

HEINLEIN GENEALOGY

Johann Michael Heinlein (1832 to 1912)

I'm glad that I waited to do the Pennsylvania research until after we knew the correct relationship between your great grandfather, John Heinlein, and the others with that surname who also resided in Allegheny County. We discovered that only Johann Michael was John's brother, so we traced his family further in original records. We also located information on their sister, Elizabeth Barbara Heinlein, who also immigrated to America and lived in Pennsylvania and Iowa.

Research Background

The core of our research is represented by the research journal that accompanies this letter. The purpose of the journal is to fully document the sources we searched in pursuit of your research objectives. In the journal, we completely cite each source we studied so that anyone else can follow up and review our research. This also helps us, and any future researchers, know what has (and has not) been searched. Because there are various reasons for searching any given record, we also indicate the purpose of each search. Finally, the "findings" column summarizes what we learned from each source. Any commentary about that search may be added in italics.

Another important part of our research is the documents we found about this family. We have included copies of all the key documents, each with a citation identifying what the document is and where we obtained it. It is the information in these documents that allows us to make conclusions about the people and relationships we have been researching for you. As we discussed previously, we never know exactly what documents we will find and what they will reveal about your ancestors. That is why we share them with you, so you can see how we arrived at the various conclusions we made during this research session. The documents are numbered for ready reference to the research journal and in the research summary below.

Our conclusions are reflected on the private online tree that we created for you at *Ancestry*. This tree is not an effort to replace the tree you may have already compiled (either online or off). Rather, this focuses on the specific people and families you asked us to search.

Although the research journal and the documents are the key products of our research, I want to take a few paragraphs to walk you through our research and to summarize the major findings. You will surely gain additional insights as you read about the findings in the journal and study the accompanying documents.