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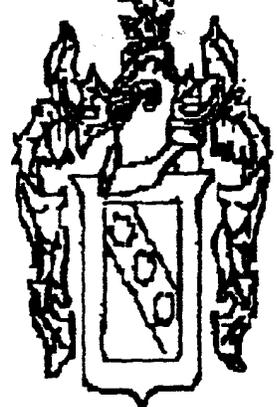
Just a note of thanks to all who sent information and pictures. I have tried to incorporate much of what was sent in. Our first edition was a moderate success. We would have liked a few more responses. Drop us a postcard or letter if you haven't done so yet just to let us know if you want to continue receiving our free newsletter. Of course, donations are always welcome. Please feel free to send any information you have regarding family members, their accomplishments, etc to me and I will be happy to share what I can. If you know of someone in the family who is not receiving the newsletter, please send in their names and mailing address so I can include them on the next edition.

COAT-OF-ARMS

Remember that the surnames of Kisabeth and Kisaberth are both derivatives of the main surname Kisseberth. According to Dr. Fritz Kisseberth, the foremost authority on the Familie Kisseberth, extensive research has been done concerning a family coat-of-arms. Unfortunately, the very valuable Graflich Erbachische Gesamtarchiv (Comprehensive Archive of the Earldom of Erbach) was completely demolished in September 1944 when the heaviest air raid on Darmstadt reduced 75% of the city to rubble and ashes. Likewise 80% of the holdings of the Darmstadt State Archives were destroyed. The Hessische Familiengeschichtliche Vereinigung (Hessian

Family History Society) lost its entire library with all its collections and card files. The Erbach archive had very extensive holdings and went a long

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SHIELD: Azure a bend argent charged with three mullets (8) gules the shield bordered or.

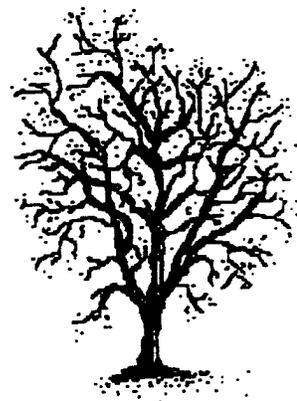
CREST: Out of a current or three plumes of ostrich gules, argent and azure.

way back. it contained many records of our ancestors and represents an Insurmountable hurdle for further research. It is probable that Leonard Kisseberth, Magistrate at the Breuberg Castle In the 17th century received a coat-of-arms. However, he did not necessarily have to have been granted one. He was completely free to create and adopt a coat-of-arms himself. Dr Kisseberth remembers his father once telling him that he had seen the coat-of-arms on a child's cradle at the home of a Kisseberth family In .Bad Homburg. But unfortunately these Kisseberths disappeared in World War II and no one has been able to locate them.

The accepted coat-of-arms for our family is that of KISPERT. This is from the 1900 Perthes collection and the reference source is the Armorial General by J.B. Rletstap. There are many similarities between the names KISSEBERTH AND KISPERT. Remember that our name has undergone many changes in the course of the centuries. The family originated In the Fichtel mountains In the medieval

town of Wunsiedel in northeast Bavaria. The probable progenitor there was Kunz Kuschwert. The ancient name of Kuschwert has never been researched. I believe that the four similar surnames of Kisseberth, Kissenberth, Kuspert and Kispert are all derivatives of our old ancient name Kuschwert. In the book "deutsche Namenkunde-unsere Famliennamen nadn Ihrer Eststehung und Bedeutung (Origin and meaning of a Family Name) it lists under the main "stamm" Gis: Kispert, Kuspert, Kisse (n)berth. This strongly suggests a common link between the **three names**. **Today**, several hundred years later in the area In and around the small town of Wunsiedel there are several families with the last name of Kuspert. Also in the book Deutsche Namenkunde" the prefix surnames KISP- and Kiss are Interchangeable. German regional dialects account for a great deal of inconsistency in surname spellings. Certain consonants can be pronounced alike, allowing for a variety of spelling possibilities. (Example B

for P) Note the German letter B and P are often interchanged and are indexed as one. In handwritten old German the letters sch looks very similar to letters sp. A letter written from Alfred F. Wolfer of the Akademie der Heraldik in 1973 suggest that according to the Kispert coat-of- arms representation It Is very likely to be connected with the earl of Erbach. Erbach being the central headquarters of the Odenwald section of Hessen and the area where may of our Kisseberth ancestors were known. The earls used to have 3 (2:1) stars in changing colors in their red and sliver divided plates. At the city rise of Erbach and Michelstadt in Odenwald these earls as territorial leaders awarded both armies arms, which represent diversion of there owns. The city of



Michelstadt coat of arms is blue-gold divided plate with 2 golden stars at the top. The coat of arms for the city of Erbach shows a red slanting beam with 3 red stars in it. The beam also used to be painted blue in earlier times. The coat-of-arms Kispert is very similar to the coat-of-arms of the city of Erbach. The stars with 8 rays appear in the oldest arms-illustration on seals of the 13th century also of the 'schenken' of Erbach of that time.

From the "genealogisches Handbuch des Adels" 1987:

HERALDIC DESCRIPTION

Shield: Azure a bend argent charged with three mullets (8) gules the shield bordered or.

Crest: Out of a coronet of three plumes of ostrich gules argent, and azure

Motto: None recorded

Reference Source:

Armorial General by J .B. Rletstap



JULY THANK YOU
Special individual thanks go to: Sandra Watson - Scott Kisabeth - Fred Kisabeth - Mary (Kisseberth) Ward - Geneva (Kisabeth) Birchall- George Woodard - Mrs. Marvalene Cook - Eva Smith - Ruth Houk - Thelma Postma - Emily Curie - Ms. Calvin.

NEEDED

Looking for a picture of Gabriel Kisseberth, early family pioneer of Putnam County, Ohio. He was a shoemaker and father of George of Gilboa and John L. of Benton Ridge, Ohio. He lived his last 15 years in Fostoria where he owned a shoe shop.

Births, Deaths, Etc Jessica Lynn born to Larry and Michele Kisseberth of Gilboa, Ohio on June 11, 1990

Mrs. Gennis (Kisseberth) Voorheis passed away June 6, 1990 in Bettsville, Ohio. I had just visited her in late May. She was 84 years old and still a very active insurance agent at the time of her death.

**ATTENTION ALL
KISSEBERTHS, KISABETHS**

AND KISABERTHS

It's a genealogical fact we are all related. The surname Kisseberth and Its two derivatives Kisabeth and Kisaberth all have a common ancestor. if anyone would like to know their relationship to any given relative just let us know. We are, at least 4th cousins to each other. Its a FACT.

REUNION

Our 1st annual Kisseberth/Kisabeth/Kisaberth family reunion is temporarily on hold. Meadowbrook Park near Fostoria / Tiffin, Ohio is all booked until after October. To give everyone proper planning notices we will probably set a date for early spring/summer of 1991. We would also like to have our History Book by then. Please, we need a Reunion Committee and ask that those of you with an Interest in participating on this committee or who have suggestions or ideas contact Gordon W. Kisabeth at (313) 463-6154 or Gerald L. Kisabeth at (313-485-9872) or write to us. Our addresses are in this newsletter. We look forward to a great turnout.

More details will be
Available in later editions.



FARRELL HANNA

Much credit should be given to cousin Farrell Henna for his collection of old Kisabeth pictures. I have copied his collection and still refer to him for genealogical information from time to time. Again thank you cousin Farrell.

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DEFIANCE COUNTY HISTORY BOOK

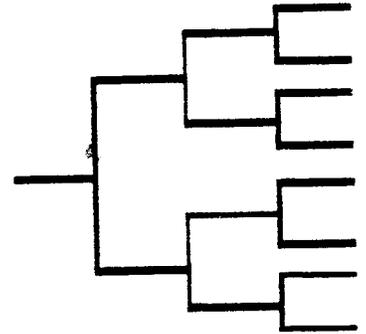
This book is ready for publication; we have several ancestors in it. There are stories and pictures on the following Philip Kisabeth Sr., William, William Earl, Foster B. Kisabeth, Noah, and Ephraim Kisabeth.

Hazel Cotrell is also featured. if you would like to reserve a copy call Mr.& Mrs. Eugene Andrews in Defiance, Ohio at 1-419-782-8551 or write to 709 Corwin St., Defiance Ohio 43512. A \$20.00 deposit ensures you a "early order" price.



OLDEST RECORDED ANCESTOR

Our oldest Kisseberth/Kisabeth/Kisabeth on record is Jacob Kisseberth of Bascom, Ohio. He reached 94 years and 9 days. The prominent farmer and his wife Barbara (Sheferly) had 14 children. Special thanks to his great grandson Dean for the priceless family photo for our history book.



Gerald W. Kisabeth and daughter K. Ziegler also provided us with some great old Jacob Kisseberth pictures.

OUR FAMILY HISTORY BOOK

We are progressing steadily. Still looking for a fairly inexpensive printer but when pictures are Included It gets costly. We will keep you informed.

NEXT MONTH
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