

## SOME NEWLY-DISCOVERED GERMAN ORIGINS FOR THE PALATINE FAMILIES OF NEW YORK–1710

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In 1969 I began my near-lifelong project of documenting and tracing all those courageous Palatine emigrants from Germany to colonial New York in the great exodus of 1709/10. Results of my intensive searches here and abroad were published in my two volume set *The Palatine Families of New York–1710* in 1985,<sup>1</sup> followed by my companion books, *More Palatine Families* in 1991,<sup>2</sup> and then the three-volume *Even More Palatine Families* (co-written with Lewis Bunker Rohrbach, CG) in 2002.<sup>3</sup> Most of the European investigations during all this time were conducted under my direction by the late and greatly-missed Carla Mittelstaedt-Kubaseck, who for twenty-one years literally went village to village for me in Germany looking for emigrants where I theorized they might be found.

The saving grace of my study has been in looking for the Palatines in *groups*, reinforcing the old genealogical axiom when encountering a brick wall to “study the neighbors.” So many times our forbears literally got off the boat with their fellow emigrant passengers and then kept interacting with these same old friends for generations as they made a new life in the New World. As if to prove the point, by looking at the whole forest and not just one tree, over 600 of the 847 Palatine families who showed up in New York in 1710 now have been documented in their ancestral European homes, as have nearly 1,500 later arrivals to the Middle Colonies who came in the great second wave of emigration 1717–1776. “They came together, they stayed together” has so often held true.

Since publication of my volumes and after Carla’s death in 1994, I have continued my searches overseas, but on a more limited scale. The clues afforded by

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<sup>1</sup> Henry Z Jones, Jr., *The Palatine Families of New York: A Study of the German Immigrants Who Arrived in Colonial New York in 1710*, 2 vols. (Universal City, California, 1985) (hereafter cited as Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York–1710*).

<sup>2</sup> Henry Z Jones, Jr., FASG, *More Palatine Families, Some Immigrants to the Middle Colonies 1717 – 1776 and their European Origins, Plus New Discoveries on German Families Who Arrived in Colonial New York in 1710* (Rockport, Maine, 1991) (hereafter cited as Jones, *More Palatine Families*).

<sup>3</sup> Henry Z Jones, Jr., FASG, and Lewis Bunker Rohrbach, CG, *Even More Palatine Families: 18<sup>th</sup> Century Immigrants to the American Colonies and Their German, Swiss, and American Origins*, 3 vols. (Camden, Maine, 2002) (hereafter cited as Jones and Rohrbach, *Even More Palatine Families*). See also Henry Z Jones, Jr., FASG, *The Palatine Families of Ireland*, 2nd ed. (Camden, Maine, 1990), and Henry Z Jones, Jr., FASG, and Annette Kunselman Burgert, *Westerwald To America: Some 18th Century German Immigrants* (Rockport, Maine, 1990), other books in this series about 18th century Palatine emigrants.

the extractions made from German parish registers via FamilySearch for the International Genealogical Index (IGI) have been one of the best door-openers in discovering the hitherto-unknown origins of the remaining Palatines yet to be found. After studying these extractions carefully, I then had Trudy Schenk of Salt Lake City, a widely respected author and genealogist specializing in Germanic research, gather even fuller information than what appeared on the skeleton of names and dates in the IGI.

So here then are a few more pre-1710 emigrant origins, meant to be used in conjunction with all the longer individual family sketches in my earlier volumes. I am keeping the original format utilized in all my books on the 1710 Palatines in this article, numbered and arranged by each family's appearance on the Hunter Subsistence Lists 1710–1712.<sup>4</sup> Hopefully this new data will serve as a springboard for your own further research.

ANNA CATHARINA BATZIN  
(*Hunter Lists #19*)

The marriage of this woman was found at Birkenau (14 km. south of Bensheim; Chbks. begin 1636, Evangelische). On 9 May 1698 were married Friedrich Batz, a soldier under Lieutenant Zincker's Company, with Catharina (*surname not given*), after the couple did repentance on Sunday Misericord because of committing premarital fornication. They were married during prayer hour.<sup>5</sup>

VALENTIN BRESSELER  
(*Hunter Lists #82*)

This emigrant family was documented in the registers of Zeiskam (4 km. east of Hochstadt; Chbks. begin 1682, Catholic).<sup>6</sup> The registers show that:

- i *Antonium Bresseler*. On 5 Feb. 1705 was bp. in the village of Hambach the infant Antonium who was born to the honorable married couple Joanne Valentino Bresseler and Christina Frantzel. Sponsors: Antonius Wilis and Anna Elisabetha Hurbicht, residents of the same village.
- ii *Joannes Wendelinus Bresseler*. On 8 Jan. 1708 was born the infant Joannes Wendelinus, parents J. Valentinus Bressler, a resident in Hambach, and Chatarina. Sponsors: Joannes Wendelinus Kegent, Zikhmeister(?) at the castle in Hambach, and Anna Maria Kolbin, unmarried.

It's too bad that "Elvis has left the building," as he might have enjoyed seeing that his emigrant Presley ancestor finally has been documented in his true ances-

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<sup>4</sup> New York Palatine Subsistence Lists of Governor Robert Hunter 1710–1712 (Colonial Office 5/1230 and 5/1231 in the Public Record Office [PRO], London).

<sup>5</sup> Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City, film #1,340,361.

<sup>6</sup> FHL film #247,678.

tral village in Germany.<sup>7</sup> We had established that the Bresselers originated somewhere near Niederhockstadt,<sup>8</sup> but we now know that Valentin and Christina lived close by that town at Hambach. Trudy Schenk reports that many families during this time and noted in the Zeiskam church book appeared to be servants at the castle there. This German material agrees with the family's Catholic origins as found on the London Census of Palatines in 1709,<sup>9</sup> and also with his wife's maiden name being a variation of *France* as found in the New York City Reformed Church Book<sup>10</sup> (her full name may have been "Christina Catharina" or "Catharina Christina," as suggested by the Zeiskam registers).<sup>11</sup>

JOHANNES DÖRNER  
(*Hunter Lists #139*)

The correct ancestral town of origin on this emigrant was Neckarbischofsheim (5 km. northeast of Sinsheim; Chbks. begin 1562, Evangelische). Johannes, son of Philipp Dörner, citizen here, and Anna Christina his wife, was baptized 12 July 1673. On 15 July 1703 Hannss Dörner, surviving son of the late Philipps Dörner, formerly citizen here, married Anna Margretha, surviving daughter of the late Lucas Buchen Mayer (sometimes written "Buchemaier"), formerly citizen here. Hans Dörner, citizen and day laborer here, and his wife Margaretha had issue:

- i *Johann Matthaeus Dörner*, b. 22 May 1704, but bp. at home because the child was weak. Sponsors: Hannss Adam, son of Hannss Philipps Schmid, the court councillor and citizen here who is single and of the Evangelical religion, and Matthaeus Bauer, a citizen and tailor here of the Reformed religion. There is a cross after this entry showing the child died.
- ii *Anna Maria Dörner*, b. noon, 7 Jan. 1708, and bp. afterwards because of weakness. Sponsors: Miss Anna Maria Störtzerin, daughter of Hans Matt. Stertzer [*sic*] here.<sup>12</sup>

There are no more entries on this couple in the Neckarbischofsheim registers after 1708. The year of Johannes Dörner's baptism in 1673 is one year off the age of 36 given in the list of Palatines remaining in New York City in 1710/1.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> The author has a special place in his heart for "The King Of Rock & Roll" as, in his "other life" besides genealogy, he was a character actor in many movies and sit-coms of the 60s and 70s and made his motion picture debut in a small role with Elvis Presley in MGM's *Girl Happy* in 1965.

<sup>8</sup> Jones, *More Palatine Families*, 322–23.

<sup>9</sup> "Lists of Germans from the Palatinate Who Came to England in 1709," compiled by John Tribbeko and George Ruperti (Colonial Office 388/76, Nos. 56, 56i, 56ii, 64, 68–70, PRO).

<sup>10</sup> Baptisms, New York City Dutch Church, 1:391.

<sup>11</sup> See Bresseler section in Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York–1710*, 1:102–4.

<sup>12</sup> FHL film #1,189,298.

<sup>13</sup> "List of the Palatines Remaining at New York, 1710," E. B. O'Callaghan, ed., in *The Documentary History of the State of New-York*, 3(1850):562.

FRANTZ FINCK  
(*Hunter Lists #197*)

The baptism of the emigrant was discovered at Birkenfeld (12 km. southwest of Idar-Oberstein; Chbks. begin 1568, Evangelische). Hans Adam Finck had a young son named Johann Frantz Finck baptized on 21 July 1682. Sponsors were Johann Frantz Jacobi, civil official, Hans Peter Boss, a blacksmith from Wolf, Herr Lutowici, castle Coprkan [*difficult to read*], and Miss Brigitta Elisabeth Sophia Catharina Finckin from Trarbach.<sup>14</sup>

JOHANN CHRIST GERLACH  
(*Hunter Lists #231*)

The marriage of this prominent Palatine Listmaster was documented at Mainz (22 km. northeast of Bingen; Chbks. begin 1628 at St. Christopher's Church, Catholic). On 12 April 1698, Joannes Christianus Gerlach, a bachelor from Laudembach in Hessen, married Anna Margaretha Schmullin from Heidelberg.<sup>15</sup>

This entry then agrees with the baptismal entry of their son Theobald, dated 26 November 1700 at Leutershausen, that calls the father "a Neuburg soldier from Laudembach near Hessen-Cassel."<sup>16</sup>

CONRAD GOLDMANN  
(*Hunter Lists #243*)

As noted in my books, the origin of this emigrant was at Gundheim (5 km. southwest of Osthofen; Chbks. begin 1699, Catholic). Conradus Goldmann, a widower and citizen in Gundheim, married 25 November 1700 Ursula, a Lutheran and wife of the late Johannes Sitz who was a citizen from Bernheim District. The witnesses to the marriage were the honorable Antonius Goldmann, a teacher at Gundheim, and Wilhelmus Daub, a citizen at Gundheim.<sup>17</sup>

ANNA MARIA GRAWSIN  
(*Hunter Lists #248*)

The baptism of Jacob Kraus, freeholder at Canajoharie, New York, in 1763, was discovered at Simmern (30 km. northwest of Bad Kreuznach; Chbks. begin 1616, Evangelische Reformed). Joh. Jacob, son of Hanss Jacob Krauss, was baptized 29

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<sup>14</sup> FHL film #492996.

<sup>15</sup> FHL film #957389.

<sup>16</sup> Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York—1710*, 1:277, and Jones, *More Palatine Families*, 335.

<sup>17</sup> FHL film #957,810.

October 1702. Sponsors were: Hanss Jacob Theiss, a court councilor, Maria Clara wife of Herr Ziegenhans, and Hanss Jacob Dickman from the Schafhof.<sup>18</sup>

#### JOHANN JOST HAYD

(*Hunter Lists #284*)

After Carla and I finally documented the ancestral home of the so-called “Baron of the Shenandoah,” Jost Hite, at Bonfeld in the Kraichgau in 1976 and discovered he was son of the local butcher there, Richard Hite and his thriving Hite Family Association have continued to search for more on this historically prominent 1709er, a friend of Washington and one of the larger landholders in Virginia. Utilizing researcher Sonja Hoeke-Nishimoto of Highland, Utah, several important finds were made on his ancestry. The marriage of Jost Hite’s parents was found at Jagstfeld (15 km. east of Bonfeld; Chbks. begin 1643). Johannes Heydt, legitimate son of Georgy Heydt, citizen of Kirchheim am Neckar, married Anna Magdalena, widow of Jois Christophori Bawern (or Bawren), illustrious citizen of Heinsheim, on 7 June 1679.<sup>19</sup> The registers of Kirchheim am Neckar (30 km. south of Jagstfeld; Chbks. begin 1639, Evangelische) show the baptism of Jost Hite’s father: Hans Heyd, child of Jergen Heyd and his wife Katharina, was baptized 30 August 1654. The Kirchheim registers also reveal that Catharina, widow of Jerg Heyd, died 11 July 1684, aged 72 years.<sup>20</sup>

#### JACOB HOFFMANN

(*Hunter Lists #317*)

The town of origin of this family very possibly was Hassloch (34 km. west of Heidelberg; Chbks. begin 1700, Lutheran). Jacob Hoffman, a widower, married Maria Elisabetha Nummerich, daughter of Henrich Nummerich, on 15 April 1704. Hanss Jacob Hoffmann and Maria Elisabetha had children:

- i *Benedikt Hoffmann*, b. 15 Feb. 1705. Sponsor: Benedikt Clauss, a resident here.
- ii *Johann Conrad Hoffmann*, b. 26 Jan. 1708. Sponsor: Johann Conrad Neff, a resident here.<sup>21</sup>

The family is gone from the Hassloch church registers by 1709; however, even though Hassloch was a real seedbed of emigration and the couple’s Christian names agree with New York records, as the surname is so common more substantiating evidence is needed to ensure that these indeed are our 1709ers.

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<sup>18</sup> FHL film #492,970.

<sup>19</sup> FHL film 891,721.

<sup>20</sup> FHL film 1,184,917.

<sup>21</sup> FHL film #488,291.

## JOHANN EBERHARD JUNG

*(Hunter Lists #344)*

In Volume I of *The Palatine Families of New York—1710*, I had theorized that due to juxtaposition of names on both the unalphabetized Rotterdam Lists of 1709 and the Hunter Subsistence Rolls that Johann Eberhard<sup>1</sup> Jung's origin might be near Siegen.<sup>22</sup> Therefore, it was good to see a marriage proclamation at Freudenberg (12 km. northwest of Siegen; Chbks. begin 1612, Evangelische) of Joh. Eberhard Jung, surviving son of Nicolaus Jung, at Kreissenbach in the parish of Netphen, with Anna Gertraut, daughter of David Schneider at Büschen, on 24 May 1705.<sup>23</sup>

These Christian names are carried on in the family in later New York baptisms, as Eberhard<sup>1</sup> Jung had a son Nicolaus<sup>2</sup>, born 16 Jan 1714,<sup>24</sup> and a grandson David<sup>3</sup>, baptized 5 April 1735.<sup>25</sup>

## JOHANN GEORG KAST

*(Hunter Lists #360)*

The marriage of this historically important emigrant was documented at Heidelberg (5 km. north of Leimen; Chbks. begin 1649). On 31 January 1700, the honorable bachelor Joh. Georg Kast, legitimate son of the Honorable Barthel Kasten "Herr" [*sic*], head master hunter from Venningen and leasing farmer, married Anna Kopertin, a daughter of Joh. Ludwig Kopert, a citizen and court counselor at Rohrbach.<sup>26</sup>

## ANNA MARIA KRÄMERIN—MICHAEL KRÄMER

*(Hunter Lists #404)*

This interesting family was documented at Westerburg (18 km. southeast of Hachenburg; Chbks. begin 1641, Evangelische). Johann Wilhelm Krämer and his (unnamed) wife had:

- i Christina, b. 3 March 1689.
- ii Johann Michael, bp. 30 Sept. 1691.
- iii Johann Adam, bp. 22 March 1696.
- iv Maria Elisabetha, bp. 21 Dec. 1698.

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<sup>22</sup> See the Jung section in Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York—1710*, 1:420–21.

<sup>23</sup> FHL film #596,764.

<sup>24</sup> "Records of the New York City Lutheran Church," in *Yearbook of the Holland Society of New York, 1903* (n.p., 1903), 56.

<sup>25</sup> Jean D. Worden, *First Reformed Church, Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York* (n.p., 1981), 57.

<sup>26</sup> FHL film #1,189,250.

- v Johann Henrich, bp. 11 June 1704.
- vi Ann Catharina, bp. 18 Aug. 1706.<sup>27</sup>

Children ii through vi agree exactly with the names, birth orders, and ages of the children of Anna Maria Krämer, widow of Wilhelm Krämer, as set forth in her listing in the roll of Palatines in New York City in 1710.<sup>28</sup> Johann Adam<sup>2</sup> Krämer is especially fascinating. After he was apprenticed in 1710, he eventually married on 28 January 1725 in Norwich, Connecticut, to a non-German woman named Miriam Cleveland and had nine children born there.<sup>29</sup>

JOHANN JACOB KUHN  
(Hunter Lists #411)

My esteemed colleague Dr. Bernd Gölzer of Neunkirchen/Saar, Germany, kindly sent me a bit more information on Hans Jacob Kuhn, noted as a daylaborer at Niederauerbach 1695–97, a swineherd at Breitfurt 1701–3, a herdsman at Breitfurt in 1705, a cowherd at Breitfurt in 1706, and a shepherd in Hornbach parish in 1708. The registers at Mimbach (6 km. west of Zweibrücken; Chbks. begin 1696) note that Hans Jacob Kuhn, son of Davidt Kuhnen, married Anna Elisabetha Gurtner, daughter of the late Christian Gurtner, on 4 January 1693. Bernd discovered two additional children not mentioned in *The Palatine Families of New York—1710*; the wife's name is called *Maria* on these entries, suggesting a probable 2nd marriage for the emigrant:

- i *Johann Christopel Kuhn*, bp. 6 March 1701 at the Rieschweiler Reformed Church.
- ii *Caspar Kuhn*, bp. in the spring of 1708 at the Hornbach Reformed Church.

SEBASTIAN LÖSCHER  
(Hunter Lists #461)

Another search at Sausenheim (4 km. southeast of Grünstadt; Chbks. begin 1584, Evangelische) brought forth one more baptism in the family of this emigrant:

- Johann Georg Löscher*, bp. 24 Oct. 1697, son of Sebastian Löscher. Sponsors: Johann Georg Helffer and his wife Barbara.<sup>30</sup>

He then would be the Johnn Georg, son of Bastian Loescher, who married the orphan Elisabetha Hemmer at the Camp on 2 February 1726.<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> FHL film #1,340,476.

<sup>28</sup> "List of the Palatines Remaining at New York, 1710," see note 13.

<sup>29</sup> See the Krämer section in Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York—1710*, 1:480–81.

<sup>30</sup> FHL film #193162.

<sup>31</sup> New York City Lutheran Chbk., cited in Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York—1710*, 1:573.

## ANNA CATHARINA MERTZIN

*(Hunter Lists #497)*

This family was documented at Weiler/Martinstein (14 km. northwest of Meisenheim; Chbk. begins 1667, Evangelische). On 20 January 1699 was born to Joh. Mertz of Birkenfeld who was staying here a daughter named Sophia Elisabetha Margreta and baptized on the 23rd. Sponsors: Sophia Elisabetha, my (the Pastor's) daughter; Maria Elisabetha, daughter of Urban Orth; Margreta Johanna, wife of Caspar Faber; H(err) Joh. Friedrich Schluffer; and Joh. Philip Molter.<sup>32</sup>

Sophia Elisabetha Margaretha Mertz was confirmed by Pastor Joshua Kocherthal at Queensberg on 23 March 1712.<sup>33</sup> She later married Andreas Barthel.<sup>34</sup>

## HENRICH MEYER

*(Hunter Lists #503)*

Friedrich R. Wollmershäuser, my longtime friend and fellow researcher, sent along a crucial entry from the Proceedings of the Baden-Durlach Secret Council. Heinrich Meyer of Dürrenbüchig was released from public work in 1707 and, along with Michel Göringer of the same place, has "rendered himself" to the Island of Carolina in 1709.<sup>35</sup>

## VEIT MUSIG

*(Hunter Lists #543)*

This family was found in the registers of Binau-near-Mosbach (10 km. west of Mosbach; Chbks. begin 1653, Evangelische).<sup>36</sup> Veit Müssig, son of the late Peter Müssig and of Elisabetha his wife, married Maria Catharina, daughter of Hans Bernhard Leiss and of Anna Maria his wife, after the proper proclamation on 7 February 1702. They had issue baptized at Binau:

- i *Anna Margaretha Müssig*, bp. 14 April 1703. Sponsor: Anna Margaretha, daughter of Hans Jürg Eyermann.
- ii *Anna Maria Müssig*, bp. 19 Sept. 1704. Sponsor: Christina Margaretha, wife of Johann Mayer, shoemaker, in Neckarelz. There is a cross "+" after the baptism of this child in the church book.

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<sup>32</sup> FHL film #493219.

<sup>33</sup> Pastor Frederick S. Weiser, *St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of West Camp, New York, Volume 1, Original Records, 1708-1843*, Picton Press CD-Rom (Rockport, Maine, 2004), 79.

<sup>34</sup> Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York-1710*, 1:17.

<sup>35</sup> Generallandesarchiv Karlsruhe 61/357 of 09.05.1707 and 61/359 of 14.08.1709 & 19.08.1709.

<sup>36</sup> FHL film #1,189,225.

- iii *Hans Adam Müssig*, bp. 20 April 1706. Sponsor: Hans Adam Hütter, citizen resident and innkeeper.

The family disappears from the Binau registers after this last entry in 1706. Veit Müssig's wife's name, Maria Catharina, agrees with her name in New York records.<sup>37</sup>

MARIA ELISABETH NELLESIN

(*Hunter Lists #546*)

JOHANN WILHELM NELLES

(*Hunter Lists #547*)

In *Even More Palatine Families*, I wrote of finally discovering the European origin of this family and verified the correct name of the emigrant couple as Rupert Nelles and his wife Maria Elisabetha Bundt.<sup>38</sup> I still am trying to document the German baptisms of their two sons, Christian and Wilhelm, in Europe. Wilhelm's old family Bible records his birth as "January {5} 1694." So it was fascinating to find that at Sankt Ignaz Church at Mainz (22 km. northeast of Bingen; Chbks. begin 1603, Catholic) a baptismal entry that said that Joannes Wilhelm, son of Rubert Nelles and Anna Maria his wife, was baptized 7 March 1672. The sponsor was Wilhelm Gedultig.<sup>39</sup>

Was the father on this entry our emigrant who was older than heretofore thought? Was the Rupert of Mainz the father of our emigrant Rupert? Investigations continue and time will tell.

BALTHASAR REICH

(*Hunter Lists #589*)

This 1709er was found at Leimen (20 km. south of Kaiserslautern; Chbks. begin 1696, Reformed, and 1700, Lutheran), home of Georg Hirchemer, Niclaus Hornich, and Johann Georg Kast,<sup>40</sup> who also settled in New York.<sup>41</sup> Balthasar Reich was a saltpeter maker in nearby Sandhausen. With his wife Dorothea, he had issue baptized at Leimen:

- i *Thomas Reich*, bp. 8 June 1698. Sponsor: Thomas Diester, baker(?) and citizen of Wiesloch.

<sup>37</sup> Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York—1710*, 2:684–87.

<sup>38</sup> Jones and Rohrbach, *Even More Palatine Families*, 3:1719–21.

<sup>39</sup> FHL film #957,274.

<sup>40</sup> Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York—1710*, 1:388–90, 402, 437–38.

<sup>41</sup> FHL film #1272780.

- ii *Anna Margaretha Reich*, bp. 8 Sept. 1703. Sponsor: Anna Margaretha, wife of the schoolteacher, H. Martin Franck, at Sandhausen.<sup>42</sup>
- iii *Anna Eva Reich*, bp. 29 Nov. 1705. Sponsor: Anna Eva, wife of Jörg Spettenstein, court councilor at Sandhausen.

The baptisms of Thomas and Anna Margaretha agree perfectly with the names and ages found in the List of Palatines Remaining in New York City in 1710/1.<sup>43</sup>

ANNA CATHARINA RIEDTIN  
(*Hunter Lists #600*)

An additional child of the emigrants was found at Steinwenden, home to so many 1709ers (14 km. west of Kaiserslautern; Chbks. begin 1684, Evangelische Reformed). Maria Catharina, daughter of Hans Georg Ried, miller in Steinwenden, and his wife Catharina, was baptized on 25 June 1690.

FRIDERICH ROUCH  
(*Hunter Lists #617*)

This family was documented at Bettberg/Betberg (Seefeldten) (6 km. northeast of Müllheim; Chbks. begin in 1663, Evangelische), where the emigrant was recorded as Fritz Rauch,<sup>44</sup> *Fritz* being the nickname for *Friederich*. Fritz Rauch, son of the late Fritz Rauch, married Maria Hassler from Nieder Tegernau in the district of Sausenburg, daughter of Rudolph Hassler from Nieder Tegernau, on 1 April 1700. Fritz was called a day laborer and citizen resident in 1708. They had children baptized at Bettberg:

- i *Fritz Rauch*, bp. 13 June 1700. Sponsors: Michael Fürfgeld; Hans Jerg Huglin; and Barbara Frey, wife of Mich. Erler. All the sponsors on this entry and all to follow were noted as from Seefeldten.
- ii *Hans Jerg Rauch*, bp. 27 Dec 1701. Sponsors: Michael Fürfgeld; Hans Jerg Huglin; Barbara Frey, wife of Mich. Erler; and Andreas Köhler, the cobbler.
- iii *Michael Rauch*, bp. 17 June 1704. Sponsors: Michael Fürfgeld; Hans Jerg Huglin; and Barbara Frey, wife of Mich. Erler.
- iv *Michael Rauch* (again), bp. 27 Dec 1705. Sponsors: Michael Fürfgeld; Hans Jerg Huglin; Barbara Frey, wife of Mich. Erler; and Fritz Argast.
- v *Matthias Rauch*, bp. 6 March 1708. Sponsors: Michael Fürfgeld; Hans Jerg Huglin; and Barbara Frey, wife of Mich. Erler.

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<sup>42</sup> See Jones and Rohrbach, *Even More Palatine Families*, 2:965–1016, for more on the schoolteacher Johann Martin Franck, who was prominent in North Carolina after his emigration there with the Von Graffenried party in 1710. I had thought that perhaps this sponsor in 1703 at Leimen might have been the North Carolina man of this same name who also was a schoolteacher, but not so. The Leimen schoolteacher, Johann Martin Franck, married twice and continued to have children baptized in Germany well past 1710 until his death in 1720 at the age of 61.

<sup>43</sup> “List of the Palatines Remaining at New York, 1710,” see note 13.

<sup>44</sup> FHL film #1,189,496, item 6.

The family disappears from the Bettberg registers after 1708. The match with known American data on Friederich Rauch/Rouch is excellent, as the emigrant 1709er had an older son Friederich Jr., naturalized with his father in 1715, and also another son Michael, later documented in colonial New York.<sup>45</sup>

### MAGDALENA SCHAWERIN

(Hunter Lists #642)

Finding more on Michael Schauer, noted at Massenbach in the Kraichgau as “a Catholic from Bavara,” and his wife Magdalena, called “a Lutheran” there, has proved to be illusive. However, a possible “hit” for more on this couple may well be a marriage found at Bobstadt/Mosbach (57 km. northeast of Massenbach; Chbks. begin 1606, Evangelische): on 23 May 1690 the humble Michel Scherer/Scherr [*hard to read*] married Anna Magdalena, daughter of the late Mathis Cap-pess. The couple had two sons baptized at Bobstadt:

- i *Hanss Michael Scheerer* [*sic*], bp. 12 Feb. 1691.
- ii *Hanss Martin Scherer* [*sic*], bp. 12 Nov. 1692. There are no other entries after that date in the Bobstadt registers.

Bobstadt is not that far away from Massenbach, which Pastor Joshua Kocherthal recorded as their German hometown in his West Camp Lutheran Church Book. The spelling found in the Bobstadt registers is fairly close to the way a Michel Schehart, his wife, and 2 children were recorded on Capt. Jno Untank’s ship in the 5th party of Palatines at Rotterdam in 1709, and also to the way the family sometimes was noted in Pennsylvania (“Schaurer”). Of course, more documentation is needed to make an absolute match, but this Bobstadt couple has the best potential found so far to be the correct emigrant family.

### JONAS SCHENCKEL

(Hunter Lists #646)

Although a few tidbits of data on the origin of this emigrant from Steinwenden (14 km. west of Kaiserslautern; Chbks. begin 1684, Evangelische Reformed) were presented in my *More Palatine Families*,<sup>46</sup> much more information on his pre-1709 activities were discovered in the registers there.<sup>47</sup> Jonas Schenkel, son of the late Johannes Schenkel from Kottweiler, married, 17 November 1693, Rosa Sybilla, daughter of Henrich Schmidt from Miesenbach. They had issue:

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<sup>45</sup> Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York—1710*, 2:803–6.

<sup>46</sup> Jones, *More Palatine Families*, 369.

<sup>47</sup> FHL film #488,733.

- i *Johann Michael Schenkel*, bp. 19 Sept. 1694. Sponsors: Michael Heyl and Elisabetha Catharina, wife of Philipp from Schrecke[*illegible letters*].
- ii *Johann Henrich Schenkel*, bp. 11 Aug. 1696. Sponsors: Hans Henrich Schmidt and Anna Barbara, wife of Jeremias Kleemann. The child d. 12 Aug. 1696.
- iii *Anna Elisabetha Schenkel*, bp. 27 Oct. 1697. Sponsors: Anna Margaretha, wife of Veit Heil; Wilhelm Heyl from Kottweiler; and Anna Elisabetha, wife of Hans Jacob Schrabel. The mother is called “Sybillina Rosa” on this entry.
- iv *Johan Henrich Schenkel*, bp. 16 May 1700. Sponsors: Hans Henrich Schmidt and Anna Eva, daughter of Jacob [*illegible*].

This German match with known Schenkel information about the American settler is perfect, with the New York Palatine’s wife being called “Sibylla” on the Simmendinger Register,<sup>48</sup> and known children of Jonas in the colony being Johann Henrich Schenkel and Anna Elisabetha Schenkel who married Peter Helm.<sup>49</sup>

#### MICHAEL SCHURTZ’S SON ANDREAS SCHURTZ (*Hunter Lists #704*)

When I give my genealogical seminars around the country, I often begin my presentations with the topic, “When The Sources Are Wrong!” It’s a situation that many family historians run into more times than we’d like to. Such is the case with this particular 1709er family being recorded with the above-given title in the Ledger Section of the Hunter Subsistence Lists. For literally years we looked in church book after church book for a Michael Schurtz/Schertz whose German-born children matched the names of known American issue of the emigrant. Nothing was found. Then one day I made a lucky find in the Catholic church book at Heppenheim on the Bergstrasse (a happy event which would have made a nice addition to one of my two *Psychic Roots: Serendipity & Intuition in Genealogy* volumes),<sup>50</sup> which opened the door to clarifying the true name of the progenitor of the Schurtz family. A child with the extremely unusual combination of names *Valentin David* was baptized on 22 March 1701, the parents listed as Johann Schürtz and wife Anna of “*Brunswaltz aus dem Ansbachischen*.” The 1701 baptismal date sounded right, comparing it with the New York Valentin David Schürtz’s confirmation at Queensburg in 1714.<sup>51</sup>

After much hard work and exhaustive digging, Eunice H. Young of Sandy, Utah, was able to establish the correct ancestral town for the Schürtz family as

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<sup>48</sup> Ulrich Simmendinger, *Warhoffte Und Glaubwürdige Verzeichniüss Jeniger Personen, Welche Sich Anno 1709 Unter Des Herren Wunderbarer Führung Aus Teutschland In Americam Oder Neue Welt Begeben . . .* (Reutlingen, Germany, ca. 1717).

<sup>49</sup> Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York–1710*, 2:848–49.

<sup>50</sup> Henry Z Jones, Jr., *Psychic Roots: Serendipity & Intuition in Genealogy* (Baltimore, 1993), and Henry Z Jones, Jr., *More Psychic Roots: Further Adventures in Serendipity & Intuition in Genealogy* (Baltimore, 1997).

<sup>51</sup> West Camp Lutheran Church, see note 33.

Bronnholzheim (32 km. northeast of Schwäbisch Hall). Entries on the family were documented at Gröningen (4 km. west of Bronnholzheim) and Hengstfeld (2 km. north of Bronnholzheim). The Gröningen registers show that Hanns, son of the late Georg Schurtz of Bronnholzheim, married Anna Blumenstock, daughter of Steffan Blumenstock Jr. and Barbara, on 4 February 1679. Johann, son of Georg and Apollonia Nayser Schurtz, was baptized on 30 March 1644; Anna Blumenstock was baptized on 16 April 1658. The children of Johannes Schürtz and wife Anna Blumenstock (all baptized at Gröningen except vii–ix) were:<sup>52</sup>

- i *Sophia Magdalena Schürtz*, bp. 15 Nov. 1679. Sponsor: Sophia Magdalena, daughter of the late Georg Kern of Helmshoffen.
- ii *Maria Schürtz*, bp. 26 March 1681. Sponsors: Maria [*illegible*]; Andreas Butz [*illegible*] of Bronnholzheim; and Sophia Magdalena, daughter of the late Georg Kern of Helmshoffen.
- iii *Hannss Michael Schürtz*, bp. 13 Oct. 1683. Sponsors: Andreas Butz and the baker Michael Hornung. (He m. Maria Elisabetha Stier in Hackensack, N.J., in 1711).
- iv *Andreas Schürtz*, bp. 8 May 1686. Sponsor: Michael Hornung of Schonbronn. (He m. Catharina Appolonia Steiver in N.Y.).
- v *Georg Schürtz*, bp. 19 March 1688. Sponsors: the baker Michael Hornung of Schonbronn and Andreas Butz. (He m. Anna Catharina Wusten in 1720 in N.Y.).
- vi *Anna Dorothea Schürtz*, bp. 9 March 1691. Sponsors were Sophia Magdalena, wife of Michael Hornung; and Maria, wife of Andreas Butz. (She m. Jacob Schäffer in N.Y.).
- vii *Eva Schürtz*, bp. 24 Jan. 1694. Sponsors were Magdalena, wife of the baker Michael Hornung; and Andreas Butz (Hengstfeld Chbk.). (She m. Johann Nicolaus Schmidt in N.Y., her gravestone noting she d. aged 59 in 1753).
- viii *Margaretha Schürtz*, bp. 22 May 1697. Sponsor: Maria, wife of Andreas Butz. She was bur. 9 March 1698, aged  $\frac{3}{4}$  years and 3 weeks (Hengstfeld Chbk.).
- ix *Valentin David Schürtz*, bp. 22 March 1701. Sponsor Valentin David Albrecht(?) (Heppenheim on the Bergstrasse Chbk., Catholic). (He m. Anna Catharina Müller in 1731 in N.Y.).

### JOHANN ADAM SCHÜTZ (Hunter Lists #705)

This family was found at Sandhausen (8 km. north of Wiesloch; Chbks. in the parish of Leimen, registers begin 1696, Reformed). FamilySearch noted the marriage of the couple at the Meisenheim Reformed Church when Hanss Adam Schütz married Anna Catharina Gastuphin on 8 January 1697. The actual entry in the register itself, however, could not be found when examined. The registers for Sandhausen show that Hanss Adam Schütz, a citizen at Sandhausen, and his wife Anna Catharina had issue:<sup>53</sup>

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<sup>52</sup> For a fuller documented study of the Schürtz and allied families further back in time, see the website of Eunice H. Young, <[www.euniceyoung.org](http://www.euniceyoung.org)>.

<sup>53</sup> FHL film #1,272,780, item #3, Sandhausen section.

- i *Hanss Georg Schütz*, bp. 6 Feb. 1698. Sponsor: Hanss Georg Schneider, citizen and shepherd at Sandhausen.
- ii *Susanna Schütz*, bp. 21 Nov. 1700. Sponsor: Susanna, present wife of Hanss Adam Rupp, a citizen at Sandhausen.
- iii *Maria Catharina Schütz*, bp. 30 May 1706. Sponsor: Maria Catharina Rennerin, daughter of the late Nickel Renner, an estate farmer at Bruchhausen.
- iv *Anna Barbara Schütz*, bp. 11 Aug. 1709. Sponsor: Anna Barbara Scheidin, a daughter of the late Hanss Scheid, a hunter at Sandhausen.

Susanna<sup>2</sup> Schütz sponsored Peter Glopp/Klopp in the Schoharie settlements in 1716.<sup>54</sup> Johann Adam Schütz was enrolled directly next to his old neighbor in Germany, Conrad Dieffenbach from Wiesloch near Sandhausen, on the Simmendinger Register in Neu-Ansberg in 1717.<sup>55</sup>

### SEBASTIAN SPEICHERMANN

(*Hunter Lists #728*)

The town of origin for this emigrant of the Hudson Valley was Waldgrehweiler, records in the parish of Ransweiler (1 km. south of Waldgrehweiler; Chbks. begin 1566, Evangelische). In the Meisenheim Chbk. (6 km. northwest of Waldgrehweiler; registers begin 1684, Lutheran), in a section of the registers there called *auswärts Getaufte* [i.e., outside baptisms], is an entry where the pastor records that on 17 January 1689 did I baptize a son at the house of Johannes Speicher [*sic*], who is a resident of Waldgrehweiler, given the name Johann Sebastian. Sponsors were Hanss Caspar Dürr, a resident there; Johann Sebastian Rund, a taylor/journeyman born in Schweina-by-Schmalkalden; and Anna Margretha, daughter of Peter Wentz, the mayor at Mannweiler.<sup>56</sup> The Ransweiler church books were then examined. No Speicher was found, but there was indeed a family of Speichermans. Johannes Speicherman, son of the late Bartholomaei Speicherman at Ransweiler, was married on 20 May 1686 to Anna Eva, daughter of the late Henrich Fürchter at Katzenbach. The Ransweiler registers go on to say that Barthel Spichermann here at Ransweiler was “pushed to death” by his wife on 29 April 1686 and was buried the following day, aged 66 years.<sup>57</sup>

Sebastiaen Spÿkerman was enrolled directly next to Johan Nicolaas Eemig in 1709 in the 2nd party of Palatines at Rotterdam;<sup>58</sup> Sebastian Speichermann was recorded next to this same Johann Niclaus Emich on 4 August 1710 on the

<sup>54</sup> West Camp Lutheran Church, see note 33.

<sup>55</sup> Simmendinger Register, see note 48.

<sup>56</sup> FHL film #193,975.

<sup>57</sup> FHL film #193,115.

<sup>58</sup> Palatine Embarkation Lists From Rotterdam, Holland, 1709, Treasury Papers 1/119: 6–10, 19–26, 58–65, 68–72, 79–82, PRO.

Hunter Subsistence Lists.<sup>59</sup> Emich originated in Germany near Speichermann at Marnheim, 20 km. east of Waldgrehweiler.

#### JACOB STERENBERGER

(*Hunter Lists #742*)

The marriage of the emigrant couple was discovered at Otterberg (8 km. northeast of Kaiserslautern; Chbks. begin 1687, Catholic) where it was recorded that on 22 November 1695 “was married Jacobus Sternberger with the honorable virgin Catharina Broccharts.”<sup>60</sup> (Two days earlier, on 20 November 1695, an Elisabetha Broccharts had married Nicolaus Niset at Otterberg).

Although other Sternbergers have been found in the Pfalz, this is the first time a marriage has been noted there with the exact same names as the American colonists. The time frame is good also to be a match, in that their marriage was in late 1695 and the 1711 list of Palatines Remaining in New York City show their eldest child Johann Lambert<sup>2</sup> being born circa 1697.<sup>61</sup> The Christian name *Lambert* is quite unusual in my experience for these emigrant families, so I was interested to see that the Otterberg Catholic Church Book notes that a Lamberti Brosschart and wife Elisabethae had a child born there in 1696. *Brosschart*, *Bruchart*, *Brockart*, *Bruchard*, and *Broccharts* are common spelling variants of the same surname found at Otterberg 1690–1710. Johann Lambert Sternberger’s name was probably derived then from the Brocchart side of the family. The Catholic reference is not surprising as “the wife of Jacob Sternberger” joined the West Camp Lutheran Church in 1712 as “Epis(copal),” meaning “Catholic” in that locale and time frame.<sup>62</sup> As did so many other New York Palatines, the family converted to Protestantism soon after their arrival.

#### ANDREAS THOMAS

(*Hunter Lists #762*)

This family was found at Pleizenhausen (2 km. north of Simmern; Chbks. begin 1666, Evangelische).<sup>63</sup> The children of Andreas Thomas baptized there were:

- i *Johann Christoph Thomas*, bp. 27 June 1700. Sponsors: Christoffel Leonhard from Niedkumbd; Johannes Wagner, son of the late Hans George Wagner at Kiesselbach; and (the wife of?) Johann Peter Schorg of Bubach, housewife.

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<sup>59</sup> Hunter Subsistence Lists.

<sup>60</sup> FHL film #488,739.

<sup>61</sup> “List of the Palatines Remaining at New York, 1710,” see note 13.

<sup>62</sup> West Camp Lutheran Church, 79, see note 33.

<sup>63</sup> FHL film #492,979.

- ii *Johann Jacob Thomas*, bp. 4 Feb. 1703. Sponsors: Jacob Thomas in Pleizenhausen; Johann Jacob Leonhard; and Maria Margaretha, wife of Michael Ritzerath. The mother is called Anna Maria on this entry.
- iii *Elisabetha Margaretha Thomas*, bp. 11 Oct. 1705. Sponsors: Stoffel Schlosser of Bergenhausen, the wife of Johann Nicklas Kurtz in Kiesselbach, and [*illegible*] of Brechwieler(?). The mother is called Anna Maria on this entry.
- iv *Johann Nickel Thomas*, bp. 27 Dec. 1707. Sponsors: Johann Nickel Nähler at Holzbach; Johann Leonard at Niederkumbd; and Maria Elisabetha, wife of Jost Paulus of Pleizenhausen.

There are no more references to this family at Pleizenhausen after 1707. The Hunter Lists suggest his first wife and some of his children died on the voyage to America. The baptism of his son Johann Christoph in 1700 holds up well when noting that a man of this name was naturalized with Andreas Thomas at Kingston, New York, in 1715.<sup>64</sup> This Christoph had children Henrich, born 1732, and Elisabetha, born 1733, no doubt named for his wife Anna Schrembling's parents, followed by children Andreas, born 1735, and then Maria, born 1737, named for his own. A match is further supported when one notes that the Elisabetha Margaretha Thomas baptized in 1705 in Pleizenhausen could have been the Elisabetha Thomas who sponsored Johann Christoph at Kingston, New York in 1733.<sup>65</sup>

#### JOHANN ELIAS ULRICH

(*Hunter Lists #771*)

More was found in Germany on this emigrant to add to what was discovered in earlier investigations at Frankweiler. Registers at Heidelberg (5 km. north of Leimen; Chbks. begin 1649) show that Joh. Elias Ulrich, a horse man with the volunteers and son of the late Georg Ulrich who was a scribe at the court of Meckenheim in the district of Neustadt, married on 24 January 1691 Miss Louysa Christina Jering, daughter of the late Wilhelm Jering, a commandant at Schwartzingen. This couple had a child baptized at Heidelberg named:

- i *Maria Felicitas Ulrich*, bp. 8 June 1692 to Johann Elias Ulrich from Hard-by-Neustadt and Louysa Christina, his wife. Sponsors: Carl Wilhelm, citizen and innkeeper of the inn named "Lamb" here, and Maria Felicitas, his wife.<sup>66</sup>

#### VALENTIN WEBER

(*Hunter Lists #787*)

The origin of this 1709er was the city of Zweibrücken (10 km. south of Homburg; Chbk. begins 1607, Evangelische). On 22 May 1703, Valentin Weber, son

<sup>64</sup> Naturalizations in Ulster Co., N.Y. Deeds, Vol. BB, unpagged.

<sup>65</sup> Jones, *The Palatine Families of New York-1710*, 2:1030-31.

<sup>66</sup> FHL film #1,189,252.

of the late Johannis Weber who was the town miller at Gelnhausen, married Magdalena Charlotta Welcker, daughter of Herr Casimir Welcker, a court counselor here.<sup>67</sup>

The unusual name of his wife *Charlotta* matches the “Valentin Weber and Scharlottin his wife” noted *auf dem Rarendantz* in New Jersey on the 1717 Simmendinger Register.<sup>68</sup>

#### MICHAEL WERNER

(*Hunter Lists #806*)

A matching entry to known New York church book data was found at Homburg (10 km. north of Zweibrücken; Chbks. begin 1681, Catholic). On 17 May 1693 was baptized Gertraud Werner, daughter of Hanss Michel Werner and Elisabeth Ber(?) who live in Schwartzzen near this town. Sponsors: Hanss Velt Julii and Gertraud Bosmeister.<sup>69</sup>

Anna Gertraud, daughter of Michael Werner, was married in New York to Christian Haber on 31 December 1711 by Pastor Joshua Kocherthal.<sup>70</sup>

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<sup>67</sup> FHL film #434,563.

<sup>68</sup> Simmendinger Register, see note 48.

<sup>69</sup> FHL film #1,057,459.

<sup>70</sup> West Camp Lutheran Church, see note 33.