

ADDED NOTES on SULZBERGER HISTORY

Neil and Faye Fleming visited Grossbottwar in July 2006. These notes and documents came from that visit. Faye's mother was Bell Cross nee Sulzberger. Jacob is spelled in two ways (Jakob, Jacob) and first and second names switch.

Prior to our visit, our friends Juerg and Pamela Alean from Eglisau in Switzerland had used their knowledge of the German language to help us interpret documents and letters associated with the Sulzberger family who left Grossbottwar in 1855. They had made contact with Herr Fuchs a retired Grossbottwar man interested in archives and history. He knew of previous requests for Sulzberger information and in 2001 had arranged a tour of the town for our Paul Sulzberger (Wellington, New Zealand) who unfortunately was unable to meet with him as arranged. He had an 83 year-old colleague (Frau Alice Marchewski) who had information from the Lutheran Church records. Herr Fuchs also held documents and certificates of interest to the Sulzberger family and these have been copied and are shown elsewhere on this website. His interest and knowledge is much appreciated –in fact he had almost swamped our Swiss friends with letters and emails about the Sulzberger records. We were not able to meet him or Alice on our visit. What follows is a description and translation of some of the information on the various documents provided by Herr Fuchs and Alice Marchewski. Some documents were not new to us but they all help to add to the Sulzberger story and also raise some interesting questions.

Another Enquiry

In Herr Fuchs and Frau Marchewski's collection of documents about the Sulzberger family is a reference to Tania Williams (nee Sulzberger), who at that time lived in Laguna Niguel, California, USA. Tania is descended from the "New Zealand line" through Johan Jacob. Her father was Kevin John Sulzberger, her grandfather Leslie Robert Sulzberger and her great grandfather Jake was a son of Johan Jacob. Her letter, in German, dated November, 1992 mentions in a footnote that Tania had information that Johan Jacob (Sr) was mayor (Burgermeister) of Grossbottwar when he left for Australia. That appears to be incorrect according to Herr Fuchs. Alice Marchewski replied to Tania noting, "*I have sent three copies of the family register in Grossbottwar in which your ancestors appear. For more research you might contact the Lutheran Church records held in Neckarwestheim, Germany.*" These three certificates are shown below.

The Lineage

It is probably helpful to reprint our Sulzberger lineage as there are many with similar names.

Parents	Born	Died
	Male Female	Male Female
Leonhard Sulzberger and Christoph Reinhardt	? 1632	? 1716
Johann Georg Sulzberger and Eva Reinhardt	1680 1685	1752 1735
Johan Georg Sulzberger and Susanne Heeb	1719 1723	1793 1812
Johan Jacob Sulzberger and Maria Weigle	1749 1748	1828 1825
Gottfried Jacob Sulzberger and Christine Nesper (Gottfried Jacob Sulzberger and Rosina Bauer born 1783 (no children)	1785 1790	1844 1828
Johan Jacob Sulzberger and Christine Nesper (one child)	1814	1894
Johan Jacob Sulzberger and Regina Barbara (six children)	1823	1889

Information from the Lutheran Church Documents

CERTIFICATE ONE

Name		Date		Place	
Johann Jacob Sulzberger		19. Dec. 1749		Sulzbach, S. Carol.	
Marie Agnes Weigle		28. Jan. 1773		Sulzbach, S. Carol.	
Gottfried Jacob		2. Apr. 1785		Sulzbach, S. Carol.	
Gottlieb Christoph		17. März 1791		Sulzbach, S. Carol.	
Dorothea Barbara		18. Jan. 1781		Sulzbach, S. Carol.	
Lily		-		-	
-		-		-	

Frau Alice Marchewski includes the certificate shown here and goes on to write about our Sulzberger ancestor a Johan Jacob (again) who was the grandfather of Johan Jacob who came to Australia with his family. This Johan Jacob, born on 19 December, 1749 married Marie Agnes Weigle in 28 January 1773. They had six children of whom Gottfried Jacob is the father of our migrant ancestor. The information on the certificate lists the following children of Johan Jacob and Marie Weigle in birth order: Some of this information was known and is entered on the family tree. What was not known was the existence of three additional children. What happened to the last two children and to the twin to our ancestor?

1	Dorothea Barbara	Born 18 th January 1781. Died 14 th December 1794
2	Gottfried Jacob	Born 2 nd April 1785 (father of Johan Jacob)
3		A twin of Gottfried whose name is illegible.
4	Gottlieb Christoph	Born 17 th March 1791. Died 1792
5 & 6		Two unnamed children with no birth date.

CERTIFICATE THREE

Geburts- Tag, Monat und Jahr.		Eheleute Vor- name und Nach- name.		Geburts- Tag, Monat und Jahr.	
17. Sept. 1814. Johan Jacob Sulzberger geb. am 2. d. September 1815. mit 4 Kindern die nach Australien emigri- ren.		Christine geb. am 29. Okt. 1820. Regina Barbara Nesper geb. am 16. Febr. 1823. Nesper bei Sulzberger geb. am 16. Febr. 1823.		29. Okt. 1820. 16. Febr. 1823.	
Mutter: Johanna geb. Sulzberger		Mutter: Regina Barbara Nesper		Mutter: Regina Barbara Nesper	
Vater: Johann Jakob Sulzberger		Vater: Johann Jakob Sulzberger		Vater: Johann Jakob Sulzberger	
Geburts- Ort.		Eheleute Geburts- Ort.		Geburts- Ort.	
Sulzberg		Sulzberg		Sulzberg	
No. d. Eintr.		No. d. Eintr.		No. d. Eintr.	
1		2		3	
2		3		4	
3		4		5	
4		5		6	
5		6		7	

This certificate is for the marriages of Johan Jacob, to Christine Nesper (born on 29th October, 1820) on 30th January 1844 and then to Regina Barbara Nesper (born on 16th February, 1823) on 16th May, 1847. It shows that Johan Jacob had five children in Germany. Four left with their parents for Tasmania, Australia in 1855.

To Christine and Jacob

- 1 Johan Jacob Born 20th September 1845 to his first wife.

To Regina and Jacob

- 2 Gottlieb Konrad Born 24 January 1848
- 3 Christoph Gottfried Born 21st or 24th July 1850
- 4 Fredericka Christina Born 24th April 1853. Died 26th April 1854.
- 5 Chrsitina Frederika Born 27th May 1854

The Letter

Grossbottwar Oberamts Marbach Bürgerrechts-Verzichts-Urkunde zur Auswanderung	
Der Unterzeichnete Jakob Sulzberger, welcher mit seiner Familie bestehend aus seiner Ehefrau und 4 Kindern, nach Australien auszuwandern und sich daselbst bürgerlich niederzulassen gesonnen ist, bekennt durch gegenwärtige Urkunde, dass er in diesem Vorhaben auf sein bisheriges Bürgerrecht zu Grossbottwar und jede Art von bürgerlichem Verband mit dem Württembergischen Staat wissentlich und wohlbedächtlich Verzicht leistet.	
Zugleich verpflichtet er sich, von dem Wegzug an innerhalb Jahresfrist gegen seine Majestät den König und das Königreich Württemberg nicht zu dienen.	
Grossbottwar am 7. März 1855	
Jakob Sulzberger	
Zur Beurkundung Stadtschultheissenamt	
Dienstamter K.M. Gemeinde Grossbottwar	A. V. Köbler
Gesehen: Marbach den 13. März 1855 K. Oberamt Stockmayer	
Unter den ausgewanderten Kindern befindet sich der Militärflichtige Christof Gottfried Sulzberger geboren den 21. Juli 1850	
Zur Beurkundung Marbach, den 27. Sept. 1851 K. Oberamt	

This letter states in its introduction that Jacob Sulzberger is part of a family with a wife and four children who will emigrate to Australia and will settle there. Jacob declares by this document that he gives up his rights to citizenship of the town (Grossbottwar) and promises not to enlist for any action against the King of Wurtemberg within one year. It also says that among his children there is Christoph Gottfried who was born on 21st July 1850 who is eligible for military conscription on 27th September 1851 (*perhaps he had to enrol at one year old.*) It is dated 7th March 1855. The document was checked on 13th March in Marbach (*a neighbouring town*) and signed in the Grossbottwar town hall.

The List

Großbottwarer sind dabei, 20 Familien mit Kindern und 29 junge ledige Leute verlassen in den Jahren von 1852 bis 1866 ihre Heimatstadt. Mit der Zielangabe Australien wanderten aus:

- 1852 Glock Ludwig und Barbara geb. Wägerle
Lees Johannes und Luise geb. Schittenhelm
Müller Ludwig und Dorothea geb. Lang
Volz Christoph und Luise geb. Hellerich
- 1854 Beh Karl und Barbara geb. Entenmann
Brosi David und Dorothea geb. Beh
Dreher Christian
Lees Luise
Möhle Friedrich und Anna Maria geb. Rieker
Sailer Konrad und Christina geb. Schmidt
Strähle David und Sabina geb. Binder
- 1855 Burk Konrad mit Familie
Lees Friedrich und Karoline geb. Lochmann
Sulzberger Jakob mit Familie
Weller Gottfried mit Familie
- 1857 Asimus Karl
Beh David
Brosi Gottlob
Gruber Christian und Luise geb. Lochmann
Müller Christian
- 1858 Hartmaier Friedrich
Wagner Gottlieb und Johanna geb. Lochmann
- 1861 Beh Friedrich
Brosi Christian
Brosi Jakob
Deuble Johannes und Marie geb. Lorenz
Eisenmann Jakob und Christiane geb. Rapp
Fink Friedrich
Häfner Georg und Dorothea geb. Fink
Häusser Friederike
Häusser Heinrich
Lochmann Gottlieb
Meister Karl
Müller Konrad, Witwer
Pantle Heinrich

This page from a book lists the families that left the area of Grossbottwar for Australia from 1852 to 1861. The Sulzbergers are listed in 1855 with three other families – those of Konrad Burk, Friedrich Lees and Gottfried Weller.