pontiac Motors (GM) having retired after 29 years. The Jack Kisabeths are enjoying retirement in their new home built on South Manistique Lake in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

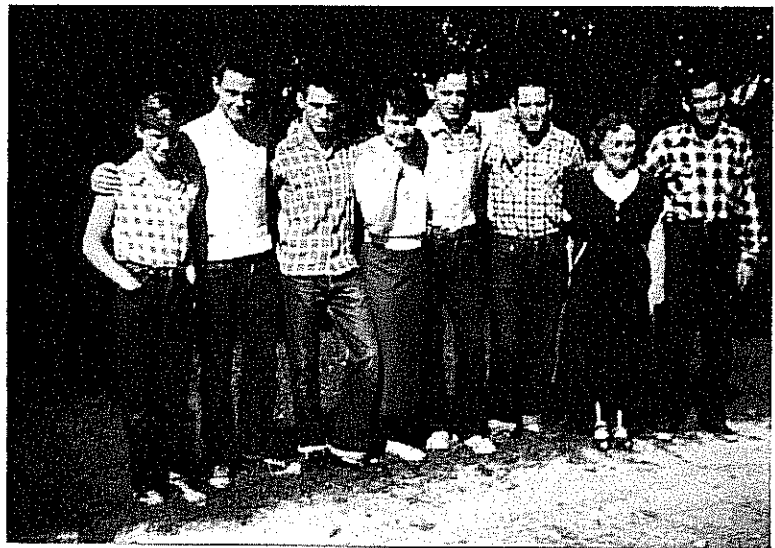
Jerry Lee Kisabeth born July 31, 1939 in Gladstone, Michigan, while mother Essie and the other children were visiting her mother (Margie Cook). Dr. Kisabeth is a Geophysicist (Research) for Conoco Oil Corporation. He married Marilyn Janet Russell and their three children are; Jerilyn Anne, Matthew Thomas, and Tonya Mary. Matthew, born in Fairbanks, Alaska is now an Optometrist and Tonya, born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada is an English teacher. Jerilyn was born in Brazos, Texas and is a Veterinarian. Jerry and wife Dona presently live and work in Oklahoma but are looking perhaps to either Montana or Wyoming for retirement. Jerry does have a summer cottage in the Manistique Lakes area. Donna recently completed a master's thesis in Geography at Oklahoma State University.

Helen Caryl Kisabeth born February 14, 1944 in Erie, Pennsylvania. She married Paul Allen Love and three children were born; Mark William, Lance Matthew and Jeanette Lynn (Blazvich). Helen was a Secretary for the US Dept. of Agriculture and for Southeastern

University. She was an independent person and hard worker. Helen Kisabeth passed away on March 16, 1997 at her Green Bay, Wisconsin apartment from a massive heart attack. She was only 53 years old.

So this ends the short story of the Upper Peninsula Kisabeths. From a hard-working first generation German-American farmer, George Kisseberth, to the grandchildren and great grandchildren of Everett Leroy Kisabeth, the proud tradition of working the land continues. From tiny Gilboa, Ohio to West Hickory, Pennsylvania and finally to South Manistique Lake in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, these Kisabeths continue to flourish.

Special thanks to Fred A. Kisabeth who has spent countless hours trying to gather names, places and dates for this specific Kisabeth branch of our family. Also Eldiva (Kisabeth) Douglas (1918-1995) was the real catalyst in obtaining information on the Fredrick Kisabeth (1879-1942) family.



The Everett L. & Essie E. (Cook) Kisabeth Family 1957 or 1958

Left to right: Helen, Jerry, Jack, Jean, Ted, Fred, Essie and Everett Kisabeth



Kispert Origin

Another branch of the "Familie Kuschwert" is the surname *Kispert*. Like the spelling variant *Küspert* it is very difficult to actually place a date on the original spelling of this name. We find the name spelled *Kisperm* in Berlin and even *Kiespert* in Oklahoma, both from *Kispert*.

Kispert like *Küspert* has its beginnings in the Fichtelgebirge area of Upper Franconia, Bavaria. Regional, local or even family dialect seems to be responsible for an individual taking *Kispert* or *Küspert* as most experts agree that they are virtually the same name. We cite a few examples of an immediate family using *Kispert* or *Küspert* interchangeably:

Johann Heinrich *Küspert* (1839) was the son of John Matthaues *Kispert*.

Johann Georg *Küspert* (1839) was the son Andres *Kispert*.

Johann Michael *Küspert* (1842) was the son of Johann Martin *Kispert*.

Stefan Casper *Küspert*'s 5th great grandfather was Wolfgang Adam *Kispert*.

Nicholas *Küspert* on his marriage re-

cord (1842) but later used *Kispert*.

In the small town of Schönwald in the Fichtelgebirge there is a small guesthouse called "Ferienhaus *Kispert*". This house, although under new management, has been in the *Kispert* family since 1768 starting with a Johann Wolfgang *Kispert*. What makes this small "haus" a landmark is that painted on the outside of the building is a *Kispert* coat-of-arms. The new ownership has very graciously provided us with a drawing and explanation of the Arms. It's origin is not known but the brief history is very interesting indeed. Translated into English it says:

"The family Kispert, an ancient and honorable citizen/towns family, has a blue shield, a silver upright, to the left walking Griffin, which symbolizes wisdom and strength of the family. The closed helmet with the shield-figure present, bears witness of the proven descent of sams. The family received the shield around the 14th century in Oberfranken (Upper Franconia). It is to be found in the historical department of the Heraldic Shield collection. B II 84."

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I have yet to find the specific source of this coat of arms but it demonstrates that the surname *Kispert* has been in the Fichtelgebirge area since the 1300's.

One of the official books on family coat-of-arms is *Reitstap*. Our arms is recorded under the name *Kispert* but many *Küsperts*, *Kisseberths* and *Kisabeths* claim it as their arms also. It was granted in 1867 to Anna *Kispert* who married a Baron Von Lindenfels. Heraldiker (Herald researcher) Hans Limbacher of Numberg explains in detail our coat-of-arms and refers to both *Küspert* and *Kispert*. The motto of the coat-of-arms says, "Nur der ehrt sich selbst, der seine Vorfahren ehrt," when translated means "Only he can honor himself who honors his ancestors"!!!!

There are over 120 telephone listings of *Kisperts*. Most in Germany, several families in Austria and numerous ones in America. Gene *Kispert* of Owatonna, Minnesota is our *Kispert* historian in America and I have a few *Kisperts* in Germany who have very graciously agreed to help in our continued research.

Kissenberth Origin

Our noted ancestor Leonhard *Kisseberth* (1590-1654) the criminal magistrate at Breuberg Castle in the Odenwald area of Hessen, Germany had two sons. The oldest son Leonhard (1627-1657) took the *Kissenberth* spelling (although the actual spelling change didn't occur until his son Johann Georg relocated to the village of Eschau. The magistrate's youngest son Johann Michael kept the *Kisseberth* spelling.

So we can say with reasonable accuracy that the probable progenitor of this branch of our family was Johann Georg *Kihseberth*, a blacksmith born to Leonhard & Margretha (Dingler) *Kihibert* in the village of Neustadt near the Breuberg Castle in 1650. At a young age, Johann Georg moved to the village of Eschau. It is here in Eschau that the *Kissenberth* spelling originated although our noted criminal magistrate at Castle Breuberg was once referred to as Leonhard *Kiesen-*

berth in a 1644 document. The small village of Eschau is located in northwestern Bavaria south of the larger city of Aschaffenburg. It is here where almost all the German *Kissenberths* live today.

It must be pointed out that during the 16th and 17th centuries in our history there were various spellings of our name. From 1578 the different spellings were; *Kuschwert*, *Khuschwerdt*, *Kuiswirth*, *Kissibert*, *Kissebert*, *Kisebert*, *Kisibert*, *Kihibert*, *Kihseberth*, *Kiesebert*, *Kiesenbert*, and *Kiehseberth* before finally giving way to the *Kisseberth*, *Kisaberth*, *Kisabeth* and *Kissenberth* spellings we use today.

Our noted family historian, Dr. Fritz *Kisseberth* (1914-1995) writes, "My father, Friedrich Wilhelm (1880-1951) had turned up a Professor *Kissenberth* in Wunsiedel before the war (WW2), who was descended from a branch of the same line, but one that we hadn't known existed." "So we wanted to try to find out in which generation this branch occurred." "It later came to light that our ancestors had come from the Fichtelgebirge and that Wunsiedel played a role in

this.

The actual spelling of *Kissenberth* occurred with our ancestor Hans Heinrich *Kissenberth* in the mid 18th century. Hans Heinrich was born September 29, 1767 and died August 30, 1820.

The foremost historian on the "Familie *Kissenberth*" was Fritz *Kissenberth*. He was born in 1879 in the town of Aschaffenburg and compiled a beautiful family tree chart. Together with his wife Lilli, he completed this genealogical chart in 1913.

Our current historians are William (Bill) *Kissenberth* of Merritt Island, Florida, Erwin *Kissenberth* of Rockledge, Florida and June *Kissenberth* of Long Island, New York.*

* The family of June *Kissenberth* are descendants of Baltazar *Kissenberth* whose name was changed upon arrival to America in 1872. He was born June 5, 1832 as Baltazar *Kisseberth*.



11th Annual Family Reunion

You are a stranger but once

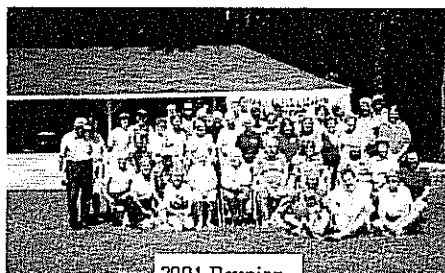
**11 Annual Family Reunion
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Kisabeth Kisseberth Kisa-
berth Kissenberth Küsspert
Kispert**

Date: Saturday, August 4th, 2001
Time: 10:30 am until Dusk
Location: Meadowbrook Park, Bas-
com, Ohio (between Fostoria & Tif-
fin)

This year will mark the 11th An-
nual Family Reunion of the
K*s*b*th related families. We have
a fun-filled event planned.

So.....
Bring 'em all - old ones, young
ones, short ones, tall ones, blood-
related ones, non blood-related
ones, in-laws and even out-laws.
Bring your camera and don't forget
old family papers, pictures, docu-
ments, and heirlooms to share. We
once again will have our expanded
family display table.

Since 1991 our reunions have to-
taled well over 1000 family mem-
bers. The Kisabeth cousins always
have a great turnout. The Kisse-
berth cousins also provide a good
showing. In the past we have had a



2001 Reunion

few Kisaberths. We have had 1 Kissen-
berth family attend. We have yet to be
represented by our Kuespert and Kisp-
ert cousins but hopefully that will hap-
pen. It would be an honor for us all to
have a German cousin attend our reun-
ion. Once again that special invitation is
going out to all our family members in
the "Vaterland."

Our great food menu is the highlight
of the reunion. Each year we offer a
family potluck where each of the near-
by families brings their favorite home-
made plate to pass. Remember to bring
your choice of meat and beverage. An-
other reminder for those of us with a
short drive to bring some lawn chairs
and perhaps a card table.

Our host motel will again be The Holi-
day Inn Express in Fostoria, just min-
utes from our reunion sight. For reser-
vations call their toll-free number, 1-
800-HOLIDAY. If you need maps,
places of interest, directions or any
other related information just call, write
or e-mail Gerald and/or Gordon Kisa-
berth. Our numbers are located in this
newsletter.

For the avid golfers, we are planning on

playing a round on Sunday August
5th. Details will be announced later.
If you plan on attending the reunion
and would like to play some golf, let
us know.

We will provide various games
such as the annual softball clash, the
egg-toss, and a 50-50 drawing. Re-
member, for the kids Meadowbrook
Park offers an excellent Olympic size
swimming pool. Also there is a con-
venient store close by as well as an
ice cream shoppe on the grounds.

Each year we reserve the Beech
Shelter at Meadowbrook Park for the
first Saturday in August. On the
Internet type www.mbpark.org for
details.

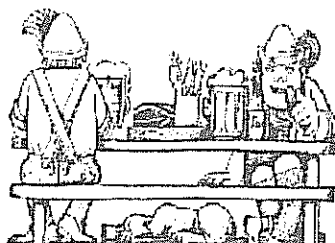
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CONGRATULATIONS

Erin Williams, daughter of Ken & Joan Kisabeth received her Master's Degree from Wayne State University School of Psychology. Erin has recently taken a position as a psychologist for the Detroit Public Schools. Erin has her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Michigan State University.

Lisa (Kisabeth) Deasley received her Master's of Business Administration Degree from Eastern Michigan University School of Business this past summer. Lisa completed her bachelor's degree from the Uni

versity of Michigan.. She has held a position with Ascension Health System until last year when she decided to postpone her career and expand the family.

In December **Daniel C. Kisabeth**, son of Gerald & Pamela Kisabeth received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Finance from Michigan State University . He follows a list of Kisabeth graduates from MSU namely, Philip & Kathy Kisabeth, Robert Foster Kisabeth. Daniel is currently enrolled in the Master's Degree program at Easter Michigan University.

David Kisabeth Jr. was married in Kansas City, Missouri this past year. David is the son of David Kisabeth Sr. and the grandson of Robert McClellan & Jimmye Kisabeth of Kiawah Island, South Carolina. David Jr. is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. His father graduated and played football for East Tennessee State University and was an Infantry Sergeant for the 4th Army in Vietnam receiving the Bronze star and the Purple Heart medals among others