

Kisabeth Historical Review

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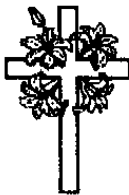
Greetings

As you have already noticed we have a new format for our newsletter. Thanks to the creativity of our publisher we will be using this "catchy" new heading in all subsequent issues. Our adopted new logo is that of the Castle Breuberg which has great historical significance in that our 16th century ancestor the criminal magistrate Leonhard Kisseberth resided there. We hope you like the new design.



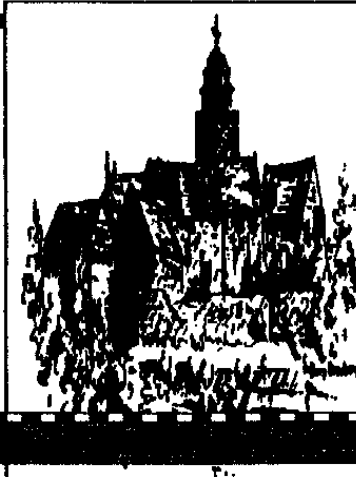
In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayer go out to the families of Mrs. Clyde Kisseberth of Toledo, Ohio and Mr. Jack Michaels of Burgoon, Ohio



Get-well wishes

Philip Kisabeth of San Jose, California
Glen Kisabeth of Belleville, Michigan
William Burdette Kisabeth of Lansing, Michigan



The 3rd Annual Kisseberth-Kisabeth-Kisaberth-Kissenberth Family Reunion will take place Saturday August 7, 1993 in Bascom, Ohio.

Picture Page

Starting with this issue and all future issues we will be including a picture page or document page. Our newsletter will also contain more pages. Don't be surprised to see you and your family in future newsletters.

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Queries

Most genealogical family newsletters contain a section for queries. A query is quite simply a question or to put a question to. We hope to include a section on queries in our newsletters. With a mailing list of over 110 relatives there must be some family history question out there. Write to us, we'd love to try and find out the answers to your questions.

Bachelor Party

Bridal Shower

Birthday Party

On Saturday May 29, 1993 a bachelor party was given for Robert Foster Kisabeth. Rob's brother-in-law Bryan Deasley MC'd the event. Fun was had for all. At the golf outing 84 year old Foster Kisabeth got himself a birdie -- not one under par but a real live bird. It seems the senior Kisabeth knocked down a robin in flight with his ball using a 9 iron. Nice shot Fos. Rob's bride-to-be Stef was given a bridal shower with Lisa (Kisabeth) Deasley organizing the event. On Sunday May 30, 1993 at the home of Gordon and Michele Kisabeth a birthday party was held. Foster Bryan Kisabeth celebrated his 84th year, while his 'little brother' William Burdette had his 80th birthday. Also Maureen Kisabeth and daughter Karen were well wished at the party for their May birthdays.

History

German Genealogical Terms

Our surname (Kiseberth-Kissenberth-Kisabeth-Kisaberth) all originated with the name Kuschwert in northeast Bavaria in the late fourteenth and early fifteenth centuries. Therefore we had a rather significant German influence over the years in each of our families and probably most of us are unaware of this heritage.

Just think a little over 100 years ago German was spoken in all our Kisse(n)berth households. With the forth-coming family history book a small working knowledge of the "Deutsche" language may be helpful as there will be many German records and documents shown. Each newsletter we will list a few German Genealogical words or terms with their english meaning in hopes of better acquainting our readers with the upcoming history book.

German	English	German	English
1.Familiennname	1.Surname	6.Kinder	6.children
2.geboren	2.born	7.Grossmutter	7.grandmother
3.ort	3.place	8.Grossvater	8.grandfather
4.verheiratet	4.marriage	9.Urgrossmutter	9.great-grandmother
5.gestorben	5.died	10.Urgrassvater	10.great-grandfather

Williams

1. Wilhelm Karl Kiseberth born 1 Feb 1842 in Wimpfen am Burg, Germany. -married Luise Schnecko 8 May 1879 in Oppenheim. Grandfather of Dr. med Fritz W. Kissenberth, family historian. -died 28 July 1912 in Frankfurt, Germany.
2. Wilhelm Theodor Kiseberth born 25 Oct 1835 in Germany. died as an infant 13 Nov 1835. son of Georg Friedrich Kiseberth and Maria D. Korner
3. Wilhelm (Williams) Kiseberth born 11 Jan 1833 in Nieder-Kinzig, Germany. Came to America in 1842 at the age of 9. Prominent farmer of Williams county, Ohio. -married Emeline Rosenberger 23 Nov. 1855. -died 15 Jan 1905.
4. William Kiseberth born Lucas County, Ohio son of Charles Kiseberth of Champaign, Ill. No further information. Grandchild of Charles H. Kiseberth
5. William Kiseberth born 10 Jan 1840 in Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio. Prominent farmer in Putnam County. Died 25 Nov 1904 in Gilboa, Ohio
6. William Gerald Kiseberth born 18 Oct 1934 in Toledo, Ohio- Auto Business, mechanic, Toledo Baptist Temple Deacon, married Bonnie Sue Heatherly 26 Jun 1955 in Jellico, Tennessee. Son of Clyde Kiseberth
7. William Kiseberth - born 3 Dec 1858 in London Twp., Seneca Co., Ohio - married Rosa B. Baber 22 Oct 1882. Prominent farmer Six Corners, Mark Twp., Defiance County, Oh. - died 18 mar 1932, buried Lost Creek Cemetery, Defiance Co., Oh.
8. William Earl Kiseberth - born 26 May 1887 London Twp., Seneca Co., Oh.- married Carrie May McClellan 30 Jan 1909. Son of William Kiseberth, tenant farmer / Wayne Co. (Michigan) Forestry Dept. - died 28 Mar 1962. buried Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, Michigan
9. William Burdette Kiseberth- born 27 may 1913 in Hicksville Twp., Defiance Co., Oh. - married Margaret Edna Straub 18 Aug 1937. - employee John Deere Corporation- son of William Earl Kiseberth- resides in Lansing, Michigan.
10. William Kissenberth Sr. - born 29 Sept 1899 in New York, N.Y. - married Elisabeth Glinna - building contractor- died 26 Dec 1971. - son of John Kissenberth.
11. William Kissenberth Jr. - born 9 Mar 1935 in New York, N.Y. - married 31 May 1959 in Rockford, Illinois to Susanna F. Schmeeling. - Senior Engineer McDonnell Douglas - Lives in Merritt Island, Florida.

Dr. Fritz Kisseberth

Dr. med. (the German title/abbreviation for physician) Fritz Wilhelm Kisseberth is without question the leading historian on "Die Familie Kisseberth". He along with his father had spent over a half a century on Kisseberth family history research. Fritz Wilhelm Kisseberth was born on March 8, 1914 in Eilenburg, Germany. His parents were Friedrich Wilhelm and Bertha Susanne (Zeissig) Kisseberth. On July 30th 1949 he married Gertrud Brigitte Kiesslich in Frankfurt am Main. She was born September 4, 1923 in Landsberg to Johann Kiesslich Weber and Leopoldine Eltel. On March 10, 1952 their only child was born, a daughter named Regine Susanne Ilse-Marie Kisseberth. She married Roger Kuckert in Hildesheim February 11, 1985. Roger and Regine presently have no children and live in Nurnberg, Germany.



GERTRUD DR. FRITZ KISSEBERTH REGINE

In August 1989 my family shared a most memorable experience by visiting Dr. Kisseberth and his family. After staying with our German cousins Wilhelm and Anni Kisseberth in Michelstadt (about 50 miles southeast of Frankfurt) we traveled to southern Germany via the famed German Autobahn, often reaching speeds of over 110 mph. We met in Fussen, Germany and traveled together (we followed the doctor's car) to his summer home in Bichlbach-Tirol, Austria. This area has to be the most beautiful sight in the world, right smack in the middle of the Alps. It appeared to be right out of the movie "Heidi". Dr. Kisseberth put us in the small but gorgeous village hotel Hirschen which is known year around as a very popular ski resort. From taking a ski lift to the top of the Alps to walking barefoot in the "Good Luck / Health" mud path it was a unforgettable weekend and I thank God I spent it with my immediate family and my father. To this day we still talk about our visit with Dr. Kisseberth. Now retired Fritz Kisseberth

spends equal time between his two homes. From April until November he's in Tyrol, Austria while in the colder months he lives in Hildesheim, which is located in northern Germany. For many years he was a physician in both Hildesheim and Heinde.

REUNION UPDATE

DATE : Saturday, Aug. 7, 1993
TIME : 9am until dusk
LOCATION : Meadowbrook Park
Bascom, Ohio
419-937-2242

Meadowbrook Park is located on State Route 18 between Tiffin and Fostoria. This is the area where our ancestors first settled in 1832 and will mark the 161st year of our arrival in America from Germany. We again hope you will set aside this date and make every effort to attend. Last year's 2nd family reunion was a huge success with 112 relatives showing, many not knowing each other. Our family motto "You are only a stranger here but once", please tell all your uncles, aunts and cousins to show for the big event. If possible we ask you to drop us a note or call us as to how many in your party will be attending. Call or write Gerald or Gordon. Our address and phone numbers are in this newsletter. Bring your favorite dish to pass and your choice of meat. Last year we had a scrumptious array of good ole home cooking. Also bring your favorite beverage to drink. There is a swimming pool so have the kids bring their bathing suits. Remember our softball game so put the ball, mitt in the trunk. No reservations needed just come and have fun. Everyone is welcome



STOP-IN FOR A MINUTE & BROWSE THROUGH
OUR PICTURE AND COMPUTER EXHIBIT.

The 1st Kisse(n)berth-Kisaberth-Kisabeth Golf Tournament

The morning following our reunion we are hosting the 1st Family Golf Tournament. The inaugural event will just be a "fun" best ball tourney with the hopes of our tournament progressing to a fierce interfamily golfing war in future years. I've reserved 20 slots for the day but we need you to let us know (write or call) ahead of time so we can get an exact number.

**EVENT: 1st Annual Kisse(n)berth-Kisabeth Kisaberth
Golf Tournament**

**PLACE : Clinton Heights Golf Course
Tiffin, Ohio**

TIME : Sunday August 8th, 1993 9a.m.

FORMAT : 2 or 4 man best ball- 18 holes

FEE : under \$20.00 including cart

Reservations : call or write

Gerald Kisabeth or Gordon Kisabeth

313-455-9872 313-453-5154

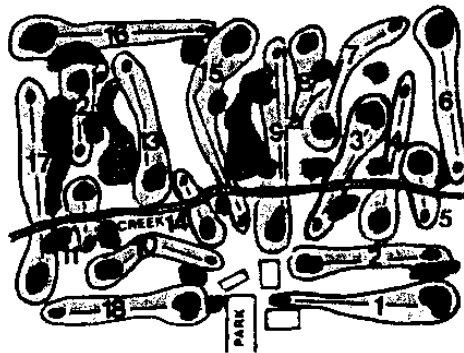


DIRECTIONS: From Tiffin, 3 miles north on St. Rt. 101, then right 1 mile on to 122.

1-419-447-8863



KEVIN BAKER
Manager



CLINTON HEIGHTS
TIFFIN, OHIO

Russell P. Kisseberth and The Turtle Club

Well known for many years as "Papa Turtle" Russell P. Kisseberth was born in Edgerton, Ohio in 1915. Edgerton is a small rural community in Williams County located in northwestern Ohio. His parents were Charles Randolph Kisseberth and Mary Anna Wonderly. The home was blessed with six children; Gertrude E. (Lano), Clarence, Jessie (Boddy), Rollie Lester, Charles Jr., and Russell P. The father died in



RUSSELL & JUNE KISSEBERTH

1938 while his mother passed in 1929. Both parents are buried at Lost Creek Cemetery, Farmers Township, Defiance County, Ohio. Russell's grandfather William (Wilhelm) Kisseberth, was a prominent Williams County farmer who came to America from Germany in 1842 at the age of nine.

In August of 1934, June Andrew became the wife of Russell. She was from Defiance. They had two children, Russell Jr. (born in 1935) and Carol (born in 1941). Russell Jr. and wife Jane have two daughters; June and Kim and one son, Russell Eric. Papa Turtle and June's only daughter Carol married Edward Griffin in August 1959. The Griffins have a son, Edward Scott and a daughter Stacy Lynn and live in Erie, Michigan.

Russ drove a Shortway bus in Toledo for twenty one years. In his spare time he started a carry out (beer and sandwiches) on Turtle Island in Lake Erie. He took supplies out by boat. Many fishermen would stop because of bad weather or they were hungry / thirsty. Half of Turtle Island was in Ohio and half in Michigan. For the carry out license they bought in Ohio but had to go to the Michigan side to drink their beer.

In 1956 he bought a small floating barge and started what became known as "The Turtle Club." The club was located on Edgewater Drive in Toledo's marina section called "Point Place". Moored in the Ottawa River, the tavern's three sides of windows and rear deck give a panoramic view of the marina. After a fire in 1974 the club is now three times the original size. In the summer boats tie up to the floating dock as do snowmobiles and ice boaters in the winter.



Known as "Papa Turtle" by anyone who stopped at the bar more than once,

Russ continued to be a father figure for many of the customers for over 32 years. Don Francis, present day manager of the Turtle Club said "Kind by nature Russ Kisseberth was never the less too good a business operator to treat his friends different from anyone else who sat across the bar from him."

After suffering an apparent heart attack while vacationing in Mexico two weeks prior, Russell P. Kisseberth died Saturday February 20, 1988 in St. Vincent Hospital. He was 72 years . Russ was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the West Toledo Lions Club.

"When Daddy passed away, I didn't have any intention of running the place." said Carol Griffin daughter and somewhat to her continuing surprise, the bar's operator. She says her father's personality so dominated the Turtle Club that "this place will never be the same without him"

Not that, in some ways, Russ. Kisseberth is all that far away. As his widow, June, said on a recent dreary day as she looked out at the river and nodded pleasantly; "He's just out here"

The Turtle Club, naturally, was the spot for Russ Kisseberth's well-attended wake (there was no funeral). His daughter recalled: "They took a boat out there and sprinkled his ashes. Every time we see the waves kick up now, we know we've done something wrong."

Since her father's death in 1988, Carol has been operating the club. But due to the upcoming rent increase and mounting maintenance needs she has very reluctantly made the decision to close down the famed Turtle Club after 37 years. Ironically, because the bar sits on leased land, Russ Kisseberth's survivors will have to pay to demolish what he so happily built. Originally set to close in May, Carol Griffin negotiate a deal with the landowner and will now remain open until Labor Day.

They say all good things must finally come to and end. The Turtle Club, yes,

but never the Turtle Club memories and it's creator Russell P. "Papa Turtle" Kisseberth.

excerpts from the Toledo Blade April 4, 1993



HISTORY BOOK UPDATE

Unfortunately our family history book will not be ready by the August 7th reunion date. Both Gordon and I are working on it in our spare time which seems to be somewhat too infrequent as of late. We want the book to be well-organized, neat, easily understood, very informative and relatively inexpensive. Our rough draft must be checked and rechecked for mistakes. When dealing with a great number of specific dates constant rechecking is a must.



If anyone feels like writing a short or long biography on their family please feel free to send it for the book. Also group family or individual pictures are welcome right up to the date we have to mail all the material for the book.

DONATIONS

Many many thanks to all of you that have contributed to the Kisse(n)berth-Kisabeth Kisabeth Family reunion / newsletter. We have received contributions from many of you. We will once again have the donation box at the reunion. To those of you unable to attend this years reunion you can send a small donation by mail. These funds help keep our newsletter going so that we won't have to charge for subscriptions and postage. We also ask that you please do not give more than your fair share. Any additional income over the cost of operating our newsletter will be applied to the cost of our history book and reunion materials.



THANKS

Thanks for the history information, donation, pictures and nice letters. Keep em' coming we love to receive mail. Special thanks to:

William Burdette Kisabeth
Clyde Kisseberth and son William
Dean Kisseberth
Calvin Cotrell
Bill Kisseberth
Richard Kisseberth

REUNION REMINDER

It would add a nice flavor to our August 7th reunion if each family would bring a family heirloom or some old family pictures to share. We will have a tent/shelter in addition to our large rented shelter just for computer printouts, pictures and possibly family heirlooms.



RECIPE CORNER

DAN'S CUCUMBER/ONION

Salad

SUBMITTED BY

Dan Kisabeth, age 15

son of Gerald & Pamela Kisabeth

My favorite summer dish created by my father but much improved by me.

- 1 cucumber
- 1/2 medium onion
- dash of salt
- 1/4 teaspoon Hot Hungarian paprika
- dash of seasoned salt
- 1/4 cup Kraft Fat-free peppercorn Ranch dressing

Peel cucumber and slice thin, sprinkle with salt. Slice onion thin and cut into halves. To the cucumber / onion add the Kraft dressing stirring in the paprika and the seasoned salt.

Enjoy. It's great and it's good for you. This dish must be eaten immediately—before you brother or dad get's to it.



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