



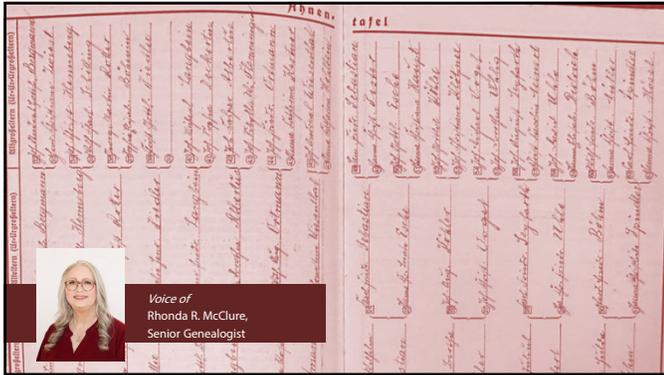
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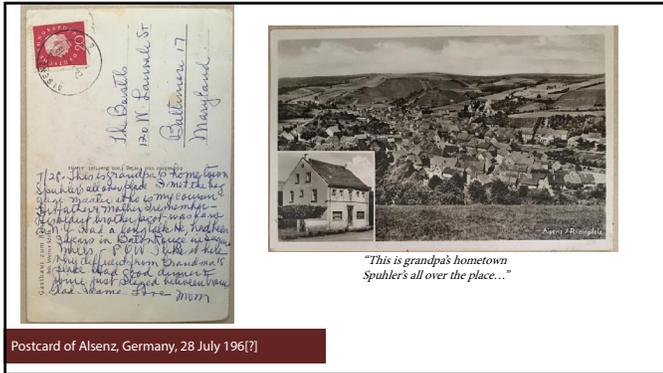
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Scenario 1: town name is already known, or easy to discover

- “Best case scenario”
- Town name has been passed down through generations
- Town name appears on document already in your possession
- To continue research, determine what repository holds records from that location, and get started!

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Scenario 2: town of origin is discovered with minimal research

- The town of origin is initially unknown, but appears on a reliable, easily located record such as a vital record, naturalization record, church record, passenger manifest, or obituary
- To continue research, determine what repository holds records from that location, and get started!

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Michael Hummer
mentioned in the record of Michael Hummer and Mary Bennett Franz

Name	Michael Hummer
Event Type	Marriage
Event Date	26 Jun 1883
Event Place	Manhattan, New York, New York, United States
Event Place (Original)	Manhattan, New York
Gender	Male
Age	48
Race	White
Birth Year (Estimated)	1835
Birthplace	Meinbersheim, Bavaria
Father's Name	Heinrich Hummer
Mother's Name	Mary Roth
Spouse's Name	Mary Bennett Franz
Spouse's Gender	Female
Spouse's Age	42
Spouse's Marital Status	Widowed
Spouse's Race	White
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	1841
Spouse's Birthplace	York, Baden
Spouse's Father's Name	Jacob Belwert
Spouse's Mother's Name	Margaret Zuffucht

New York City Marriages, FamilySearch.org

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Name of the child	Birth order and name of the midwife	Father and marriage information	Father's religion	Address	Given and maiden name of mother
32. Johann Michael Hümmer	2 ^{te} Kind, 1832 183. Weib. 1826	Johann Heinrich Hümmer C. B. 1825, 10.	Evangelisch	Wiesbaden G. B. 1825, 10.	Maria Tabina born Rothin*

Johann Michael Hümmer

Johann Heinrich Hümmer

Maria Tabina born Rothin*

Baptism, Johann Michael Hümmer, Mainbernheim, 1832

*Remember, in = female ending to a surname, surname ROTH

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Mother's religion*	Address	Time recorded	Date of Baptism	Parish	God-parents
ditto	11.	Am neunzehnten August 1832 früher 6 Uhr 1/19 1832	Am 26ten August in hiesiger Kirche	Evangelisch	Herrn Johann... Frau... Herr... Frau...

ditto

Nineteenth August 1832 early, ? 6 years

26th August in house

First Parish

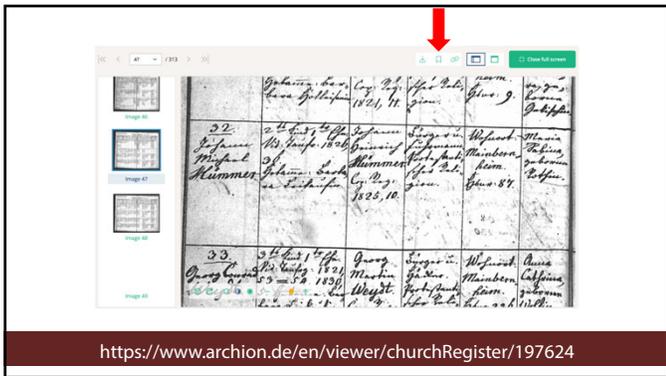
Baptism, Johann Michael Hümmer, Mainbernheim, 1832

*Includes marriage info

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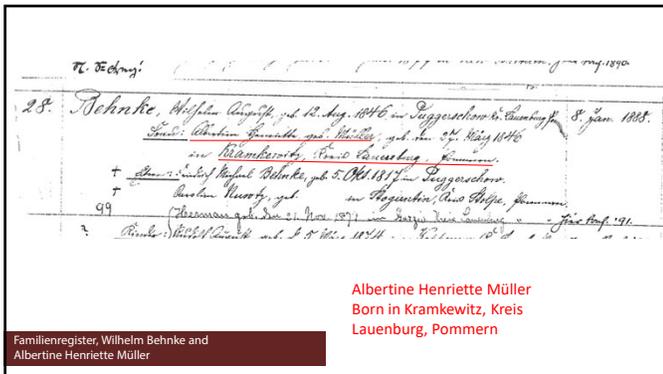


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Scenario 3: the name of a town appears, but that town does not seem to exist

- Town names often get mis-transcribed or misspelled OR the standardized spelling of the name has changed
- Determine the correct spelling of the name
 - Check Meyers Gazetteer, Kartenmeister (for Prussia and Pomerania), German Wikipedia, etc.
- Locate repository and begin research!

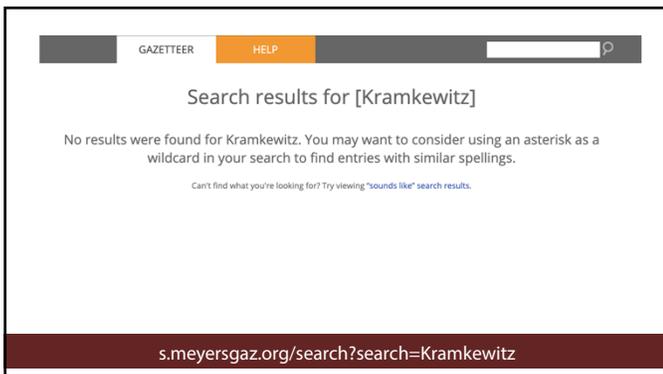
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Albertine Henriette Müller
 Born in Kramkewitz, Kreis
 Lauenburg, Pommern

Familienregister, Wilhelm Behnke and
 Albertine Henriette Müller

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Scenario 4: town name cannot be located

- A search of vital, church, census, immigration/naturalization, and newspaper records does not reveal a specific town of origin
- Strategies:
 - If the exact birth date is known, use birth information to locate possible candidates (only works when searchable databases are available)
 - FAN (friends, associates, neighbors) research/cluster research
 - Determine origins of other families with that surname living nearby

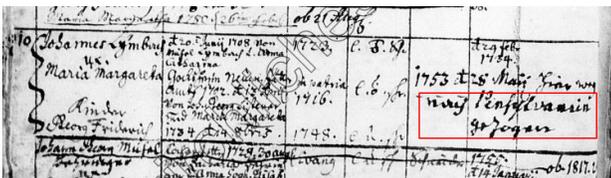
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Tip:

We can use evidence to make a best guess and argue a case (“proof statement”) when no single record proves the relationship between generations.

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The rare “smoking gun” document: shows movement to North America



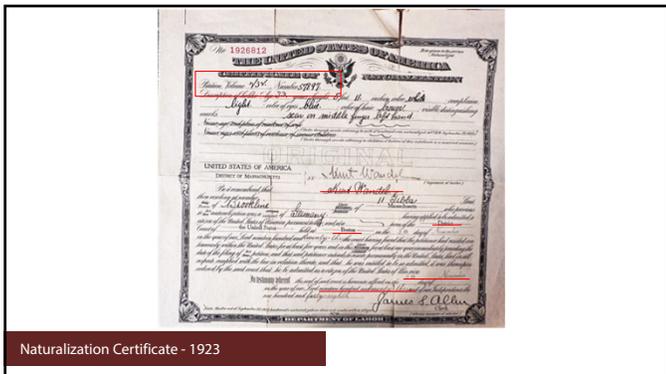
nach Pennsylvania gezogen

Seelenregister, Hüffenhardt, 1753

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Case 1: Kurt Wandel

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Naturalization Certificate - 1923

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Kurt Wandel

- Kurt Wandel, b. ca. 1890 (age 33 in 1923)
- b. Germany
- Residing Brookline, Mass. in 1923
- Petition of Naturalization: No. 57897

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The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com search results for 'Otto Wandel'. The search criteria are 'wandel' and 'All Collections'. The results list three records:

- Record 1:** New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1900-1954. Name: Otto Wandel. Passenger lists. View.
- Record 2:** New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1900-1954. Name: Otto Wandel. Passenger lists. View.
- Record 3:** Rotterdam, Netherlands, Passenger Lists of the Holland-America Line, 1900-1969. Name: Otto Wandel. Departure: 17 Aug 1912. Arrival: New York. Passenger lists. View.

Below the records is a red box containing the text: Otto Wandel Hits

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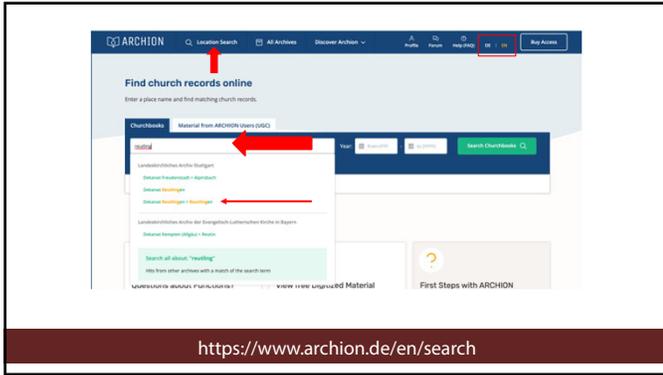
The image shows a handwritten passenger manifest for the S.S. George Washington, sailing from Bremen on August 14, 1911. The document is titled 'LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES' and is required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The manifest lists passengers with columns for name, age, sex, occupation, and other details. Handwritten entries include names like 'Wandel', 'Wander', and 'Wandel'. There are two red boxes labeled 'Page 1' and 'Page 2' pointing to specific rows in the manifest.

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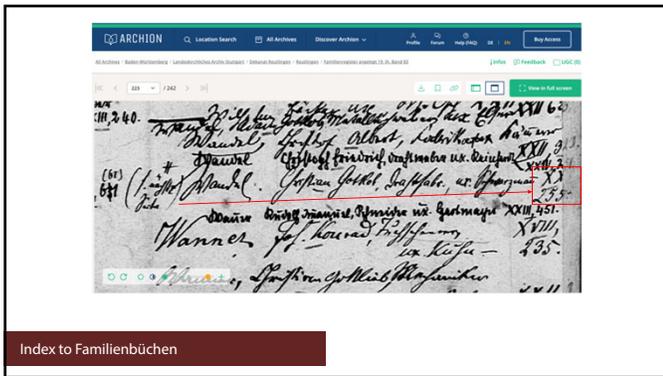
Tip:
Search immigration records for the relative already in the U.S.

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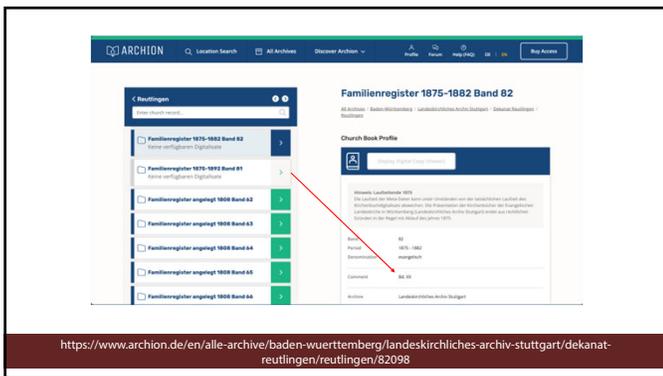
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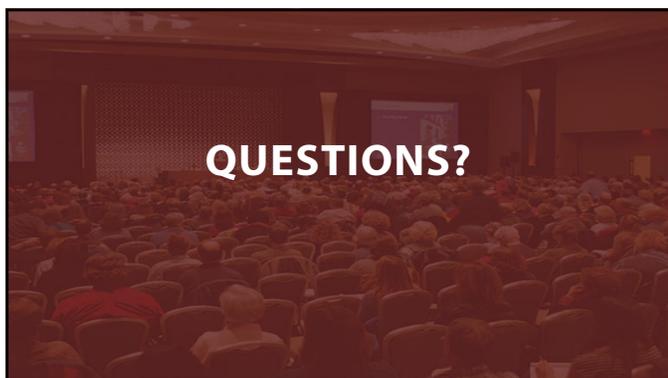


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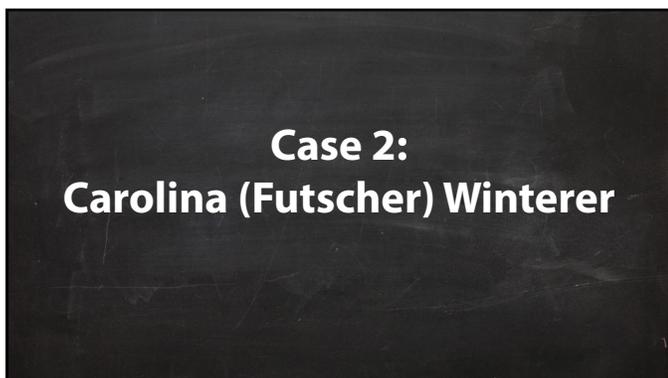
Kurt Wandel

- b. Reutlingen, Germany, 23 Jan. 1890
- Parents:
 - Christian Gottlieb Wandel
 - Emilia Schwarzmann
- Religion: Lutheran
- Known Spouses:
 - (1) – Eloise Rowe (m. 1913)
 - (2) – Olivia LaVaine (m. 1919)
 - (3) – Denyse _____ (m. by 1934)

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Carolina (Futscher) Winterer

- b. Germany, 24 Sept. 1846; d. St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo., 23 Feb. 1921 (death cert. & tombstone)
- m. ca. 1866, Charles Winterer (per 1900 Census)
- Immigrated ca. 1853 (per 1900 census)
- bur: Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery (Catholic)
- Parents (per death certificate):
 - George Futscher
 - Ottilia Rebholtz

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"Charley Winter and Carolina F. Futscher" married
"3d day of August A.D. 1865. (St. Mary's).
Josef Melcher, Catholic Priest

Marriage Entry - 1865

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- Official Catholic Directory, 1841, 1844, 1846 - 1861, 1864 - 1870 (available years)
- St. Louis City Directories, 1870, 1872, 1874 - 1900 (available years)

Name	Parish	Dates
Lathje, Francis	Assumption	1847
Lumballe, A.	Jesuit	1867-1869
Lang, John	St. Augustine	1890
Lang, John	St. Leo	1891
Lang, John S.	St. John	1892-1897
L... ..	St.	1897-1894

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www.slcl.org/research-learn/genealogy/catholic-church-records/catholic-priests-st-louis-1841-1900/catholic-priests-st-louis-1841-1900-l-n

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Name	Parish	Dates
McGlynn, J. J.	St. Rose	1885-1900
McGrath, John A.	St. Bridget	1890
McLoughlin, James A.	St. Alphonsus	1891
McLoughlin, M. J.	Holy Angels	1876-1884
McNamee, J. P.	St. James	1885-1898
Melcher, Joseph	Assumption	1846
Melcher, Joseph	St. Mary of Victories	1848-1868
Meller, G.	St. Peter	1860-1861
Mercer, Alexander F.	St. Cronan	1900
Meredith, William V.	St. Alphonsus	1872-1880
Meuffels, J. H.	St. Elizabeth (Col'd)	1895
Meurer, Henry	St. Alphonsus	1872-1876
Meyer, A.	St. Vincent de Paul	1870

Joseph Melcher entry

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Church records, 1810-1992

Authors: Catholic Church, St. Mary of Victories (St. Louis, Missouri) (Author)

Format: Microfilm 35mm

Language: German, French, Latin, English

Publication Date: 1993

Publisher: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah

Place of Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah

Physical: on 4 microfilm reels; 35 mm.

Notes: Microreproduction of original manuscripts. Indexes included with many records. Text in English, Latin, German & French. View this catalog record in WorldCat for other available copy locations.

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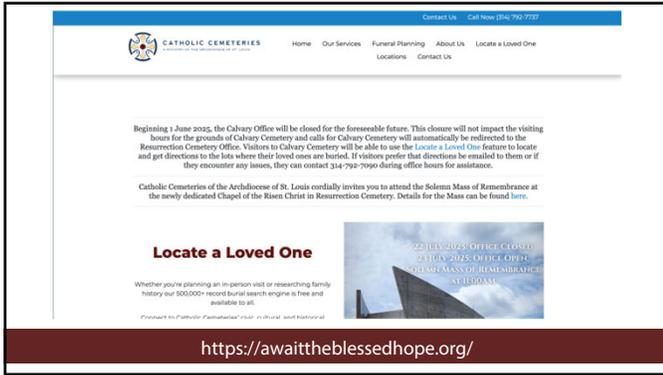
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St. Mary of the Victories Parish, Marriages, 1854-1867, p. 429

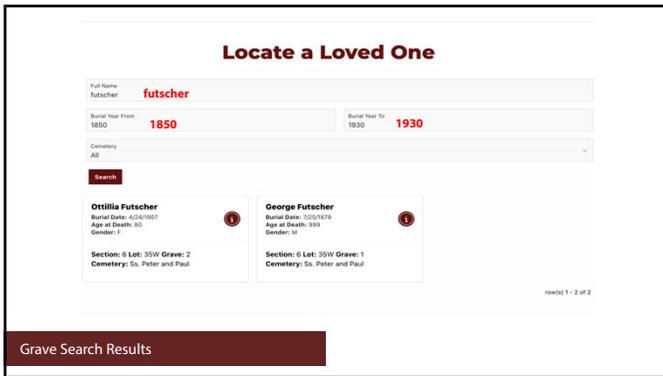
Entry written in Latin, signatures of everyone but the Priest in German Kurrent script.

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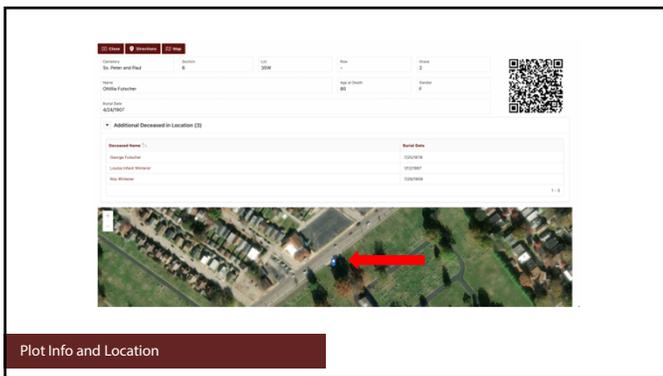
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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, enumerated by me on the 11th day of July, 1870.

Post Office: St. Louis, Mo.

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Place of Birth	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict	Whether colored
20	Charles Winterer	M	35	Bookkeeper	Germany		
21	Julia Winterer	F	33	Wife	Germany		
22	John Winterer	M	10	School	Germany		
23	Anna Winterer	F	8	Wife	Germany		
24	Elizabeth Winterer	F	6	Wife	Germany		
25	John Winterer	M	4	Wife	Germany		
26	John Winterer	M	3	Wife	Germany		
27	John Winterer	M	2	Wife	Germany		
28	John Winterer	M	1	Wife	Germany		

Charles Winterer - 1870, Mo. Written page 322, Dwelling No. 1511, Family No. 2688

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Post Office: St. Louis, Mo.

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Place of Birth	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict	Whether colored
10	John G. Futcher	M	41	Wagon Driver	Germany		
11	Martha Futcher	F	37	Wife	Germany		
12	John G. Futcher	M	10	School	Germany		
13	Anna Futcher	F	8	Wife	Germany		
14	Elizabeth Futcher	F	6	Wife	Germany		
15	John G. Futcher	M	4	Wife	Germany		
16	John G. Futcher	M	3	Wife	Germany		
17	John G. Futcher	M	2	Wife	Germany		

John G. Futcher, 1870, Mo. Written page 323, Dwelling No. 1515, Family No. 2697

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Family Name: Futcher Given Name: George

Address: _____

Deceased or Expatriated: _____ Title & Location of Court: Law Comm. Ct.

Country or Allegiance: Germany When Born or Age: _____

Canceled (Date and Court): _____ Date Naturalized: 4-7-62

Names & Addresses of Witnesses: _____

Form 400-M

George Futcher Naturalization Index Law Comm. Ct. = Law Commissioner's Court

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The screenshot shows a FamilySearch catalog entry for a church book. The title is "Kirchenbuch, 1743-1901". The author is "Katholische Kirche Boll (A. Meßkirch) (Author)". The format is "Microfilm 35mm", the language is "German", and the publication date is "1977". The publisher is "Gedfiln durch The Genealogical Society of Utah". The place of publication is "Salt Lake City, Utah". The physical description is "auf 3 Mikrofilmrollen : 35 mm.". There is a note about the church register and a link to a WorldCat record. The URL at the bottom is <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog/225361>.

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The image shows a handwritten baptism record in German. The date is "In year Eighteen hundred forty and six the twenty-fifth of September". The text describes the baptism of Carolina Franziska Futscher. The name "Carolina Franziska Futscher, 1846 Baptism, No. 21" is highlighted in a red box. The church name "Katholische Kirche, Boll (Amt Meßkirch)" is also highlighted in a red box.

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Carolina (Futscher) Winterer

- b. Boll, Baden, Germany, 24 Sept. 1846 (bapt. record); d. St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo., 23 Feb. 1921 (death cert. & tombstone, 1870 Census)
- Daughter of:
 - Johann Georg Futscher, master blacksmith (her bapt. record); renounced Grand Duke of Baden (Naturalization)
 - Ottilia Rebholz

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Case 3: Elizabeth (____) Wartman

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Elizabeth/Mary Elizabeth (____) Wartman

- Wife of Hans Adam Wartman
- Immigrated to Pennsylvania aboard the *Samuel* on 17 August 1731
- Had one or two children born in Germany circa 1726-1731 and six or seven children born in PA circa 1731-1746
- Named as Mary Elizabeth, the wife of Adam Wartman, in his will dated 29 October 1770 at Douglass, PA
- A book of gravestone transcriptions from New Hanover, PA contains the entry at right
- Client's tree suggests maiden name may be Burkhard (no source)

Burial July 7, 1731, Elizabeth, widow of Hans
 Adam Wartman, aged 81 yrs. 9 mo. 8 days
 81 years old. Buried in the German
 Religion. "See also reference above."

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Hans Adam Wartman

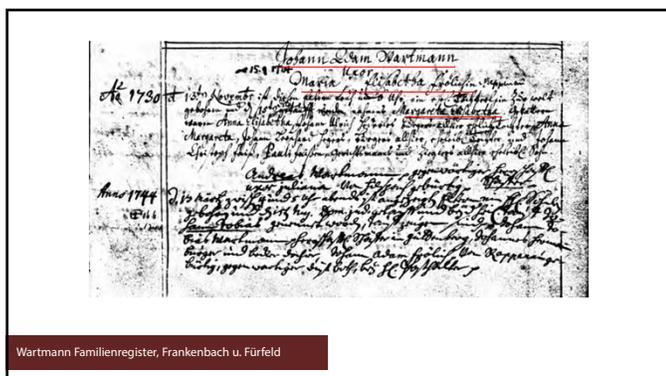
- Believed to be from Fürfeld, Württemberg
- Immigrated to Pennsylvania aboard the *Samuel* on 17 August 1731 with Abraham, Mary, and Elizabeth Wartman (relationships between these individuals are not given)
- According to burial record and headstone, born March or April 1703 and died in December 1770

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Children of Hans Adam and Elizabeth Wartman

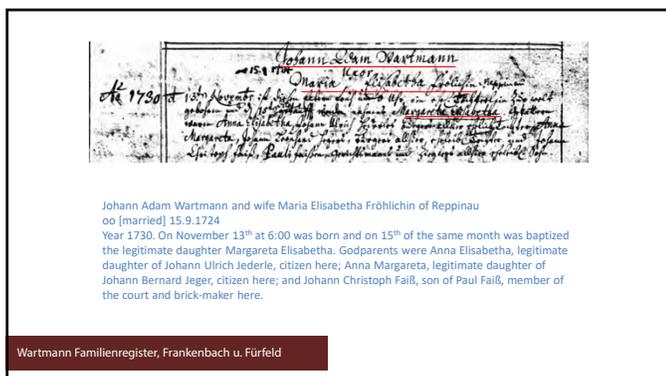
- Abraham Wartman, born 1726-1730 in Germany
- Magaretha Elisabeth Wartman, born about 1728-1732 in Germany (if born before summer 1731) or Pennsylvania (if born after August 1731 or in 1732)
- Anna Catharina Wartman, born 26 April 1733 in Pennsylvania
- Christina Wartman, born about 1735 in Pennsylvania
- Maria Magdalena Wartman, born about 1738 in Pennsylvania
- Maria Barbara Wartman, born about 1741 in Pennsylvania
- Matthias Wartman, born 13 August 1744 in Pennsylvania
- Johann Adam Wartman, born 16 May 1746 in Pennsylvania

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Wartmann Familienregister, Frankenbach u. Fürfeld

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Johann Adam Wartmann and wife Maria Elisabetha Fröhlichin of Reppinaw
 oo [married] 15.9.1724
 Year 1730. On November 13th at 6:00 was born and on 15th of the same month was baptized the legitimate daughter Margareta Elisabetha. Godparents were Anna Elisabetha, legitimate daughter of Johann Ulrich Jederle, citizen here; Anna Margareta, legitimate daughter of Johann Bernard Jeger, citizen here; and Johann Christoph Failß, son of Paul Failß, member of the court and brick-maker here.

Wartmann Familienregister, Frankenbach u. Fürfeld

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Same person?

<p>Frankenbach u. Fürfeld</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hans Adam Wartmann and Maria Elisabetha Fröhlich possibly had a child born between September 1724 and May 1725 • Hans Adam and Maria Elisabetha had a daughter, Margaretha Elisabetha, born 13 Nov 1730 • Maria Elisabetha Fröhlich was born 7 October 1701 at Rappenau, daughter of Hans Jacob and Elisabetha Fröhlich 	<p>Pennsylvania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam and Mary Elizabeth Wartman had a son, Abraham, born ca. 1726 • Adam and Mary Elizabeth had a daughter whose name included "Mary" or "Elizabeth" based on the passenger list, born before August 1731 • Mary Elizabeth (____) Wartman was born 7 October 1701, based on gravestone transcription book
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Conclusion: Mary Elizabeth's maiden name and birthplace are confirmed

- Though we find no record of Mary Elizabeth (____) Wartman's maiden name or birthplace in the U.S., there is sufficient evidence to show that she and her husband are the same as the couple from the Fürfeld/Rappenau area

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Review

- Determining the specific town is vital to continuing research, but the town name may be mistranscribed or misspelled on American records
- Use FAN research/cluster research to determine possible origins
- Examine families of the same surname who live nearby
- Prove/disprove possible candidates using all available resources

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