

HEINLEIN GENEALOGY

Johann Michael Heinlein (1832 to 1912)

Research Summary

According to information you supplied at the beginning of this session, your ancestor, John (Johann) Heinlein (1836-1919) had three brothers who also came to the U.S. and settled in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

They were Johann Conrad (1827-1878), Michael (1832-1912), and George (1840-1921). Michael and George are buried in Greentree Cemetery, Green Tree, Allegheny County, like your great grandfather, John.

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Our research in Germany proved that only one of these men was actually a brother of John. He was Johann Michael, born 25 February 1832 in Shornweisach, Bavaria. The other two, Johann Conrad and George, must have been cousins of some degree. The child named Johann Georg born in 1823 probably died young, since his parents gave another son, who was born in 1827, that name.

You also mentioned families named Shorr, Wachter, Winkler, and Pfeiffer as being possible relatives. In addition, Wacker was an associated surname since it was the maiden name of John Heinlein's wife. We identified John M. Heinlein (Johann Michael) living with his daughter and son-in-law in Elliott, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in the 1900 U.S. Federal Census (Document 1). He was born in February 1832 in Germany and reportedly immigrated in 1888. He and his wife, Agnes, who was born in June 1837 in Germany, had been married for 38 years, and Agnes had given birth to 7 children, 6 of whom were still alive in June 1900.

John M. Heinlein's daughter, "Savina" Schorr, with whom he lived, was one of these. She was born in August 1862 in Germany and also reportedly immigrated in 1888. She and her husband, "Gottlieb" Schorr, had been married for 10 years and she was the mother of 4 children, only 2 of whom were still alive. They were Annie B., born in January 1891, and Jennie A., born in July 1894.

Sabina Schoor [*sic*] died 9 October 1944 in Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, of chronic nephritis and exhaustion (Document 17). She was the widow of Gottlieb Schoor, and was reportedly born 6 August 1862 in Germany, to Michael Heinlein and "Agness" Hoffman.

We also identified the family of Gottlieb "Schorr" in 1910, living in Hopewell, Beaver County (Document 18), with his wife, Sabina, age 47, and two children: Anna B. (age 19); and Johanna A. (age 15). The couple also had an adopted son, Clyde Schorr, age 15 and born in Indiana. In 1920, Gottlieb and Sabina "Schoor" lived along on Independence Road in Hopewell (Document 19).

Michael Henlein [*sic*] died in Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, on 14 June 1912, of general debility (Document 2). According to the informant on Michael's death record, Fred Heinlein of Pittsburgh, Michael was 82 years old and a native of Germany. His father's name was Johann "Henlein," but Michael's mother's name was unknown to the informant. As you indicated, Michael is buried in Greentree Cemetery (Document 4).

Michael's wife, Agnetis Heinlein, died 18 April 1906 in Hopewell Township, at the age of 70 years and 10 months (Document 3). Elizabeth Heinlein of 14 Kuhn Street filled out Agnetis's death certificate, stating that Agnetis was born in Beergeweisaele[?], Oberfranken, Bavaria, the daughter of "Micheal" Hoffman and "Margret" B. Pickel. Her place of birth is probably Burgweisach, which is close to Schornweisach, her husband's birthplace.