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# Kisabeth Historical Review

## Kisabeth—Kisseberth—Kissenberth— Kispert— Kuschberth

*The Kisabeth Newsletter Lost A Good Friend in 2006*

We here at the Kisabeth Newsletter were saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend Manfred Elgert. Manfred was the former town mayor of Nieder Kinzig, a small farming village outside of Bad König in the Odenwald near Michelstadt, Hessen Germany. This is the area where our Kisseberth ancestors emigrated on their way to America in 1832 & 1842.

Manfred had helped us immensely with his local connections and his expertise of the area. It was Mr. Elgert who obtained two Nieder Kinzig History Books for us and has also supplied a few publications on the local area history. He also initiated the family lineage of our Elizabeth Daum (Philipp Kisabeth Sr.'s wife).

I am so sorry that I never had the pleasure of meeting Manfred Elgert in person.

He was so knowledgeable in the local history of the area. He promised to take me on a personal guided tour of our Kisseberth ancestor's villages with special landmarks.

friend & village historian



former Ortsvorsteher

Manfred Elgert

Manfred was so helpful in our Kisseberth research that he is mentioned in our Kisabeth History Book. There is also a nice story in a previous Kisabeth newsletter telling about the village of Nieder Kinzig and Manfred Elgert.

He used the German (local dialect in the Hessen area) word "tschüs" at the end of each letter and email he sent to me. Tschüs means a parting greeting given to a very special friend.

Prayers to a dear "pen pal" and to his family. He will be sorely missed, indeed!!

### Special points of interest:

- Manfred Elgert—Mayor Nieder Kinzig
- 16th Annual Kisabeth Reunion
- Granville Kisseberth and family
- K\*beth names in the news
- Bavarian Egg Salad Sandwich

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## Greetings

Sorry about the long delay between newsletters, but better late than never as they say.

We had hoped to complete this edition in early 2006 but some things have come up, namely my computer problem. Thanks to brother Gordie my "blue bomber" (computer) is back in great working order.

Friends, it is very important for you to send us any family related news. This letter relies on your input so please feel free to send us pictures, news of births, deaths, graduations, marriages and any family related news whether past or present or future.

Don't forget our annual K\* Family Reunion on August 5, 2006 at Meadowbrook Park in Bascom, Ohio. We started this event in 1991 with near 150 family and friends showing. Please feel free to bring any friends you may like, the more the merrier!!!!

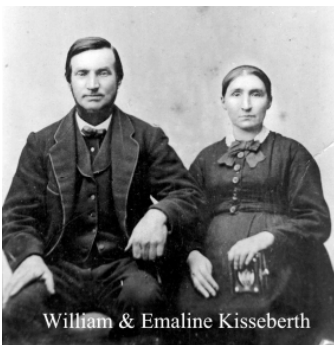
I am working on updating all our individual Kisseberth-Kisabeth-Kisseberth-Kissenberth-Kispert & Kuespert Kuspert albums. These will be available at our Aug. 5, 2006 Reunion. These are heavy binder books featuring stories, photos and clippings on our specific branches. It is much more detailed than our history book which we will also have available for purchase at the reunion.

Remember, it is important for some of our younger family members to attend this yearly function. Many of our older family have passed away so now it is up to the younger crowd to keep the tradition going. Even if you live within driving distance stop over for a few hours just to meet some of our family. **And if you can't attend please show your support by sending us your thoughts by email or regular mail. It is important to us to see that our relatives appreciated this project. Our email and regular mail addresses are located in this newsletter. We would love to hear from you!!!!**

## Granville Kisseberth & His Descendants

One specific Kisseberth family seemed to disappear for a while during my research. It seems the Granville Kisseberth offspring is once again on the surface of our Kisabeth History map. Actually they never left but I was certain that there were no descendants of the Granville clan.

Just to refresh our memory we have to start with our William Kisseberth. Wilhelm Kisseberth was the son of Georg Friedrich II & Anna Maria Widder. He was born in the small village of Nieder Kinzig in the Odenwald area of Hessen, German on January 11, 1833. The Kisseberth clan departed Germany for America in 1842 when Wilhelm was but 9 years old. Remember, an older brother Georg was the first to leave for America (1832). The family settled in the northern part of Seneca County, Ohio known for its rich farming. After working and even owning some of his father Georg Friedrich Kisseberth II's land, William, as he was now called in America migrated west to St. Joseph Township in Williams County, Ohio where he purchased his farm outside of the small rural village of Edgerton in 1864.



William & Emaline Kisseberth

Of the ten children of William & Emeline (Rosenberger) Kisseberth the oldest son Granville left the homestead at an early age settling in Nebraska and then the Phoenix, Arizona area after 1880. On the 1880 US Census Granville shows as a 16 year old working on the farm and attending the local school in St. Joseph's Township, Williams County, Ohio.

The 1880 census is the last entry we find of Granville Kisseberth. His birth date is listed as

July 26, 1863. I could not find a date & location of death or even his wife's name. I was give the name Stella for Granville's wife but no confirmation could be found. There was one son born, Irvin V. Kisseberth. Locating Irvin's 1917 WWI Draft Registration Card, it shows that he was born in Hayes Center, Nebraska on September 15, 1890. He was of medium build with brown eyes and dark hair. Irvin was working for Owl Drug Company in San Francisco, California with a wife and a child. He was 26 years old.

Irvin V. and Harriett (Hattie) had two sons, Irving Maurice and Stanley N. In 1938 a cousin from Ohio accidentally met Granville's grandson Irving in Phoenix, Arizona. There were two Owl Drug Stores and both were listed in Irvin V. Kisseberth's name.

Irving Maurice Kisseberth graduated from U.C.L.A. and was a Captain in the U.S. Army. He married Marie Ann Gagin. She was the daughter of James P. Gagin of Astoria, Queens, and NY. Marie Ann graduated from the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Maplehurst, New York and from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The Kisseberths had three children, James Stanley, Leslie Anne and Joanne.

Irving died in a boating accident in November 1964. Marie Ann died on Thursday March 15, 2001. She was residing in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. She was 80 years old. Irving & Marie Ann had 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The Owl Drug Stores were sold and the last information was that Irving M. was a salesman for Walgreen Drug Co.

Granville's younger brother Philip Edward Kisseberth visited with both Hattie & Granville's wife (Stella?) in the 1940s while traveling

to Phoenix. His daughter Lucile Kill provided some information to us in 1993. Through the Internet and some census checking I was able to piece some information on the Granville Kisseberth family.

I was in contact with Joanne (Kisseberth) Heller who provided valuable family information. Joanne is the daughter of Irving Kisseberth (1919-1964). And it was just about one month ago (March 2006) when James Kisseberth contacted us at our [www.kisabeth.com](http://www.kisabeth.com) web site wanting to know about his ancestors. It was through James that we knew the Granville Kisseberth male line has survived and his descendants are very much alive and fruitful.

Not much is known about Irwin V. Kisseberth's other son, Stanley N. He was born January 3, 1922 and died in Phoenix on August 6, 1993. He was married to his first wife Loraine about 25 years. His second wife's name was Patricia. I do not believe that Stanley had any children. Patricia had one son.

In review the list of descendants of Granville Kisseberth are as follows:

1. Granville Kisseberth (1863- ?) wife Stella?
2. son Irvin V. Kisseberth (1890-1938) wife Harriett (Hattie)
3. son Irving Maurice Kisseberth (1919-1964) wife Marie Ann (Gagin)
4. son James Stanley Kisseberth (1943- 1995) wife Patricia (Guidera)- 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda
5. James Paul Kisseberth (1968- wife Kathleen
6. stepson Kevin
6. Amanda Kisseberth Berti
6. Alexandria Kisseberth
5. Joseph J. Kisseberth (1969- wife Christine
6. Abigail Kisseberth
5. Kevin P. Kisseberth (1971-
4. daughter Leslie Ann Kisseberth (1947- husband Thomas Paul Hauspurg
5. Tracy Anne Hauspurg (1971-
5. Todd Paul Hauspurg (1972-
6. Gavin Paul Hausburg (1995-
5. Brian Hauspurg (1974-
5. Kristin Anne Hauspurg (1979-
4. daughter Joanne Kisseberth (1954- husband Gregory M. Heller (divorced)
- Jacquelyn Marie Heller (1975-
- Tricia Margaret Heller (1977-
- Gregory Michael Heller (1979-
3. son Stanley N. Kisseberth (1922-1993) wife Loraine- 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Patricia

James Paul Kisseberth Family



Patricia Kisseberth & Kevin



## Robert Foster Kisabeth

Robert F. Kisabeth wanted to be a chef. Although he still loves cooking Italian food, he found his real talent in managing hotels. A native of Plymouth, Michigan, Kisabeth graduated from Michigan State University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in business and hotel/restaurant management. He became the youngest general manager in one of John Q. Hammon's subsidiaries in 1992 at the Rancho Cordove, California Day's Inn. He followed that as GM of the Quality Suites in Santa Anna, Calif. And held the same post at the Rochester, N.Y., Residence Inn. Robert then converted to Embassy Suites properties, where he was GM at two stops before helping open the Embassy Suites Convention Center Hotel in Charleston, S.C. That proved a strong audition for Kisabeth by the time Hammons opened a showplace facility in Rogers, Arkansas in 2003. During Kisabeth's tenure in Charleston, that property was rated No. 2 in the Embassy chain for service two years in a row. Although most hotels don't show a positive cash flow until after their first year, the Rogers facility did it in three months. Kisabeth was on the board for the Rogers-Lowell Chamber of Commerce and the Rogers A & P Commission.

As of this writing, Rob is now GM of the beautiful Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention Center. He is President of the Tulsa Hotel & Lodging Association and on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Hotel & Lodging Association. Rob and his beautiful wife Stephanie along with sons Jacob Foster & Matthew William live in the Tulsa suburb of Jenks, Oklahoma.

Robert's hobbies include tennis and golf. A personal highlight occurred last summer when he was paired with LPGA Golf Pro [Annika Sorenstam in the Pro-Am group the day prior to the John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic.](#)

Robert Foster is the son of Gordon William & Mary Michele (Case) Kisabeth of Plymouth, Michigan.

His Hotel web site is: <http://marriott.com/>



President of the  
Tulsa Hotel &  
Lodging  
Association

To refresh your memory on our Family History please take this short 10 question quiz. Some day your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren may ask some questions about our specific family's history and you'll be ready. (Answers elsewhere in this newsletter)

9-10 correct answers = expert on our history & you should be writing this newsletter  
8 correct answers = not bad you are definitely a relative!!!!  
7 correct answers = fair, but buy a Kisabeth History Book or CD!!!!  
6 or less correct answers = bad, but think about changing your last name!!!!

1. *What was our original surname in the 14<sup>th</sup> century?*  
a. Kisabeth b. Kissaberth c. Kueschwert d. Kisperth
2. *What year did our 1<sup>st</sup> Kisseberth (Georg Kisseberth) immigrate to America?*  
a. 1852 b. 1842 c. 1862 d. 1832
3. *What year was Otto Kissenberth awarded Germany's highest military award, The Blue Max?*  
a. 1918 b. 1944 c. 1915 d. 1912
4. *Who was our oldest known family member?*  
a. Jacob Kisseberth b. Adam Kisabeth c. Raymond Kuespert d. John Kisebert
5. *What religion did our specific medieval clergy belong?*  
a. Catholic b. Baptist c. Lutheran d. Amish
6. *What was the name of the castle in which our ancestor Leonhard Kisseberth was a criminal magistrate?*  
a. Bavaria b. Breuberg c. Neuschwanstein d. Kuspert
7. *Our first known ancestor Kunz Kuschwert was mentioned in what small Bavarian village in the 1400?*  
a. Wertheim b. Michelstadt c. Wunsiedel d. Nieder Kinzig
8. *What animal did Georg Kueschwert, innkeeper in Wertheim, Germany use as his heraldic seal?*  
a. horse b. lion c. ostrich d. bear
9. *Johann Nicolaus Kuspert & Margaretha Barbara Nürnberger were invited to be married with what Crown Prince of Bavaria in 1842?*  
a. Ludwig II b. Otto I c. Ludwig III d. Maximilian II
10. *In September 1926 Augusta (Gus) Kisseberth, noted farmer near Bascom, Ohio, suffered a very tragic injury losing what body part?*  
a. his right foot b. his left hand c. his right arm d. his left foot

# Kisabeth Kisseberth Kisaberth families gather 1991

The first reunion of the Kisabeth-Kisseberth-Kisaberth families was conducted Aug. 10 at Meadowbrook Park, Bascom.

There were 138 family members and guests attending the event.

Mary Kisaberth, 91, was the oldest family member present and 2-month-old Natalie Kisseberth was the youngest.

Thirteen states were represented with Brad Kisseberth traveling the farthest from LaMesa, Calif. These families are the descendents of four brothers who immigrated from Germany and settled in Seneca County in 1832.

An August, 1992, reunion is planned with the committee being composed of Gerald and Gordon Kisabeth, Barbara Shipley, Bill Kisseberth and reunion president Foster B. Kisabeth of Plymouth, Mich.



# Aug. 5, 2006 (don't miss it!!!)



## Michigan Kisabeths visit California Kisabeths

During the last days of February and early March of this year Gordie & Michele Kisabeth of Plymouth, Michigan had a nice visit with the Philip & Kathy Kisabeth family of San Jose and Napa Valley California. Gordie's aunt Kathy is the widow of Philip Kisabeth son of William Earl & Carrie M. (McClellan) Kisabeth. Phil was raised in Plymouth, graduated from Plymouth High School and went on to study at Michigan State University where he met his life partner Kathleen Carlin. The family lived briefly in Plymouth before heading to the California state years ago. Both were teachers for

many years and Kathy is still substituting at this time. Philip Kisabeth was a decorated U.S. Marine who served

in the Pacific.

Gordie & Michel also visited cousin Kerry (Kisabeth) Burton and her husband Dan. Dan works at the Cinnabar Hills Golf Course in San Jose..

It was then on to Napa Valley to visit Phil & Kathy's other child, Thomas Patrick and his wife Kelly. Tom & Kelly had two adorable children; Krista (8) and Cody (4).

The Michigan Kisabeth also had a chance to meet up with Michele's nephew Justin Case while on their west coast trip. Justin works in Silicon Valley.

I'm told that the San Francisco area was the high point of their trip.



## Families in the News

**Mary Ellen Kisabeth**, 86, a longtime resident of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away Tuesday, May 2, 2006. She was born Nov. 9, 1919 in Wichita Falls. She was co-founder and co-owner of Carl Kisabeth Co., a prominent furniture company known nation wide.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Carl V. Kisabeth. She is survived by daughter Carla Wasser and husband Barry; grandchildren, Carrie Meyer and husband, Allan, and Brian Wasser and wife Catherine; great-grandson, Brian Andrew Wasser. Mary wrote a very nice biography for our Kisabeth History Book telling the story of husband Carl and the Kisabeth Furniture Company.

**Dr. Michael J. Kissenberth** is now working in Columbus, Georgia. Mike is an Orthopedic Surgeon. He is also featured in our history book. Mike was an academic All-American at the Citadel playing linebacker back in 1988 and was named Cadet of the Year. He finished his studies at the Medical University of South Carolina (the same school as cousin Dr. Charles William Kisabeth attended). Mike is the son of William & Suzanne (Schmeling) Kissenberth of Merritt Island, Florida.

**Eugene "Gene" Kispert** of Owatonna, Minnesota is our family source on the Kispert name. Gene has provided many items, pictures and stories. He is also a member of The Solar System Ambassadors Program. He has been an occasional star gazer for years. After his retirement as a Quality Assurance Manager Gene became actively involved in amateur astronomy. He formed an astronomy club and developed a slide program about the Solar System for presentations at schools, clubs and at the State Park. Other amateur astronomers in our family include Gordon Kisabeth, Howard & Linda Cotrell.

**Edward E. Kisabeth** passed away last December 1, 2005. He was 92 years old. Ed was a frequent attendee of our annual family reunions. He was born Nov. 8, 1913 in Seneca County, Ohio to Orley & Elzina (Swank) Kisabeth. Edward married Thelma M. Wooten on April 19, 1942. She passed away Oct. 9, 2003. Ed was a lifelong farmer just as our Kisabeth ancestors were. His farm was located in the heart of "Kisabeth-Kisseberth-Kisaberth Country," located in the Loudon-Hopwell township area near Bascom/Tiffin/Fostoria. Ed is survived by daughters, Ann Casey, Pat Otermat, and Kathy Kisabeth and a sister Marvalene Cook of Tiffin.

## Quiz Answers

1. c. Kueschwert; 2. d. George Kisseberth immigrated in 1832 to Tiffin, Ohio. His parents and 2 brothers & sister followed ten years later in 1842; 3. a. Otto Kissenberth was a Bavarian ace (highly decorated pilot) during WW1. He received the 'pour le merite' (Blue Max) on July 23, 1918; 4. c. Raymond Dewy Kuespert, son of Johann Christoph Kuespert was born in South Bend, Indiana on March 12, 1896 and died on November 25, 1998. He was 102 years, 8 months and 13 days making him our oldest known descendant in 600 years of our written history; 5. c. the Lutheran religion was our faith of the medieval period. Our Kueschwert ancestors were Lutheran clergy soon after Martin Luther's break from the Catholic church in the early 1500s; 6. b. Castle Breuberg in Oldenwald, Hessen, Germany was the home of our Criminal Magistrate Leonhard Kisseberth from 1637 at the age of 47; 7. c. This small village is located in the Fichtelgebirge region of NE Bavaria; 8. c. ostrich; 9. d. Maximilian II was the Crown Prince of Bavaria in 1842; 10. c. Augusta (Gus) Kisseberth lost his right arm below the elbow in a corn shredder in September 1926.



*Andrew continues in this fine tradition following 1st cousin Craig Kisabeth as Head Football Coach.*

### Inside Story Headline

Andrew (Drew) Kisabeth was named the 12<sup>th</sup> Official Head Football Coach at Rochester (MI) High School. The 26 year old becomes one of the youngest head coaches in Michigan and the youngest in the always tough Oakland Athletic Association League. "I'm extremely excited to start," remarked Kisabeth. "Rochester is a wonderful community and since my first visit, I have know that this is where I want to be."

Andrew continues in this fine tradition following 1<sup>st</sup> cousin Craig Kisabeth as Head Football Coach. Craig guided his Jefferson County (Tennessee) football team to the Tenn. State Championship in 1987 before 27,600 fans at Vanderbilt University. His Patriots finished a perfect 15-0 & ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation in USA Today. Craig has since retired from the coaching ranks but remains the school's the Athletic Director.

Here is a short profile on Andrew M. Kisabeth:

- 1998 - 3rd best Quarterback in Michigan. Ranked by the Detroit Free Press #22 player in the state.
- 1998 - Received a full athletic scholarship to Ferris State University. Played Quarterback.
- 2000 - Head Freshman Football Coach, Dearborn Divine Child High School.
- 2001-2005 - Offensive Coordinator/Play Caller/QB/WR Coach, Dearborn Divine Child High

School.  
2000-2005 - Assistant Head Football Coach, Dearborn Divine Child High School.

5 years with Dearborn Divine Child - 3 Prep Bowl Appearances, 2 League (AA) Titles, 4 Playoff Appearances.

Ranked 2nd, 3rd and 5th in school history (since 1965) in most points scored in a season.

- Coached:
- Division 1 Wide Receiver - Bryan Kisabeth - University at Buffalo.
  - Division 1 Punt Returner - Dave Lesmeister - Michigan State University.
  - Division 2 Quarterback - Matt Forystek - Saginaw Valley State University.

Last four years combined 28-16 record under Coach Gary Forystek.

2003-Present - Strength and Conditioning Consultant and Recruiting Coordinator for Siskinds Sports Management based out of London, Ontario, Canada .

Nice Rochester Falcons Web site: <http://eteamz.active.com/rochfootball/index.cfm?>



### Some Good News...& some bad news...

Bryan William Kisabeth, son of Ken & Joan Kisabeth of Plymouth, Michigan recently received some good (actually great) news but it was fairly short lived as some bad news followed closely.

As you may remember, Bryan is a receiver on the University at Buffalo football team. He was given a full scholarship after graduating from Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Michigan. Bryan, a wide receiver, played as a true freshman in 2003 but was red shirted last year with an abundance of wide outs on the squad. The upcoming year (Fall 2006) was very promising with a new coaching staff, top schedule (Wisconsin,

Boston College, Auburn....) and the news that would shift Bryan to the tight end position. By spring practice he was listed with senior receiver Todd Upshaw (son of baseball star Willie & nephew of NFL great Gene Upshaw) at the top tight end positions.

The Spring Game started out very nice for young Bryan as he made five catches but the bad news struck as he took a helmet to the knee and was taken off the field on crutches a short time later. Head Coach Turner Gill told Bryan's parents that the young Kisabeth was the highlight of spring ball.

An MRI was done and at least for the time being. Bryan was done. He is scheduled for knee surgery June 13 and the prognosis looks very good and with some hard work Bryan will be back competing in a few months. A medical red shirt is a strong possibility. Best wishes Bryan.....

Check out the Buffalo Bulls at: <http://www.ubathletics.buffalo.edu/football/news/ftb04-01-2006-notes.shtml>

## U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 Record about Robert M Kisabeth

Name:	Robert M Kisabeth
Birth Year:	1920
Race:	White, citizen
Nativity State or Country:	Ohio
State:	Michigan
County or City:	Wayne
Enlistment Date:	20 Oct 1941
Enlistment State:	Michigan
Enlistment City:	Detroit
Branch:	Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA
Branch Code:	Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA
Grade:	Private
Grade Code:	Private
Component:	Selectees (Enlisted Men)
Source:	Civil Life
Education:	3 years of high school
Civil Occupation:	Master Mechanic, Marine or Tool Maker* An asterisk (*) appearing after a job title indicates that a trade test for the particular occupation will be found in the United States Employment Service Manual, Oral Trade Test.
Marital Status:	Single, without dependents
Height:	69
Weight:	147



Robert McClellan Kisabeth

Recently discovered on Ancestry Plus is the WWII Enlistment Record of our decorated war hero Robert McClellan Kisabeth. The record is dated October 20, 1941. "Bob" is featured in our Kisabeth Family History Book detailing his many experiences for the U.S. Army's 34<sup>th</sup> Division (Red Bull during WWII. Bob is currently residing outside of Charleston, South Carolina. Happy Memorial Day Robert (May 29, 2006) and God bless you & we thank you.....

## Kisabeth—Kisseberth—Kissenberth— Kispert– Kuschberth

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## Bavarian Egg Salad Sandwich

### Bavarian Egg Salad Sandwich

8 hard-boiled eggs  
1/3 cup pickles -- chopped  
2 tablespoons plain low-fat yogurt  
2 tablespoons [Dijon mustard](#)  
2 tablespoons onion -- finely chopped  
1 tablespoon mayonnaise -- or [salad dressing](#)  
8 slices pumpernickel bread  
8 slices dill pickle

Chop hard-cooked eggs. Combine eggs with chopped pickles. Combine yogurt, [mustard](#), onion and mayonnaise.

Mix yogurt mixture into eggs. Spread one quarter of the mixture on four slices of bread.

Top with remaining four slices of bread and garnish with a slice of dill pickle.

Makes 4 sandwiches.

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