The Kilians in Germany
ca. 1560 to 1732

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The First Clue

Andreas Kilian’s Marriage Record in 1722
Andreas‘ Marriage Record
Transcript and Translation

Andreas Kilian von Artzbach und Magdalena Fischerin von Steinbach sind wegen getriebener Fornication nach dem Ausschreiben copuliert worden d. 6. Mai [1722].

Andreas Kilian from Artzbach [Arzbach] and Magdalena Fischer from Steinbach because of the act of fornication after the announcement were married on the 6th of May [1722].
The Building Where Andreas Married
The Clues in the Marriage Record

- Feuchtwangen: The nearest town with a jail
- 72 Steinbachs in Germany
- 6 Steinbachs in Bavaria
- 3 Steinbachs near Feuchtwangen
- 4 Arzbachs in Germany
- Steinbach an der Holzecke and Arzbach only about a half mile apart
Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg
9 miles from Feuchtwangen

Steinbach an der Holzecke

Arzbach

Erzberg
Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg
As seen from Steinbach an der Holzecke
Saint Gallus Church Book
37 Records Found

- Andreas baptismal record, 1702
- His 3 children’s baptismal records, 1724, 1726 and 1729
- His father’s 2 marriage records and burial records of his father and 2 wives.
- Baptismal records of 3 siblings and 8 half-siblings
- Burial records of a half-uncle and 2 half-aunts
- Baptismal records of 14 half-first-cousins
Weberhaus (Weaver House)
In Steinbach
Saint Gallus Church Cemetery

Saint Gallus old cemetery where Andreas’ parents were buried. This is now a lawn.

Saint Gallus new cemetery on the edge of the village
Where was Andreas’ Father Born?

Schambach

Schainbach

or

Schainbach
Saint Jakobus Church in Schainbach kept records after 1684.

Saint Lambertus Church in Hengstfeld kept records until 1670.

Saint Veit Church in Wallhausen kept records from 1671 to 1683.

2.5 miles to the east.

2.5 miles to the west.
Schainbach Records

Children of Georg Kilian and Apollonia

12 Children baptised in Hengstfeld, including Andreas‘ father, also named Andreas

4 Marriage records in Wallhausen, including Andreas‘ father and Anna Busch, copied from the Saint Gallus Church book in Erzberg

None of these 16 records gave Apollonia‘s maiden name.
Some of the Churches

Hengstfeld, Saint Lambertus Church before 1899

Hengstfeld baptismal Font

Schainbach Saint Jakobus Altar

Erzberg Saint Gallus Altar

Kleinansbach Saint Nikolas Altar

Saints: Katharina, Nikolas, Sebastian
Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg
Frankish Wehrkirche built before 1330, choir 1544
renovations 1580, 1652, 1722, 1859. 1930, 1992
Andreas’ Grandfather, Georg’s Baptismal Record Found in Limbach


The year 1616 the 13th of January a son was born to Georg Chilian [Kilian] and his wife Annae [Anna] and baptized Georg. The godfather was Sebastian Fluhrer.
2 Marriages of Georg Kilian

Ursula Raysigs, in Triensbach 1642, 5 children

Apollonia Burckard, in Triensbach 1649, 12 children including Andreas’ father

The first record says Georg Kilian was a farmer in Schainbach and the son of the late Georg Kilian. The second says he was a widower living in Lobenhausen.
Marriage of Andreas’ Great-Grandfather Georg Kilian and Anna Weldmann, 1611


One week after Epiphanias Georg, surviving son of the deceased Sebastian Khilian [Kilian] and Anna legitimate daughter of Georg Weldmann resident in Blaufelden were married in Rot am See on the 12th of February [1611].

Epiphanias is the 6th of January, 1st manifestation of Christ.
These records describe the farms of:

1. Sebastian Kilian in Kühnhard
2. Martin Kilian in Kühnhard
3. Georg Kilian in Limbach
4. Endris Kilian in Limbach
5. Andreas Kilian in Limbach
6. Hannß Kilian in Limbach

And what they had to pay the barons in money, services and goods.
When was Andreas‘ Great-Great-Grandfather Sebastian Kilian Born?

The 1612 record describing Sebastian‘s farm says: "... Martin Kilian had the farm years ago and before him his ancestor [Se]bastian Kilian." After Martin Michael Kupffer had the farm in 1612, but it is not known how long he had it.

By 1612 there were 2 holders of the farm after Sebastian. Each may have held it for a life time. We can only estimate his latest possible birth date as 1560 from what we know about his sons, but it was probably many years earlier.
Earlier Barons of Wollmershausen
Land Records

- The earliest Wollmershausen record in the archives is 1612
- Earlier records are private property of the family.
- They are held in Amlishagen Castle.
- They are not open to the public.
What are the Chances of Finding More?

30-Years War: The Most Destructive War Europe had Seen

In the 30-Years-War (1618 to 1648) Catholics and Protestants burned one another’s churches, towns and crops. Württemberg lost over 70% of its population. King Gustavus II Adolphus of Sweden was the most destructive. In Germany he destroyed:

- 2,000 castles,
- 18,000 villages
- 1,500 towns.

Most German church books began anew after 1650.
Where the Direct Line Kilians Lived

1: Kühnhard
   Sebastian ca. 1560 - bef. 1612

2: Limbach
   Georg Sr bef. 1612 – bef. 1642
   Georg Jr 1616 – ca. 1642

3: Lobenhausen
   Georg Jr. 1642- 1650

4: Schainbach
   Georg Jr 1651- 1665
   Andreas Sr. 1652-1677

5: Steinbach an der Holzecke
   Andreas Sr. 1677-1736
   Andreas jr. 1702-1732
   Leonhard 1724 - ?
   Anna Margaretha 1726 - ?
   Johann 1729 - ?
Georg Kilian and Ursula Raysigs had a son named Georg.

A marginal note in Georg’s baptismal record said he died on the 8th of August 1733 in Steinbach.

This proves the Georg Kilian buried in the Saint Gallus Cemetery on the 10th of August 1723 is the same person and he was Andreas’ father’s half-brother.

His descendants are still living in Schainbach where Andreas Kilian’s father was born.
Andreas‘ Half-uncle and Half-first Cousins

1. Sebastian Kilian ♂ b: before 1560, d: before the 12th of February 1611 ∞ unknown ♀

2. Georg Kilian ♂ b: before 1580 in Kühnhard, Baden-Württemberg ∞ Anna Weldmann ♀ m: the 12th of February 1611 in Limbach, Baden-Württemberg


5. Johann Jacob Lorenz Kilian ♂ b: 1684 in Steinbach an der Holzecke, Bavaria ∞ Maria Margaretha Klenck ♀

6. Johann Leonhard Kilian ♂ b: the 21st of May 1711 (twin) ∞ Lucia Rosina Wäckler ♀ m: before the 20th of October 1739
Our German Kilian Cousins in Schainbach, Mittelfranken

Maria and Walter Kilian with their grandson Matheo

Markus Kilian and his son Matheo

Dagmar, Wife of Markus Kilian
Our Cousin Walter Kilian, Born in Schainbach the 1\textsuperscript{st} of November 1940

The earliest ancestor Walter Kilian knew was:

Johann Georg Kilian, born 2 March 1808 in Kleinansbach
Family Register in Kleinansbach

1- Johann Michael farmer in Wörnitz
2- Johann Georg born in Arzbach
3- Johann Georg born in 1808 in Kleinansbach

The family left Kleinansbach after 1808, destination not mentioned
1. **Johann Leonhard Kilian**, Hausgenosse in Bastenau, before 1745 Halbbauer in Arzbach
   ∞ Lucia Rosina Wäckler, married before the 20th of October 1739

2. **Johann Michael Kilian**, baptized the 9th of January 1742, Halbbauer in Bastenau
   ∞ Anna Christina Claus, married the 21st of February 1763

3. **Johann Georg Kilian**, baptized the 24th of January 1767, Bastenau
   ∞ Anna Maria Ströbel, married the 7th of October 1795

4. **Johann Georg Kilian**, born the 2nd of March 1808 in Kleinansbach
   ∞ Margaretha Barbara Schüler, the 9th of February 1841
Named the children and grandchildren of Johann Georg Kilian born in Kleinansbach in 1808, resident in Schainbach
The Wallhausen family register of Johann Georg Karl Kilian named his children and grandchildren including Walter’s father Karl
Walter Kilian’s Genealogy

Proof of Relation to N.C. Killians by DNA

1. Johann Leonhard Kilian, b. the 21st of May 1711, after 1739 Hausgenosse in Bastenau, before 1745 Halbbauer in Arzbach
   ∞ Lucia Rosina Wäckler, m. before the 20th of October 1739

2. Johann Michael Kilian, baptized the 9th of January 1742, Halbbauer in Bastenau
   ∞ Maria Barbara Wallinger, m. before the 30th of August 1743

3. Johann Georg Kilian, baptized the 24th of January 1767, Bastenau
   ∞ Anna Maria Ströbel, m. the 7th of October 1795

4. Johann Georg Kilian, b. the 2nd of March 1808 in Kleinansbach
   ∞ Margaretha Barbara Schüler, m. the 9th of February 1841

5. Leonhard Friedrich Kilian, b. the 28th of January 1845 in Schainbach
   ∞ Maria Protzer, m. the 18th of July 1841

6. Johann Georg Karl Kilian, b. the 14th of February 1884, in Schainbach
   ∞ Maria König, m. the 1st of July 1909

7. Karl Kilian, baptized the 28th of April 1912 in Schainbach
   ∞ Rosa Sofie Meissner, m. the 8th of September 1938

8. Walter Kilian, b. the 1st of November 1940, in Schainbach, ∞ Maria

9. Markus Kilian, b. the 16th of June 1975 in Schainbach, ∞ Dagmar

10. Matheo Kilian, b. the 17th of May 2010 in Schainbach
Johann Georg Karl Kilian
Kanonier Kilian, Würtemberger Field Artillery, 49th Regiments, 1st Batallion in 1909

King Wilhelm II of Württemberg

Emperor Wilhelm II, and King of Prussia
Wedding of Walter Kilian’s Grandparents
Johann Georg Karl and Maria König 1890

House on Schainbacher Hauptstraße built in 1775
Walter‘s Grandfather‘s House and Blacksmith Shop

Built in 1775
Blacksmith Shop of Walter Kilian’s Father and Grandfather
Proof the Steinbach Andreas and the North Carolina Andreas are the Same Person

1. Documentary proof of each generation in Walter’s family back to Andreas’ grandfather.

2. DNA test proved North Carolina Killians share a common ancestor with Walter Kilian, with 99.54% certainty in the 11th generation.