

German Eller Ancestors

In the May 2008 issue of the Eller Chronicles (Volume XXI, Issue 3, Pages 13-14) James M. (Jim) Eller showed us his line of descent from the immigrant ancestors of the so-called "Erie Ellers", Jakob Eller, born 22 June 1797 in Gau-Odernheim, Hesse, Germany and his wife Julianne Becker. Although Jim was not able to connect on paper with other Eller lines in the US it was discovered through DNA testing that Jim was a cousin of descendants in both the John Jakob and Christian lines from the group of five 1740s era Eller immigrants that were originally thought to be brothers.

This search was an effort to make that paper connection between Jim's line and the John Jakob and Christian lines. While it was not successful in that regard it did provide information on about 50 direct ancestors in Germany for Jim's line. A possible reason for not being able to make the connection between the different lines was the lack of records in the primary years of interest (1690-1760) for the village, Eimsheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, where many Eller families in that region originated.

The key item Jim had for his immigrant ancestor was the specific village in Germany where the ancestor was born. With that a researcher only needs to search the church metrical books from that village to prove the information and then follow the trail wherever it leads. Jim's Eller ancestors in Germany were common people. The Ellers themselves were shepherds, while other occupations noted were tailor and shoemaker as well as farmer.

It may be noted that Michael Eller's wife, Katharina Neubauer, whom he married in the US, also emigrated from the same immediate area of Germany, Albig, Alzey, Hesse, a village within 10 kilometers of Gau-Odernheim. Her German ancestors are not shown here, but are available from the author.

Sources for the following information are individual village church metrical books from that time period as recorded on FHL microfilms 1475107, 1442054, 1457619, 1457620 and 1441986. In the family that came to the US these books showed some differences, mainly with birth dates, from what Jim had found in his research. Jim's research results and sources are shown as a note in each instance.

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Generation 1

1. **Michael Eller** son of John Jacob Eller and Julianna Becker was born on 17 Sep 1826 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Known in later life as Michael C. Eller. Certificate of Death lists his birth date as 14 Sep 1825 and death date as 5 Jan 1909. Hillesheim Church confirmation record of 14 June 1840 also shows birth date of 17 Sep 1826.

Katharina Neubauer daughter of Johannes Neubauer and Wilhelmina Katharina Weber was born on 10 Sep 1832 in Albig, Alzey, Hesse, Germany.

Katharina died 3 Mar 1907 and is buried in the Erie Cemetery, Erie, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Michael Eller and Katharina Neubauer were married on 28 Feb 1853 in US. They had 14 children.

Generation 2

2. **John Jacob Eller** son of Georg Conrad Eller and Maria Eva Schneider was born on 14 Jun 1797

in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany.

3. **Julianna Becker** daughter of Johann Nicolaus Becker and Appolonia was born on 31 May 1797 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

John Jacob Eller and Julianna Becker were married on 23 Jul 1819 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. They had the following children:

- i. **Anna Margaretha Eller** was born on 16 Apr 1820 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Known as Margaretha in later life. Confirmed 19 May 1834 in Hillesheim. Birth date of 16 Apr 1819 also confirmed from records of Wonsevu Cedar Twp. Cemetery, Wonsevu, Chase, Kansas, where she is buried.

- ii. **Catharina Eller** was born on 03 May 1822 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Certificate of Death spells name as Katherine and lists birth date as 7 May 1822. Hillesheim Church confirmation record of 23 May 1836 also shows birth date of 3 May 1822.

- iii. **Georg Philipp Eller** was born on 26 Oct 1824 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Known in later life as Philipp. He was confirmed 4 June 1838 in Hillesheim.

- + 1. iv. **Michael Eller** was born on 17 Sep 1826 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. He married Katharina Neubauer on 28 Feb 1853 in US.

- v. **Julianna Eller** was born on 08 Apr 1829 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

St. John Lutheran Church (Erie, PA) records list birth date as 14 Apr 1835. She was known in later life as Julia A. Eller. Hillesheim Church confirmation record of 5 June 1843 also shows birth date of 8 April 1829.

- vi. **Nicolaus Eller** was born on 04 May 1836 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Certificate of Death shows birth date as 6 May 1836. Hillesheim Church confirmation record of 12 May 1850 also shows birth date of 4 May 1836.

Generation 3

4. **Georg Conrad Eller** son of Johannes Eller and Anna Maria was born on 27 Mar 1758. He died on 18 Nov 1837 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Georg is noted as a shepherd at a sheep farm at Gommersheim which is near Gau-Odernheim. On one occasion Gommersheim was called a monastery. According to Georg's death record he was a widower and 79years 7 months and 21 days old, making his birthday approximately 27 March 1758.

5. **Maria Eva Schneider** daughter of Johann Jakob Schneider and Maria Gertrauda Doerr was born on 02 Feb 1764 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Georg Conrad Eller and Maria Eva Schneider were married on 25 Nov 1788 in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany. They had the following children:

- i. **Maria Christina Eller** was born on 29 Oct 1789 in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany. She died on 19 Sep 1794 in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany.

- ii. **Johann Valentin Eller** was born on 13 Sep 1791 in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany. He died on 23 Mar 1796 in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany.
 - iii. **Maria Eva Eller** was born on 06 Dec 1792 in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany. She died on 01 Sep 1793 in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany.
- + 2. iv. **John Jacob Eller** was born on 14 Jun 1797 in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany. He married Julianna Becker on 23 Jul 1819 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany
6. **Johann Nicolaus Becker** son of Philipp Jakob Becker and Julianna Doerr was born in 1774 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. He died on 17 Jul 1844 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
7. **Appolonia.**

Johann Nicolaus Becker and Appolonia married. They had the following children:

- + 3. i. **Julianna Becker** was born on 31 May 1797 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. She married John Jacob Eller on 23 Jul 1819 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Generation 4

8. **Johannes Eller** was born on 29 Jun 1722 in of Eimsheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. He died on 07 Aug 1789 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Johannes birth date extrapolated from his age as given on his death record, 67 years 1 month 8 days. Death record also stated that he was originally from Eimsheim. The connection between Johannes/Anna Maria and their son Georg Conrad is somewhat tenuous as no birth record was found for Georg. The connection is based on: 1) Johannes and Georg Conrad during their working careers both held the same job at the same location. That is being a shepherd at a sheep farm at (probably a monastary named) Gommersheim bei Odernheim. 2) Johannes and Anna Maria lived in Gau-Odernheim up to the time Anna Maria died in May 1789. Then for the last three months of his life Johannes moved to Hillesheim, where Georg Conrad, who was from Gau-Odernheim originally, lived after his marriage the previous year.

9. **Anna Maria.** She died on 04 May 1789 in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany.

Johannes Eller and Anna Maria married. They had the following children:

- i. **Anna Catharina Eller** was born on 01 Sep 1750 in Osthofen, Worms, Hesse, Germany.
 - ii. **Friedrich Eller** was born on 27 Dec 1751 in Osthofen, Worms, Hesse, Germany.
 - iii. **Susanna Margaretha Eller** was born on 28 Jan 1754 in Osthofen, Worms, Hesse, Germany.
- + 4. iv. **Georg Conrad Eller** was born on 27 Mar 1758. He married Maria Eva Schneider on 25 Nov 1788 in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany. He died on 18 Nov 1837 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
10. **Johann Jakob Schneider** son of Melchior Schneider and Anna Christina Huffnagel was born on 26 Jun 1734 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
11. **Maria Gertrauda Doerr** daughter of Felix Doerr and Maria Elisabetha Lingenbach was born on 23 Dec 1732 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Johann Jakob Schneider and Maria Gertrauda Doerr were married on 02 Dec 1755 in

- + 5. i. **Maria Eva Schneider** was born on 02 Feb 1764 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. She married Georg Conrad Eller on 25 Nov 1788 in Gau-Odernheim, Alzey, Hesse, Germany.
- ii. **Johann Jakob Schneider** was born on 13 Oct 1756 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- iii. **Christian Nicolaus Schneider** was born on 26 Feb 1758 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- iv. **Maria Elisabetha Schneider** was born on 08 Aug 1761 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- v. **Christina Margaretha Schneider** was born on 28 Aug 1766 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- vi. **Martin Schneider** was born on 12 Feb 1769 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- vii. **Johann Peter Schneider** was born on 03 Aug 1771 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

12. **Philipp Jakob Becker** son of Johann Nicolaus Becker.

13. **Julianna Doerr** daughter of Johann Michael Doerr and Anna Maria Schad was born on 26 May 1740 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Philipp Jakob Becker and Julianna Doerr were married on 11 Nov 1759 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. They had the following children:

- i. **Anna Christina Becker** was born on 27 Nov 1762 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- ii. **Johann Valentin Becker** was born on 17 Nov 1765 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- iii. **Anna Elisabetha Becker** was born on 08 Nov 1768 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- iv. **Margaretha Becker** was born on 25 Dec 1772 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

+ 6. v. **Johann Nicolaus Becker** was born in 1774 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. He died on 17 Jul 1844 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

- vi. **Anna Catharina Becker** was born in 1777 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- vii. **Philipp Jakob Becker** was born in 1781 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Generation 5

20. **Melchior Schneider** son of Otto Schneider was born about 1699. He died on 22 Mar 1752 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany

21. **Anna Christina Huffnagel** daughter of Johannes Huffnagel and Anna Dorothea Heib was born on 14 Feb 1707 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. She died on 18 Dec 1759 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Melchior Schneider and Anna Christina Huffnagel were married on 09 May 1724 in

Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. They had the following children:

- i. **Maria Magdalena Schneider** was born on 02 Jan 1726 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- ii. **Johannes Schneider** was born on 12 Jul 1728 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. He died on 06 Apr 1729 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- iii. **Susanna Catharina Schneider** was born on 25 Aug 1731 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. She married Johann Nicolaus Doerr on 02 Dec 1755 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- + 10.iv. **Johann Jakob Schneider** was born on 26 Jun 1734 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. He married Maria Gertrauda Doerr on 02 Dec 1755 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- v. **Johann Conrad Schneider** was born on 08 Feb 1738 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- vi. **Johann Heinrich Schneider** was born on 08 Apr 1741 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. He died on 30 Nov 1775 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- vii. **Anna Maria Schneider** was born on 04 Mar 1744 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- viii. **Anna Christina Schneider** was born on 22 Sep 1749 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

22. **Felix Doerr.**

23. **Maria Elisabetha Lingenbach.**

Felix Doerr and Maria Elisabetha Lingenbach were married on 16 May 1730 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. They had the following children:

- i. **Johann Nicolaus Doerr** was born on 23 Feb 1731 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. He married Susanna Catharina Schneider on 02 Dec 1755 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- + 11.ii. **Maria Gertrauda Doerr** was born on 23 Dec 1732 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. She married Johann Jakob Schneider on 02 Dec 1755 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- iii. **Anna Barbara Doerr** was born on 28 Sep 1735 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany
- iv. **Johann Peter Doerr** was born on 23 Nov 1738 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Anna Margaretha Doerr daughter of Felix Doerr was born in Oct 1701. She died on 19 Sep 1728 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Felix Doerr and Anna Margaretha Doerr were married on 27 Nov 1727 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. They had the following children:

- i. **Anna Barbara Doerr** was born on 19 Sep 1728 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Hedwig Sophia was born in Apr 1696. She died on 17 May 1727 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim,

Hesse, Germany.

Felix Doerr and Hedwig Sophia married. They had the following children:

- i. **Anna Maria Elisabetha Doerr** was born on 17 May 1727 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

24. **Johann Nicolaus Becker.**

Johann Nicolaus was listed as a master tailor from Framersheim on his son, Philipp Jakob's marriage record.

Johann Nicolaus Becker and unknown spouse married. They had the following children:

- + 12.i. **Philipp Jakob Becker.** He married Julianna Doerr on 11 Nov 1759 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

26. **Johann Michael Doerr.**

27. **Anna Maria Schad** daughter of Johann Jakob Schad and Anna Elisabetha was born on 09 Oct 1702 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Johann Michael Doerr and Anna Maria Schad were married on 26 Oct 1723 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. They had the following children:

- i. **Johann Jakob Doerr** was born on 16 Oct 1724 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
 - ii. **Anna Elisabetha Doerr** was born on 04 Oct 1725 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
 - iii. **Christina Margaretha Doerr** was born on 28 Nov 1727 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
 - iv. **Johann Jakob Doerr** was born on 08 Sep 1729 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
 - v. **Anna Maria Doerr** was born on 25 Nov 1730 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
 - vi. **Johannetta Eleonora Doerr** was born on 27 Apr 1732 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
 - vii. **Anna Catharina Doerr** was born on 28 Mar 1734 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
 - viii. **Maria Magdalena Doerr** was born on 26 Apr 1736 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
 - ix. **Margaretha Doerr** was born on 22 Feb 1738 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
- + 13.x. **Julianna Doerr** was born on 26 May 1740 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. She married Philipp Jakob Becker on 11 Nov 1759 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
 - xi. **Julianetta Eleonora Doerr** was born on 23 Jan 1742 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.
 - xii. **Johann Peter Doerr** was born on 03 Aug 1743 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Generation 6

40. **Otto Schneider.**

Otto Schneider and unknown spouse married. They had the following children:

+ 20.i. **Melchior Schneider** was born about 1699. He married Anna Christina Huffnagel on 09 May 1724 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. He died on 22 Mar 1752 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

42. **Johannes Huffnagel** son of Johannes Huffnagel and Anna Maria was born about 1686. He died on 15 Aug 1733 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

43. **Anna Dorothea Heib** was born about 1672. She died on 13 Aug 1733 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Johannes Huffnagel and Anna Dorothea Heib were married on 18 May 1706 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. They had the following children:

+ 21.i. **Anna Christina Huffnagel** was born on 14 Feb 1707 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. She married Melchior Schneider on 09 May 1724 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. She died on 18 Dec 1759 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

ii. **Johann Georg Huffnagel** was born on 20 Mar 1711 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. He died on 07 May 1713 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

54. **Johann Jakob Schad.**

55. **Anna Elisabetha**

Johann Jakob Schad and Anna Elisabetha married. They had the following children:

i. **Johann Georg Schad** was born on 12 Jan 1699 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

+ 27.ii. **Anna Maria Schad** was born on 09 Oct 1702 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. She married Johann Michael Doerr on 26 Oct 1723 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

iii. **Jakob Conrad Schad** was born on 18 May 1704 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

iv. **Johann Conrad Schad** was born on 25 Apr 1706 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

v. **Maria Amalia Schad** was born on 12 Aug 1708 in Hillesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Generation 7

84. **Johannes Huffnagel** was born about 1645. He died on 30 May 1713 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

85. **Anna Maria** was born about 1644. She died on 15 Sep 1710 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.

Johannes Huffnagel and Anna Maria married. They had the following children:

+ 42.i. **Johannes Huffnagel** was born about 1686. He married Anna Dorothea Heib on 18 May 1706 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany. He died on 15 Aug 1733 in Dolgesheim, Oppenheim, Hesse, Germany.