

Kisabeth Historical Review

FROM OUR MEDIEVAL NAME OF KÜSCHWERT THE FOLLOWING NAMES HAVE EMERGED: KÜSPERT-KISPERT-KISSEBERTH-KISSENBERTH-KISABETH-KISABERTH

2016

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- DNA testing
- Jake Kisabeth going to Purdue
- Lena Christiana Kisabeth born February 13, 2016
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- Bill Kisabeth
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DNA Testing

“DNA” (Deoxyribonucleic acid, in layman terms, can be simply described as the molecular material from which genes are made. It is the substance that regulates physical differences and similarities among people. Just a few years ago DNA was virtually unheard of. Like fingerprints in 1920, a short time ago DNA was looked upon as scientific mumbo jumbo that really proved nothing. Now the incredible accuracy of DNA testing is widely accepted.

Why DNA testing for genealogy? Why not just

look up the records and be done with it? Let's face it - the paper trail runs cold or is nonexistent before a certain date in time. I am trying to relate all Kisabeths and variant-spelled clans (Kuspert Kispert-Kisseberth-Kissenberth-Kisaberth) from around the world. After working on our family history for almost 20 years and interacting with these various clans, it was clear to me that we might have to test our DNA in order to relate all the clans together.

Our written records show that the surnames

Kisseberth-Kissenberth-Kisabeth and Kisaberth come from a common ancestor, Jorg (George) Kuschwert of Wertheim am Main in the mid-1500s. Our records also show that the old medieval name of Kuschwert originated in the Fichtelgebirge area of Bavaria about 1400. But to bridge the gap between Kisseberth and Kuspert/Kispert we may need the help of DNA testing.

All men and only men have a Y chromosome. This biological fact allows us to trace back in time a direct, largely unchanged

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She has arrived!

Little Lena Christiana was born February 13, 2016 at 6:51 AM at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Weighing in at 6lbs, 10 oz., she is the daughter of Dan & Joy (Bosidis) Kisabeth

and sister of four year old Juliana Vienna Kisabeth (pictured). The proud grandparents are Gerald L. & Pam (Kampo) Kisabeth.



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genetic line of inheritance from father to son. Every woman has the same mtDNA (mitochondrial DNA) as her mother, her maternal grandmother, and so on. A man has the same mtDNA as his mother, but it will not be passed to his daughters, instead, his wife's mtDNA will go down in their daughter's lines, and in the lines of their daughter's daughters. As surnames are generally inherited along male lineage, this is a possible indication that the male bearers of a particular surname, especially if it is uncommon (like Kisseberth - Kuspert) may be related.

I have become very interested in this DNA testing for genealogy. Now that our family history book is complete I would like to do a study on the scientific connection of our various surname spellings.

There are various laboratories capable of performing DNA/Genealogy testing. The only problem is the cost. DNA testing is not cheap, actually it is quite expensive. The price ranges from about \$150 to \$300. I am willing to be the first volunteer from the Kisabeth-Kisseberth line. What we need is a Kuspert and Kispert volunteer. If we can get just one lone Kuspert and Kispert family member to submit to the DNA testing (and of course to pay the roughly \$200 fee) then we will have our connection. Perhaps we can start a DNA Kisseberth-Kuspert Kispert donation fund. Please, all I ask is to at least, think about volunteering. Remember, we need just 1 Kuspert and 1 Kispert to start the testing. But also remember, you must be pretty positive that you are a continuing Kuspert or Kispert male line. That is, you are quite sure that there is no instance of taking the mother's maiden name or adoption involved. This would be considered a mutation and testing would not show any connection. Also, I understand the extreme need for privacy and confidentiality, even when the goal is simply genealogy rather than courtroom or medical determinants. Most of the testing labs conform to State and Federal privacy legislation.

Our DNA Results

Submitted dna - 23&me and Ancestry

Our DNA has been tested by three test sites. We have been tested by Ancestry, FamilyTreeDNA and 23andme.

The good news is that Gerald Lee Kisabeth and Gordon William Kisabeth are indeed brothers. (they always kidded that Gordon was adopted.)

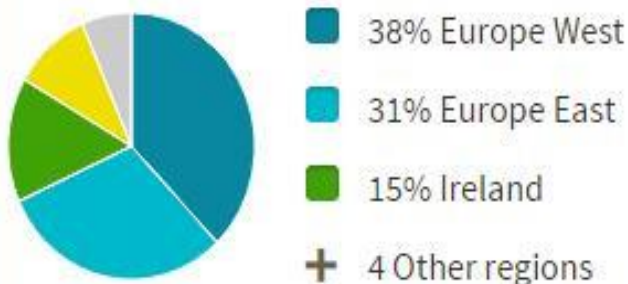
Our DNA tested as R1b1b2a1a1d which is a subgroup of R1b1b2. This shows a 99% European ancestry.

It breaks down to 30.6% French and German, 8.6% British and Irish and 31.4% Scandinavian. Also 31.4% Broadly Northern European. That breaks down to 9.9% Eastern European, 4.8% Balkan, 1.7% broadly Southern European and 9.9% Broadly European.

We found a lot of 2nd to 5th cousins. The closest so far is Mr. Jürgen Keilberth who comes from the area of Germany that the Kuschwert originate.

Most of the relative tested were from the McClellan side of the family.

ETHNICITY ESTIMATE



Congratulations to Jacob Foster Kisabeth



Jacob F. Kisabeth, son of Robert F. & Stephanie (Dooley) Kisabeth, is also the grandson of Gordon W. & Mary Michele (Case) Kisabeth. Gordon is the newsletter editor of *The Kisabeth Historical Review*. Jake has narrowed his choice of college, and has decided he will begin in the fall of 2016 at **Purdue University**. Purdue is located in West Lafayette, Indiana, only 65 miles from the capital, Indianapolis. The university has an excellent engineering program.

Jake plans to enter the Purdue University School of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AAE), which is the university's school of aerospace engineering contained within the Purdue University College of Engineering. The school offers BS, M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in aeronautical and astronautical engineering.

Their main offices, and some of its labs, are located in the Neil Armstrong Hall.

The AAE undergraduate program normally begins for students in their second year at the university, after completion of the common freshman engineering curriculum.

Students at Purdue set the foundation of basic engineering, including statics, dynamics, elementary structures, thermodynamics, and a broad introduction to the design of both aircraft and spacecraft in their sophomore years.



Purdue's junior class learns about aerodynamics, propulsion, structures, dynamics, and control systems. Some courses in the third year are available in both aeronautical and astronautical versions, and students choose the version of primary interest.

In their senior year, Purdue students pursue, in consultation with their academic advisor, two areas of concentration called their "major" and "minor". These are most commonly chosen from the disciplines of Aerodynamics, Structures and Materials, Propulsion, Dynamics and Control, and Aerospace Systems Design.

At the time of this writing, Jacob is awaiting word regarding academic scholarship funding.

Neil Alden Armstrong (August 5, 1930 – August 25, 2012) is one of many successful Purdue Aeronautical Engineering graduates. Armstrong was an American astronaut and the **first person to walk on the Moon**, and received his bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1955.

Jake will be 19 on July 16, 2016. He has a younger brother, Matthew William Kisabeth, born November 12, 1998.



Mark Twain

“Why pay money to have your family tree traced? Go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.”



German Ground Beef Stew

This recipe is easy to make and fast. Main ingredient is ground beef. Serve it with steamed rice or pasta. I make it with egg noodles or 'no yolk' egg noodles. You can make a big portion and freeze the rest but without the sour cream.

Ingredients:

- 2 medium sized onions
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 lb of ground beef lean
- 1 leek 5 tbsp tomato paste or

- concentrate
- 4 oz broth
- 1 tbsp mustard
- 1 tsp salt
- Sour cream (to taste)
- Cooking Instructions:**
- Chop onions and fry them briefly in oil and butter.
- Increase heat, add ground beef and fry it until slightly brown.
- Wash and cut leek in small pieces or slices.
- Reduce heat and add leek,

tomato paste, broth, and mustard, salt & paprika.

On low heat let it cook for about 15 minutes and stir frequently.

Add finished recipe over hot egg noodles and add sour cream.

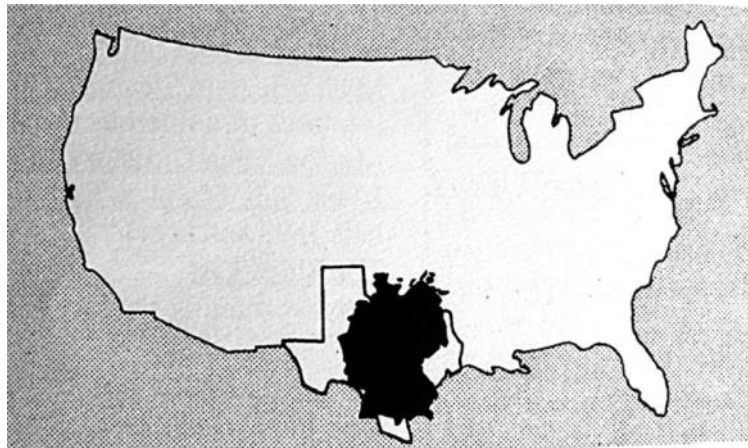


Küspert

The Küspert name featured in this newsletter belongs to the former president of the District Court of Regensburg, Peter Küspert. Born in 1955 he is a German judge. Between 2011 and 2015 he was President of the Higher Regional Court of Nürnberg. In another career move he now is the president of the top Bavarian Constitutional Court and Court of Appeals. His career in the Bavarian justice started

in August 1983 as a judge at the local courts of Wolf-ratshausen and Garmisch-Partenkirchen. After several years of a prosecutor and judge and three years working at the Federal Ministry of Justice, he was appointed (1992) Director of Government in the Bavarian Ministry of Justice and assigned to the Department of Corrections. Following this, he moved in 1998 for just over a year as a judge for OLG

Nürnberg until December 1999 he was back to the Ministry of Justice, where he headed a department in the Finance Division. Since March 2015 he has been President of the Higher Regional Court of Munich and the Bavarian Constitutional Court. Judge Peter Küspert is another fine representative of our proud surname Küspert.



The Federal Republic of Germany – a little more than two-thirds the size of Texas

Greetings

It has been a few years since our last newsletter (August 2012), to be exact. A lot has happened since that date. We have, as life goes, some family deaths, but we also have had some new little relatives born. Recently we lost Paul Kisseberth, Deacon Bill Kisseberth, Richard Kisaberth, Sandy (Kisabeth) Freeman, Virgil & Forrest Kisabeth (the 2 brothers 1 day apart), Roger Kisseberth, Rita (Kisseberth) Pompili and our regular reunion attendee Credora Cockrell among others.

Last July 25, 2015 we celebrated our 25th consecutive reunion at Meadowbrook Park in Bascom, Ohio. We thought the 25th was going to be the final collective reunion but after having a very nice gathering, we have decided to extend our reunions & have the 26th on July 23, 2016. Same place, same time, but please read further in this newsletter under 2016 Reunion News.

By subscribing to "Facebook", I have been fortunate to locate and contact new relatives. We would appreciate any new "K" relative writing us either here at www.kisabeth.com or at Facebook under Gerald or Gordon Kisabeth.

We are currently in the process of combining and finalizing an up-to-date database of all the "K" ancestors and their descendents. Our paper trail begins with our known progenitor Kunz Küswert in the early 14th century.

Johann Nicolaus Kisseberth (1812-1876)

The third son of Georg Friedrich and Maria Catharina (Schimpf) Kisseberth was born February 19, 1812 in the village of Nieder-Kinzig, Odenwald, Hessen, Germany. He was the only family member not to immigrate to America in the early 19th century. His brother Johann Georg Kisseberth started the immigration trail in 1832. But the major migration took place in July of 1842 when his parents and two other brothers and his sister made the journey. A younger brother Johann George (John G.) followed the family to America one year later in 1843.

Nicolaus Kisseberth married Maria Elisabetha Rexroth on January 1, 1841. She was from the larger town of Michelstadt just a few miles from his small village. Her parents were Johann Michael & Sophia Margretha (Creutz) Rexroth. The father was a well-established "Schlossermeister" (master fitter, metal worker or locksmith) in Michelstadt. The young couple decided to live in Michelstadt where he (Nicolaus) became a

"Schuhmachermeister" (master shoemaker). This family was blessed with seven children. In order of age they were: Ann Christine, Georg Karl, Johann Georg, Eva Sophie and Marie Jacobine. The other two children, Johann Georg & Anna Elisabeth died in infancy.

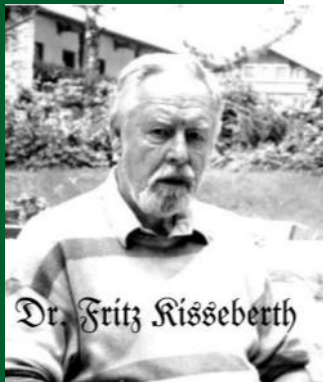
Georg Carl Kisseberth (1844-1912) married Elisabetha Seibert in 1880. They had four children, Johann George (b. 1881), Barbara (b.1882), Sophia Anna (b.1883) and Eduard. He was a farmer and shoemaker in Michelstadt.

Eduard Kisseberth was born on December 18, 1884. He married Auguste Hulda Gose. He was a butcher, a farmer and in 1912 became a night watchman and streetlight keeper. Six children were born to this union. In order of age they were: **Johann Georg (b.1910)**, Anna Sophie (b.1911), Emma Elisabethe (b.1912), Karl Wilhelm or Willi (b.1915), Eduard (b.1917) and Karl (b.1920).

“Gitti” Kisseberth

In searching the internet I have just recently discovered our dear cousin Gertrud Brigitte “Gitti” Kisseberth has passed away. She was the widow of our noted cousin and leading family researcher Dr. med. Fritz Wilhelm Kisseberth (1914-1995). Dr. Kisseberth, along with his father Friedrich Wilhelm (1880-1951) spent over 50 years researching the origins of our Kuschwert/Kisseberth surname in Germany. Gitti is survived by daughter Regine Kisseberth-Kuckert and husband Roger of Hildesheim.

In 1989 my family (myself, wife (Pam), 12 yr. old (Dan), 9 yr. old (Drew) and 80 yr. old father (Foster), traveled to Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Lichtenstein. While in the Alps we visited with our Dr. cousin Fritz and his family in their beautiful summer home in Bichlbach, Tyrol, Austria. It was an unforgettable experience for all of us.



*Wir sterben nie,
Weil wir nicht geboren wurden –
Wir haben nur vergessen,
Wer wir wirklich sind.
Und Deine Energie wohnt für immer in unseren Herzen!*

Gitti Kisseberth

* 4. 9. 1923 † 15. 11. 2014

Du warst eine leuchtende Sonne!

Regine und Roger Kisseberth-Kuckert

Gitti würde sich sehr über eine Spende für die liebevolle Demenzbetreuung in Halle Frauen. IBAN: DE75 2599 0011 4400 2858 00, BIC: GENODEF33HAN.

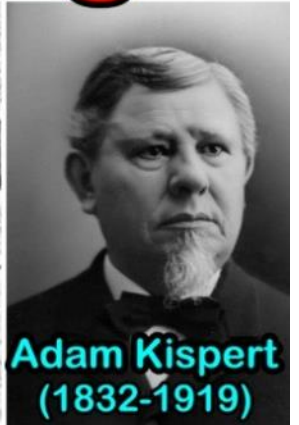
Die Trauerfeier mit anschließender Urnenbeisetzung findet im engsten Familienkreis statt.

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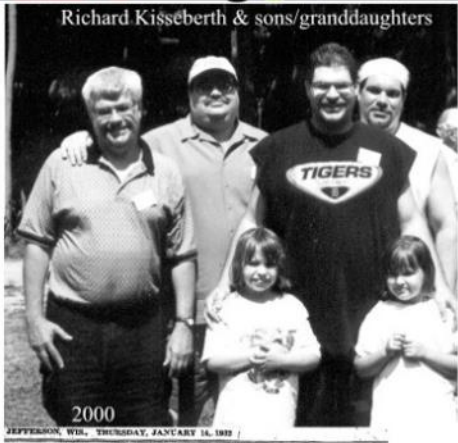
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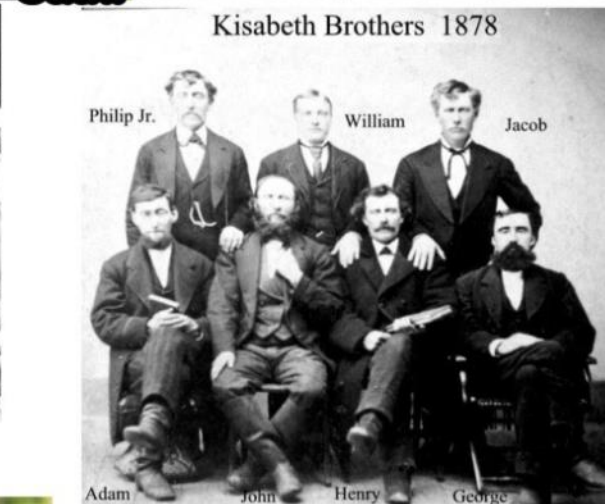
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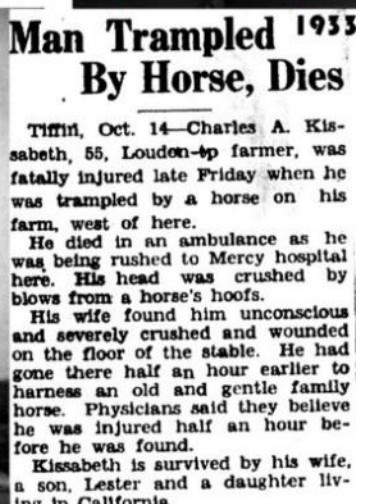
Adam Kispert (1832-1919)



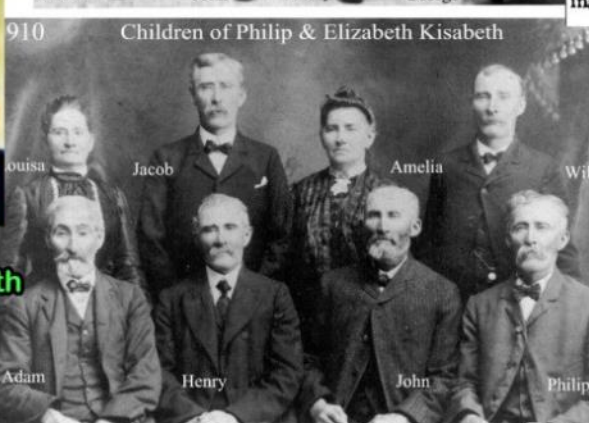
Richard Kisseberth & sons/granddaughters
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 In the Public Eye---George J. Kispert
 By BRUCE E. GRIGGS



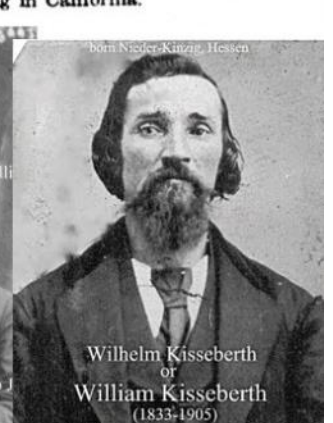
Kisebeth Brothers 1878



Martina Kissenberth



1910 Children of Philip & Elizabeth Kisebeth



Wilhelm Kisseberth or William Kisseberth (1833-1905)



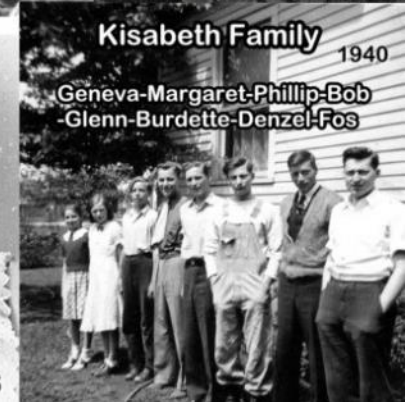
American & German cousins meet - 1989



Danielle Deasley



Della Kisaberth Winters



Kisebeth Family 1940
 Geneva-Margaret-Phillip-Bob-Glenn-Burdette-Denzel-Fos

Georg Kisseberth of Amberg



Cousin Georg Kisseberth of Amberg passed away in 1994 but we had shared some brief correspondence in the late 1980s and early 1990s. His brother, Wilhelm (Willi) of Michelstadt, shared his brother's military information when my family visited Germany in 1989.

Georg being the oldest son joined the German Army in 1928. He went on to become a Stabsfeldwebel (Master Sergeant) during the war. Georg served in Poland, Russia, France, Holland, Belgium and Italy. He later settled in Amberg, Bavaria.

Georg and his dear wife Anna lived in Amberg and raised two children, a son (Klaus) and a daughter (Gisela Meister). The grandchildren are, Christine (Maier) and Stephen Meister and Brigitte Roidl.

I hope to obtain more information on my 3rd cousin, once removed and his extended family and I will share it on this website. I have made contact with his grandson, Stephen Meister through Facebook. It is my hope that the family can share some additional information and pictures of Cousin Georg.



Christine (Maier)



Stephen Meister
Grandson

William G. (Bill) Kisseberth (1934-2015)



Our dear cousin Bill Kisseberth, age 81, passed away Friday November 20, 2015 in Toledo, Ohio. Bill was born on October 18, 1934 to Clyde & Margaret Kisseberth in Toledo. He was a regular attendee to our Annual Kisseberth-Kisabeth Reunions in Bascom, Ohio; Bill led us in opening prayer and thanks prior to our annual luncheons in Meadowbrook Park. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend many of the later reunions.

Being an ordained minister he was devoted to serving others and sharing the gospel. Bill was a faithful member of Emmanuel Baptist Church & Toledo Baptist Temple.

William Gerald Kisseberth is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Bonnie (Heatherly) Kisseberth; children, William "Kyle" Kisseberth, Pam (Tom) Mlynarczyk, David (Dawn) Kisseberth, Ken (Erica) Kisseberth and Kim (Tom) Roberts; grandchildren who called him Papa, Krystal, Natalia, Nichole, Sommer, Amber, Kristy, Josh, Bradley, Erica, Jamie, Josh, Jessica; 15 great-grandchildren and nephew Brad Kisseberth. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his granddaughters, Ashley and Danielle.