

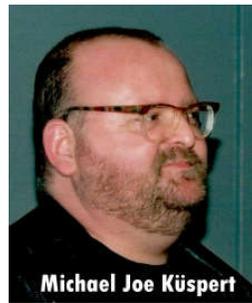
# Kisabeth Historical Review

*Kisabeth Kisseberth Kisaberth Kissenberth Küspert Kispert*

## Michael Joe Küspert

*Michael Joe Küspert, one of our cousins living in Germany, keeps us informed quite often. He is involved in another major project and wants us to share in his work. Let me give you a little background on Michael:*

*Michael Joe Küspert was born in our small ancestral village of Wunsiedel: <http://www.wunsiedel.de>. Wunsiedel, as many of you know, is located in the Fichtelgebirge (Spruce/Fur) Mountains in northeast Bavaria. This is the area where we first have written documents mentioning our ancestral name of Küschwert. It appears that the descendants remaining in the Fichtelgebirge area had their name involved into the various spellings of Küspert & Kispert while the name Kisseberth, Kissenberth entered into history's picture when an ancestor migrated west to the Odenwald area of Hessen. Kisabeth, as you know, was the spelling change after we immigrated to America in the 1840s.*



Michael Joe Küspert

*Michael Joe was born in 1957 and since 1977 he has been working for the film & TV business. He now lives in Berlin. He is a producer, director, scriptwriter and script consultant. For his documentaries and fiction films (his "Macanudo" received the Bronze Award at the Houston World Film Festival) he has received many awards both in Europe and the*

*US. He was publisher and editor of Plot Point, a magazine for script & project development.*

*His web site is:*

*<http://www.michaeljoekuespert.de>. Michael works under the artist name "Jean-Paul Raabe" also as a photographer and lyric poet. Here you can see and read some of his works: <http://www.jeanpaulraabe.de>*



Werner Küspert

*Michael Joe's youngest brother Werner Küspert is a jazz guitarist. You can check out Werner at: <http://www.wernerkuespert.de>.*

*Dr. Petra Küspert (<http://www.institut-fuer-lernfoerderung.de/index.html>) is the wife of Werner Küspert, once a well know rock singer now a famous therapist for dyslexic people and book author at: [http://www.amazon.de/exec/obidos/ASIN/3934333125/qid=1120289318/sr=8-1/ref=sr\\_8\\_xs\\_ap\\_i1\\_xgl/028-7577697-7322910](http://www.amazon.de/exec/obidos/ASIN/3934333125/qid=1120289318/sr=8-1/ref=sr_8_xs_ap_i1_xgl/028-7577697-7322910).*



Petra Küspert

*Wolfgang Küspert is Michael's younger brother. Wolfgang, also a guitar player, was director of a music school for a while and is now a teacher of music therapists.*

*My brother Gordon Kisabeth & I received a nice email from Michael Joe at the end of May*

### Special points of interest:

- *Michael Joe Küspert our cousin from Germany*
- *We now have a Bavarian Pope*
- *Beer—What a German Treat*

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2005. *This is what he said:*

*"I thought about last year to attend the family reunion this year (2005), But unfortunately some days later is the day of the death of one of the worst men in the last century, Rudolf Hess. He was deputy of murderer Adolph Hitler and until his death was a stubborn war criminal. Unfortunately, Hess' grave is in my hometown of Wunsiedel and since his bones are lying there, the biggest annual demonstration of Nazi (Neo) in Europe takes place annually in small Wunsiedel. For years I have been asked to make a movie about this Neo-Nazi problem. And in 2005 I finally said I would. So now I need these days at the beginning of August to prepare for this movie. Please be so kind to have a look at this website about Wunsiedel's Nazi problem. And be so kind to send some greetings and other comments to Wunsiedel citizens and give the web address to family relatives."*

*If any of our Küspert-Kuespert-Kispert-Kisse(n)berth-Kisabeth-Kisaberth cousins want to read the web sites they are:*

*www.wunsiedel-ist-bunt.de*

*www.jugendini-wunsiedel.de*

*www.tag-der-demokratie.de*

*All web sites are in German. To receive a rough English translation:*

1. *highlight the web address & copy*
2. *go to Google search site & paste the web site*
2. *click on translation next to the web site.*

*Feel free to voice your opinion about the allowed demonstrations.*

*It seems that Rudolf Hess' grave is a "place of pilgrimage" annually to the small town of Wunsiedel (population: 10,000). After Hess's death in 1987 in Spandau Prison, neo-Nazis from Germany & Europe gathered in Wunsiedel, where Hess is buried, for a memorial march". The demonstrations take place every year around the day of Hess's death. They were banned from 1991 to 2000, during which time the neo-nazis tried to gather in other cities and even in countries (such as the Netherlands & Denmark). Since 2001 the demonstrations in Wunsiedel are legal again and over 5,000 neo-Nazis marched in 2003 and about 7,000 in 2004. These were among the biggest demonstrations in Germany since 1945. Michael Joe Küspert along with many citizens of Wunsiedel have been opposed to these demonstrations for years and he hopes that by making this anti-neo-Nazi rally documentary it will help in ending this annual event, at least, in the small town of Wunsiedel*

*Written July 2005 by Gerald L. Kisabeth*

*Michael Joe Küspert*



# We Have a Bavarian Pope (Joseph Alois Ratzinger)



*His Holiness  
Pope Benedict XVI*

Good news from the Vatican!!! We now have a Bavarian Pope. Pope Benedict XVI was born Joseph Alois Ratzinger in the Bavarian town of Markt am Inn on April 16, 1927. As our readers should know that our progenitor (first line of descent) KÜSCHWERT had

its written roots in the land of white & blue (Bavaria) around the 1300s. Our beginnings were in the Fichtelgebirge (Spruce/Fir) Mountains in northeast Bavaria while our new Pope hails from the southwest part east of Bavaria's capital Munich and north of Salzburg, Austria. Joseph's father was a police officer who was anti-Nazi and upon his retirement settled in the town of Traunstein



.. When Ratzinger turned 14 in 1941, as required by law he joined the Hitler Youth. He was not an enthusiastic member and requested to be taken off the rolls and refused to attend a single meeting. In 1943, at the

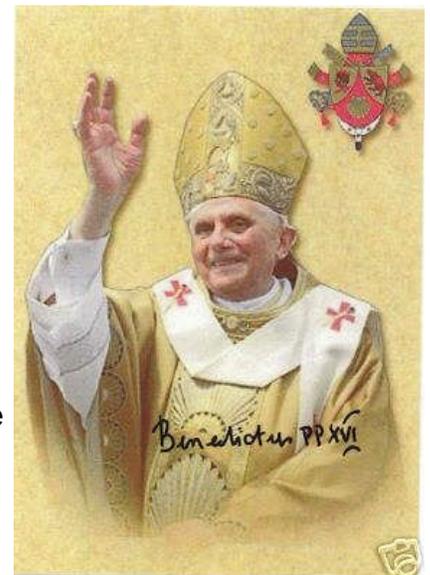
age of 16, Ratzinger was, along with the rest of his class, drafted into the Flak or anti-aircraft corps, responsible for the guarding of a BMW plant outside Munich. He was then sent for basic infantry training and was posted to Hungary, where he worked setting up anti-tank defenses

until deserting in April 1944. He was held briefly in an Allied POW camp, where he attended de-Nazification classes. By June he was released and he and his brother (Georg) entered a catholic seminary. On June 1951, Cardinal Faulhaber of Munich ordained them. Ratzinger's supporters say his experiences under the Nazi regime convinced him that the Church had to stand up for truth and freedom.



From 1959 until 1963 he was a professor at the University of Bonn. In 1966 he was chairman of dogmatic theology at the University of Münster and in 1969 he returned to Bavaria to the University of Regensburg, eventually rising to become its dean and vice-president.

In March 1977, Ratzinger was named Archbishop of Munich and Freising and in June Pope Paul VI named him Cardinal. Pope John Paul II named him prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on November 25, 1981. He resigned the Munich archdiocese in early 1982, became cardinal-bishop of Velletri Segni in 1993, vice dean of the College of Cardinals in 1998, and was



## Greetings

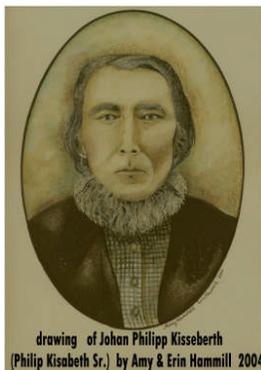
Well, we finally completed our August 2005 newsletter. Hope all is well with our relatives. We hope to have more newsletters in the future so keep in touch with our web site at [www.kisabeth.com](http://www.kisabeth.com) and please post your thoughts & comments. August 6, 2005 will mark our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Kisabeth-Kisse(n) berth-Kisaberth-Küspert-Kuespert-Kispert Family reunion at Meadowbrook Park in Bascom, Ohio. We hope that the weatherman will cooperate and we expect a nice turn out. Our annual event will once again feature some 'good old home cookin' as each of our locals will bring a favorite dish to pass. We will be giving away a nice German stein and will have our various displays, computer data-base and some old family heirlooms. For those of you who cannot attend this year, remember we have this family reunion each year on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of August. Time is 11 am until dusk with our traditional group picture & dinner scheduled for 1 pm. Hope to see you there!!!!

**Some brief newsmakers:**

**Kelly Kisabeth** and her new husband Jeremy will feature an August 13<sup>th</sup> Luau to celebrate their recent wedding. Kelli is the daughter of Michael & Maureen Kisabeth of Plymouth, Michigan & granddaughter of Foster B. & Bertha (Dobozy) Kisabeth.

**Robert Foster Kisabeth** has relocated once again. "Rob" has taken over the hotel management of Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Rob had managed the Rogers, Arkansas Embassy Suites & Convention Center.

**Bryan Deasley**, husband of Lisa Kisabeth Deasley and son-in-law of Gordon & Michele Kisabeth has been named Director of Sports for Siskinds Sports Management based in London, Ontario, Canada.



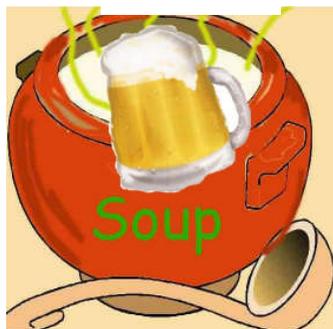
drawing of Johan Philipp Kisseberth (Philip Kisabeth Sr.) by Amy & Erin Hammill 2004

**William Kissenberth** writes that his son Dr. Michael Kissenberth has accepted a fellowship with Richard Hawkins (Stedman-Hawkins Clinic) and specializing in shoulders and elbows. Dr. Hawkins is also the Bronco's team doctor. Mike had previously been a major in the U.S. Army.

**Matthew Kisabeth, SR, F**, Bishop England High School has been selected to the South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association 2005 All-State Team. Matthew is the son of Charles W. & Anne (Daniel) Kisabeth of Charleston, SC & the grandson of Robert McClellan & Jimmye (Harris) Kisabeth Sr.

**BIERSUPPE (BEER SOUP) RECIPE**

*From grandmother's more thrifty times; rarely encountered today.*

**BIERSUPPE (BEER SOUP) RECIPE**

- 1 1/2 tb (heaping) flour
- 50 g Butter (3 1/2 Tbsp)
- 1 l Beer
- 1 sm Piece of cinnamon
- Sugar to taste
- 2 Egg yolk
- 1/8 l Milk (1/2 cup plus 1/2 Tbsp)
- Toasted white [French] bread

From grandmother's more thrifty times; rarely encountered today.

Brown the flour in the butter, then add beer. Add cinnamon and sugar and bring to a boil. Whisk together the egg yolk and milk and stir into the hot (but no longer boiling) beer. Strain, and serve with toasted slices of bread.

Serves 4

## German Beer (Bier)

It wouldn't be appropriate if sometime in writing these Kisabeth-Kisseberth-Kissenberth-Küspert-Kuespert-Kispert newsletters not to ,at least, mention the best beer in the world - German Beer.

The Germans have been enjoying beer since the ancient times making it synonymous with Germany. We have our baseball, apple pie &



Chevrolet slogan while the Germans have beer, sausage and lederhosen (especially in Bavaria).

To all Kisabeths and most Kisseberths the name Schimpf should be known. Our ancestor Georg Frirdrich Kisseberth (1777-1842?) married Maria Catharina Schimpf on June 19, 1804 in Nieder-Kinzig, Hessen, Germany. The couple immigrated to America in 1842 along with their sons & daughter. Schimpf in German means insult or affront. It is also a nickname for a humorous or playful person, from the Middle High German schimpf 'sport', 'play', 'amusement'.

In the town of Neustetten south of Stuggart, there is the Kronenbrauerei Remmingsheim with Alfred Schimpf as Brewmaster. The small brewery was started by his ancestor Julius Schimpf in 1878. In 1992 the Brauerfamilie gave their surname to the crown brewery & thus the slogan of today is, "Schimpf – the crown of

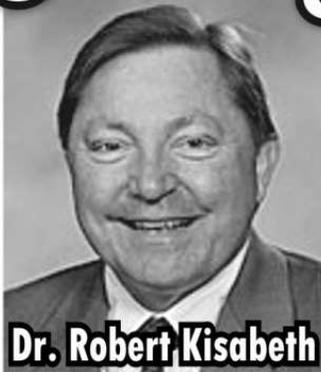
Swabian brewing art."

Little is known about our Schimpf family. We have Maria Catharina Schimpf marrying our Georg F. Kisseberth in 1804. Her father was Johann Peter Schimpf, a daily wage earner from the tiny village of Etzen Gesäß located next to the Kisseberth's village of Nieder Kinzig in the Odenwald area of Hessen. It is my opinion that our Schimpf ancestors originated from south of Hessen in the Swabian land of Baden-Württemberg and migrated a little north to Hessen.

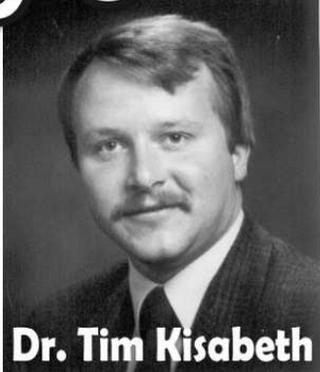
As of this writing no direct connection has been established between our Schimpf line and the descendants of the small brewery in Neustetten but it is sort of special to have a beer bearing the surname of your great-great-great grandmother. "I'll drink to that."



# Family Picture Page



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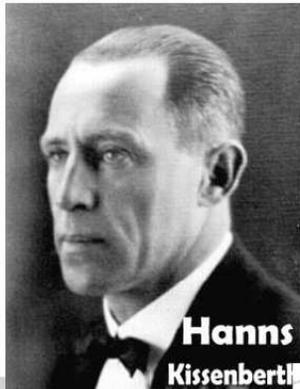
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**Dr. Charles Kisabeth**



**Ortie Kispert**



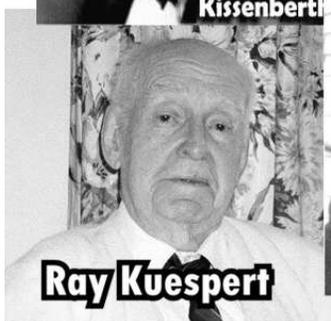
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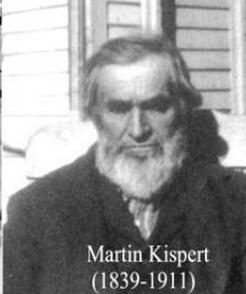
**Marianne & Fritz Kuspert**  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
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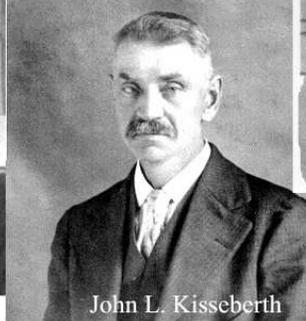
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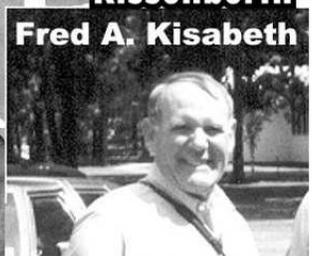
**Ray Kuespert**



Martin Kispert  
(1839-1911)



John L. Kisseberth



**Fred A. Kisabeth**



4th cousins

Foster Kisabeth

Kermit Kisseberth



**Margaret & Wm. Burdette Kisabeth**

1965

## Charles Shipley—Class of 2005

Charles Shipley, son of Charles & Barbara (Kisabeth) Shipley of Livonia, Michigan graduated from Churchill High School in Livonia. Charley has been active in hockey since he was a youth and is still engaged competitive at the local level. He played football



briefly and decided not to play hockey for his high school. Charles shows very good mechanical skills and plans to continue his studies in the Fall at nearby Schoolcraft College. Our congratulations to "little Charlie

**Küeschwert to Kisabeth Book**

Don't forget to order a family history book. They would make a wonderful Christmas gift for a family member.

This cost is \$30.00 and includes a CD-ROM to be viewed on you Computer.

Contact Gerald or Gordon Kisabeth for more information.

Gerald—734-844-2860  
or  
Gordon—734-453-5154



**Various Spellings of our name in 1500s  
(University of Leipzig)**

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**Kusswert, Kuhvert, Kuswert, -werth, Kussesswert, Küsswert, Kußwerth, Kueswerd, Kwswerdt, Kßwert Hinr. de Weysenstat i S 1491 B 63, b. W 1492 (II 334).**

— Ioh. de Weysenstadt i W 1500 . B 44, b. S 1503 (II 394), m. W 1507 (II 434), curs. 1508 (II 19), sent. 1510 (II 19).

— Nic. Weissensted. i S 1507 B 11, b. S 1508 (II 440).

## Classic German Burgers



- 2 lb Lean ground beef
- 1 med Onion, minced
- 3 tb Minced fresh parsley
- 2 Eggs, beaten
- 1/2 ts Salt
- 1/8 ts Pepper
- 1/8 ts Ground nutmeg
- 2 tb Flour
- Butter for frying
- 2 lg Onions, thinly sliced in Rings

Combine burger ingredients and shape into 6 patties. Fry in melted butter until desired doneness. Remove and keep warm. Fry onions in pan drippings until golden.

*Kisabeth Kisseberth Kisaberth  
Kissenberth Küspert Kispert*

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YOU ARE ONLY  
A STRANGER BUT ONCE

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## Reunion

All descendants and friends of the old medieval name of Küschwert are cordially invited to help celebrate our 15th consecutive annual reunion at Meadowbrook Park in quaint Bascom, Ohio on August 6, 2005.

The first known mention of our old surname Küschwert was in 1454. In the very small (3 or 4 houses & farm area) village of Tiefenbach in the Fichtelgebirge (Fir or Spruce Mountains) of northeastern Bavaria. From the Munich State Archives (Hauptstaatsarchiv München) it says. " Paul Plechschmidt received on April 23, 1454 for himself and his brother Jörg a farm located at the upper village of Tiefenbach where Kunz Küswert resides." So on April 23, 2004 we will mark the 550th year since the first mentioning of our early surname.....In the larger town of Wunsiedel the archives refers to a Kunz Küschwert as being a rich citizen between 1442 & 1451. So actually

**August 6, 2005**

the earliest date was 1442 but his true birth date was probably right around 1400.

Since the early 15th century the name Küschwert has descended into various surname spellings. The most common being, Küspert (Kuespert), Kispert, Kisseberth, Kissenberth, K i s a b e t h and K i s a b e r t h. On August 10, 1991 we held our 1st Annual Family Reunion at Meadowbrook Park in Bascom, Ohio. We had our largest crowd (138 family members) that year. The main reason we chose this location is that the farmlands of the Bascom area of Seneca County, Ohio is where our Kisseberth ancestors first settled in America during t h e 1 8 3 0 s & 1 8 4 0 s. In 1994 we had our first Kissenberth relatives attend, Erwin & wife Gertrud Kissenberth from R o c k l e d g e , F l o r i d a.