

Feist from Strasburg, Russia

Kuppenheim, Germany vs Alsace

Please excuse the length of this document, I have something to correct in my family tree.

I am a decendent of Johannes and Phillipina (Seiler) Feist, My Great-Grandfather is the 6 month old Johann listed in Household 38 1852 Strasburg, Russia census.

Many years ago myself and a now deceased cousin found each other on Ancestry.com. From there we began researching as a team. Through our own independent research we had established our ancestry to Johannes Feist married to Phillipina Seiler who are listed on page 656 of The Emigration from Germany to Russia in the Years 1763-1862 by Dr. Karl Stumpp.

Listing from Stumpp reads:

36 s. auch 11,16 1809 angekommen:  
Feist Johannes 27 aus:Kuppenheim/Rastatt-Ba., sei-  
Ne Frau Philippina 23, stammt aus der Famile des  
Matthias Seiler, Kolonie Selz, Landlose Nr. 31, 1811  
Eineheiratet, seine Tochter Helena, 1815 gestorben,  
Sein Sohn Damian 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Above translated:

36 See also 11.16 1809 arrived:  
Johannes Feist 27 from:. Kuppenheim / Rastatt, Ba, his  
wife Philippina 23, comes from the family of  
Matthias Seiler, colony Selz, landless No. 31, 1811  
Married, his daughter Helena, died in 1815,  
His son Damian 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Stummps information regarding the above is from the 1816 revision list.

It is from this info that Johannes Feist's Birthdate was originally estimated in our research. 1816-27=1789. The above record mentions records # 11 and 16 in Stummps book as well.

Records # 11 and 16 are on page 655 of Stummp's book.

Record #11 lists Lorenz Seiler from Mothorn, Alsace, France, our research indicates that he is a brother of Johannes Feist's spouse Phillipina Seiler.

Record #16 lists the family of Nicholas Feist married to Margaretha also from Kuppenheim, Germany.

From the info in Stummpp our research led us to a researcher in Kuppenheim, Germany who provided us scans of the Kuppenheim Family books, of the scans we received the one that became the most convincing documentation of Johannes Feist's family link to Kuppenheim was the one dealing with the family of Bernhard Faist below.

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Geboren	Hausvater	Getraut	Hausmutter	Geboren
17. Mai 1761	Faist, Bernhard	26. Nov. 1787	Waltz, Anna Maria	13. Sept. 1765
		Mulsreier im 3. Grad		
II 43	+?			II 214

  

Eltern des Hausvaters		Eltern der Hausmutter	
Großeltern		Großeltern	
Jakob Faist		Johann Waltz, Zimmermann	
Elisabeth Kappeler		+ Maria Eva Stemm le	

  

Kinder	Geboren	Verheiratung	Tod	Bemerkungen
1) Maria Anna	7. April 1784		26. 9. 1798	
2) Matthias	11. Sept. 1790		in Russland	
3) Johann Michael	23. Okt. 1792			
4) Haedels	24. April 1795			
5) Johannes	28. Dez. 1797		30. 12. 1797	
6) Elisabeth	9. Juni 1799			
7) Gregor	11. Aug. 1801			
8) Joseph				
9) Joseph	16. April 1804			
10) Maria Anna	25. März 1803			
11) Maria Anna	14. April 1804			
12) Johannes	23. Mai 1805			

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In this document it lists a son for Bernhard Faist by the name of Johann Michael born 25 October 1792. Our assumption was that Johannes Feist from Stummp and Johann Michael Faist from Kuppenheim were one and the same and that his name had been changed/alterd by russian officials in early 1800's.

At the time we also tried to link Nicholas Feist in #16 Strasburg, Russia to Faist families in Kuppenheim but were never successful in finding any Faist that fit his info in Stummp, all info at that time that could be found online and through various researchers had Nicholas being married to a Margaretha Schall in Eberbach, Germany a town near Heidelberg, Germany about 72 miles away. Our assumption was that Nicholas' ancestors had moved from Kuppenheim before 1790.

Now for some info regarding Bernhard Faist and his family listed above. His family is listed twice on pg 261 of Stummp. First listing states that Bernhard his wife Maria Waltz and Nikolaus from Kuppenheim, Germany to Strasburg, Russia in 1809 it also references #16 in Strasburg which is the listing for Nicolas Feist married to Margaretha. This was more proof for us of Johannes Feist's relation to Nicholas and Bernhard. Second listing for Bernhard has him listed as Leonhard and immigrating to Kronental, Russia with his family.

Bernhard Faist's family is also mentioned on page 925 of Stummp. This page is a listing of the settlers of Kronental, Russia. According to Stummp Bernhard Faist (listed as Leonhard) in reference # 29 came to Kronental with his children Matheus (died in 1812) Michael age 21, Fideli age 19, Elisabetha age 15 and Johanna age 10. From Kuppenheim document earlier only person the Michael in this listing could be is his son Johann Michael born 1792. This was conflicting info for our link to Kuppenheim our answer was that Johann Michael Faist did come with his father to Kronental then went on to settle in Strasburg, marry Phillipina Seiler, and have a family.

Moving forward to November 2012, I was researching a Feist family in Canada that seemed to have links to Bernhard Faist's family, in that research I found a descendent of Bernhard Faist who has done a tremendous amount of research on the Faist's that immigrated from Kuppenheim, Germany to Kronental, Russia. His research indicates that Johann Michael Faist born 1792 immigrated to Kronental, Russia with his parents and siblings. In addition from his research Johann Michael Faist never married. Johann Michael Faist is also cited as a witness to many of his families records from Kronental. Johann Michael is listed on many other Kronental, Russia related records up until his death in 1860's. In all russian records Johann Michael Faist is stated as residing in Kronental.

Needless to say I was resistant to his info and tried to prove my Kuppenheim info was correct. My plan to prove it was to finally get Nicholas Feist properly linked to his Kuppenheim ancestors. If I could do that than Johannes had to be correct as well. Needless to say I failed miserably.

Over the years Nicholas Feist's marriage in Eberbach, Germany has changed to him being married in Eberbach, Alsace, France. There are two Eberbach's in Alsace one being Eberbach-Woerth other being Eberbach-Seltz. One other major difference from years ago and now is the

Alsatian archives are now online and able to be viewed for free through any computer. Eberbach-Woerth had no Feist marriages for 1804 year stated at many places online for Nicholas Feist and Margaretha from Stumm. Eberbach-Seltz however did have a Nicholas Feist marrying a Margaretha Schall, see record below.

Feist  
Nicolaus  
et  
Schall  
Margaretha

Hodie die sexta mensis Februarii anni millesimi octin-  
gentesimi quarti, die vero decima sexta mensis pluviarum  
anni Reipublice gallicanae duodecimi, contractu civili  
matrimonii in facie legis jam peracto, prout exhibet testi-  
monium authenticum a Michaele Pfaff, Maire eadem  
die mihi traditum, tribus proclamationibus de more ecclesie  
catholice in nostra ecclesia publica factis, et totidem  
proclamationibus in ecclesia in hagen factis, prout  
per litteras testimoniales a Reverendo Domino Josepho  
Sylvano Steiner, administratore ecclesie in hagen die  
quinta mensis Februarii, et die decima quinta mensis  
pluviarum ejusdem anni ad nos datas et apud nos remanentes

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la signature de la licence correspondante

1805.

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= constitit, nullo detecto impedimento prae recepto,  
 mutuo consensu, sacro matrimonii vinculo a me infra scripto  
 in facie ecclesiae conjuncti sunt Nicolaus Feist filius solutus  
 defuncti Joannis Feist, et Eva Griesbach superstitis & lim-  
 conjugum civium in Kaidenbourg; et Margaretha Schall filia  
 soluta Georgii Schall, et defunctae Mariae Eva Braumbach  
 olim conjugum civium in Eberbach, adfuerunt testes pater sponse,  
 Antonius Schall, Nicolaus Schall, et Antonius Röhrig,  
 omnes cives in Eberbach, sed Nicolaus est civis in Schaffhausen,  
 qui mecum subscripserunt, exceptis sponso, et sponsa et primo  
 teste, qui a me debite interpellati declaraverunt se scribere  
 nescire, notam suam apposuerunt.

Nota X sponsi. Nota X sponse

Nota III primi testis  
 crudam, Schall  
 nicolai, Schall  
 antoni, Röhrig

Jac. Hoffmann  
 parochus in Eberbach

Source is Eberbach-Seltz Marriages 1788-1843 page 11 from the online Alsatian archives at <http://archives.bas-rhin.fr/scripts/accueilanglais.asp>

Record states 6 February 1804 Nicholas Feist son of deceased Johannes Feist and Eva Greisbach from Kaidenbourg married Margaretha Schall daughter of Georgii Schall and Maria Eva Braumbach (deceased) from Eberbach-Seltz. This is Nicholas Feist who immigrated to Strasburg, Russia. I decided to pursue The Kaidenbourgh info mentioned above in this record.

Kaidenbourg, Alsace, France is about 3 miles west of Eberbach-Seltz, Alsace, France, it is a small village whose records are part of Siegen, Alsace, France. Unfortunately I was unable to find any additional information there regarding Nicholas Feist as Siegen's records from 1758-1787 have disappeared from history. In my poking around in Siegen's existing records I did find the record below.

Hodie vigesima secunda Septembris anni millesimi septingentesimi octogesimi noni  
a me subscripto baptizatus est Johannes filius Johannis Feist civis et operarii in  
Kaidenbourg et Eva Griesbachs conjugum ibidem natus eodem Patrinus fuit Ludovicus  
Fritz civis et agricola ibidem Matrina Elisabetha Fritz soluta qui omnes mecum  
subscriperunt.

Patrinus L. Fritz Fritz  
Matrina Elisabetha Fritz  
Pater Johannes Feist

Natus in Argentina Presbyter

Source is Siegen Baptisms Marriages Deaths 1788-1789 page 8 from the Alsatian archives at <http://archives.bas-rhin.fr/scripts/accueilanglais.asp>

Records states 22 September 1789 Baptism of Johannes Feist child of Johannis Feist and Eva Greisbach from Kaidenbourg, Johannes Feist and Eva Greisbach are also the parents of Nicholas Feist from the 1804 Eberbach-Seltz marriage.

From all the info above I have come to the following conclusions/observations.

Stumpp's info regarding Johannes Feist suggests he was born 1789.

Kuppenheim's Johann Michael was born 1792 about 3 years after Stumpp's Johannes in Strasburg, Russia listings.

Nicholas Feist has never been successfully linked to Kuppenheim Faist's that I have seen.

Johannes Feist born 1789 Kaidenbourg and brother to Nicholas Feist is the person who married Phillipina Seiler in 1811 Russia.

Last observation the research my cousin and myself did regarding our connection to Kuppenheim, Germany Faist's was an error based on assumption.

If you have Feist from Strasburg, Russia in your ancestry please correct your trees based upon info above.

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