

HEINLEIN GENEALOGY

John Heinlein, father (1836 to 1919)

As you already know, Abtsgreuth is a village in the parish of Münchsteinach, and Johann Heinlein was living there when he married in 1865. It's possible that the births of his children actually occurred in Abtsgreuth, and they were baptized in Münchsteinach. We would have to examine the original records to tell for sure. The notation on Johann Michael's baptism that he was the fifth child born to this couple (or at least to this mother) indicates that there probably was a child born before Johann's and Margaretha's marriage in 1865, possibly in her home parish of Gleissenberg. We would need to search those registers, which are housed in an archives in Nürnberg, to see if we could identify that child. Perhaps it is the Johann Georg Heinlein mentioned in the 1883 list of emigrants above.

We were sent a copy of Johann Heinlein's baptism from the Protestant Parish in Schornweisach, Bavaria, showing that he was born 10 April 1836 at about 1:00 p.m. and was baptized on 15 April (Document 2). He was the seventh child of Bernhard (not Leonhard) Heinlein, a farmer, and his wife, Margaretha Elisabeth Kolb. Apparently, the parish had misread Johann's father's name, since a capital "B" in the old German script looks like an "L."

Clearly, the best way to get more information on Johann Heinlein's family would be to visit the parish of Schornweisach in person, to search the original registers. A family book, compiled from the original baptisms and marriages, had been created, showing the following family (Document 3):

Source	Purpose of Search	Findings/Analysis	Doc#
Evangelische Kirche Münchsteinach (Bayern, Germany), Baptism [sic] book Münchsteinach, Konrad family; Evangelical-Lutheran Pfarramt, Münchsteinach, Germany.	Children born to Johann Heinlein and Margaretha Wacker	Elisabeth, born 25 February 1866; died 13 March 1869 (1866/68/2) Johann Konrad, born 21 July 1868 (1868/86/25) Kunigunde, born 28 November 1870; died 10 September 1879 (1870/106/37) Johann Michael "5 th child," born 28 August 1873 (1873/119/31) Anna Margareta, born 10 Jun 1875; died 18 September 1879 (1875/18/2) Johann Albrecht, born 26 April 1877; died 7 October 1879 (1877/18/12) Johann, born 6 April 1879 (1879/21/6)	
		<i>Information in parenthesis is the year, page number and entry number from the original book of baptisms</i>	