

# *Ancestors of Johann Jakob Korndörffer*

## *Generation No. 1*

**1. Johann Jakob Korndörffer<sup>1</sup>**, born Bet. 1612 - 1632 in ??, Oberfranken, Deutschland<sup>1</sup>; died 15 Jan 1670 in Wöllstein, Hessen, Deutschland<sup>1</sup>. He married **(1) Suzanna Margaretha Schloer<sup>1</sup>**. She was born <sup>1</sup>, and died 28 out 1686 in Wöllstein, Hessen, Deutschland<sup>1</sup>.

Notes for Johann Jakob Korndörffer:

(TRANSCRIPTION OF THE KORNDÖRFFER'S FAMILY HISTORY IN GERMAN, as described in the DEUTSCHE GESCHLECHTERBUCH VOLUME 66. SEE THE ENGLISH VERSION FARTHER BELOW

KORNDÖRFFER (Korndörfer, van Hoesen=Korndörffer, aus Wöllstein in Rheinhessen)

FAMILY HISTORY AS DESCRIBED IN THE DEUTSCHE GESCHLECHTERBUCH (GERMAN BOOK OF GENERATIONS), VOLUME 66, PAGE 159 AND FOLLOWING. (THE GESCHLECHTERBUCH WAS PREPARED BY DR.JUR. BERNARD KOERNER, COUNSELOR AND MEMBER OF THE HERALDIC INSTITUTE. DRAWINGS ARE BY GUSTAV ADOLF SCHLOSS. THE VOLUME 66 WAS PUBLISHED BY DRUCK UND VERLAG VON S.A.STARKE, FROM GÖRLITZ, IN 1929. Starke was a former supplier to the royal house in Hessen, according to Volume 66.)

The only known copy of this 1929 edition is in possession of Fernando Julio Korndörfer Neto, in Brazil. Yet, The Schildermann in Holland have a 1935 edition and Henrique Fernando Korndörfer from Novo Hamburgo, Brazil, also has a copy, but the year it was published is unknown. Other copies may exist in Germany, yet investigations made by Werner Ruth Korndörfer were not successful. Before World War II, between 1930 and 1935 a certain L.Korndörfer printed a publication called "Nachrichten des Familienverbandes Korndörfer" (News from the Korndörfer Family association). Four numbers (September 1930, April 1931, April 1935, February 1937) were issued with several worldwide news from the family, as well as with corrections to the information contained in the Geschlechterbuch.

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Although there are other Korndörffers appearing in registers before Johan Jakob, back to 1493 or even before with different writing, the complete lineage could so far be established only back to Johan Jakob. So far, Johan Jakob's father and mother have not been located in Oberfranken, where he was born. There is a whole lot of Korndorfers descending from the Ach area that are not included in this report, because the link with Johann Jakob has not been established. If you have any data on this, I would be happy to receive them.

## KORNDÖRFFER

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## Shield

The crest was received, it is said, from Kaiser Max I, in 1493. The description (in a rough translation from gothic German) is the following: over black, a golden rimmed red cross, with golden oak seeds in each of four corners; over the crowned helm with black and gold top, a growing(?) man dressed in black with golden collar and (Aufschlägen) and a black golden-rimmed Hat, holding in the right hand three golden wheat spikes.

## Family Information

Evangelicals. Live(d) in Darmstadt, Mainz, Rossdorf bei Darmstadt, Freilaubersheim in Rheinhessen, Höchst im Odenwald, Frankfurt am Mein, Altona, Saarbrücken, Bischofsheim am Mein, Höchst am Mein,

Köln, Leipzig, Mannheim, Michelbach in Hessen-Nassau, Amsterdam, Dordrecht, Haag, Arnheim and Katwik in Holland, London in England, Shanghai in China, New York in North America and Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil.

The oldest appearance of a bearer of the Korndörffer name come from Oberfranken (Germany) near Bayreuth and Münchberg. In the Landbook of Bayreuth Amt from 1386 to 1392 can be found the names of a certain Helmbrecht Kürmdorffer in a place called Nesse, and of a certain Heinrich Kürndorffer in a place called Forkendorff; both places are located southwest of Bayreuth.

In the Feudbook of Marquis Friedrich I von Brandenburg - 1421 - and also in the 1532 Feudbook of the Hirschbergschen Count information can be found on investments in land by bearers of the name, near Bayreuth and Münchberg (see footnote 2 in the DG-Vol 66).

In Münchberg there was a numerous lineage of Kordörffer around the 1500s. The first volume of Inrollment Book of the Leipzig University contained not less than 8 Korndörffer, all of whom came from that neighborhood. The name appears here in the forms Korndorffer, Krindorffer, Kornderffer, Kurrendorffer. The entries show:

Benedickt ... from Monchbergk i.M. 1519  
Conrad ..... from Munichberg i.S. 1485  
Henrich .... from Mynchberg i.S. 1518  
Johann ..... from Bayrewt i.S. 1491  
Johann ..... from Monnigsberg i.S. 1467  
Johann ..... from Mongergk 1509  
Petrus ..... from Arnberg (Ahrerberg) 1485  
Wolfgang ... from Munchberg i.M.

The Münchberg archives showed a greater number of Korndörffers. In the 1574 initiating church books from Münchberg, the name was very much mentioned. Obviously, more families can be identified and their connections deduced from the paternities. A certain Caspar Korndörffer, Mayor of Münchberg died in 1639. The families survived the 30-year War; but short after the war they disappear from Münchberg; the last entry is from 1666.

Also in Eger was the name Korndörffer very early mentioned. In 1498 a certain Johan Korndörffer appears as a clerical at the Regensburger diocese. In 1601 Beit Korndörffer was nominated as "Testament und Masenvormund" (???)

An alchemist Bartholomäus Korndörffer gives us news on himself, because of several writings of his that are known. Unfortunately these do not give up much of the alchemist's life. In one of his writings he tells us as he, as a pilgrim bachelor, met a certain Bergmann who was an alchemist, but from whom Bartholomäus hid his own knowledge. Later he went to Laibach, Mailand and Benedig, where he was associated with a certain German alchemist called Tauler. Still later, he appears to have been in Tunis.

The storm brought by the 30-year war, which heavily affected the people in the Oberfranken region, brought confusion to the family history and their connections to their ancestors.

After that war, baptisms of Korndörffers kin happened in various places in the Oberfranken region, especially in Fichtel Gebirge; this also happened in Fassmannsreuth, a small and spread out mountainous village near the Bohemian border, east of Hof; also in the village next to Fassmannstreuth, across the border, in Mährling (3) a family was baptized which later on spread to the small border village of Asch, where today many Korndörffer still live. From there, the family also went to Vienna. Other families went to the Bogtland, where even today Korndörffers live in various places, many times as common people, in part, but also in a proscribed social position. A family which had arrived in Waldenburg in Sachsen, later came to Brenzlau in the agriculture and called themselves there by the name of Korndörff. This family raised many military, but is today in extinction. One of this family became a cavalry colonel in the hungarian army, received a nobility title and was buried in Ofen Best.

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(3) In Mährling more Korndörffer families lived already before 1618. During the 30-year war the Korndörffers show many entries in Rehau churchbooks along the time, perhaps because the evangelical church in Asch was closed.

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Another branch of Korndörffers came to Rosswein in Saxony (Sachsen), where, around the 1800 a Korndörffer was the head of a wine cellar. From there, the family extended to Calw in Württemberg and Schiltach in Baden, where they became reputed manufacturers.

At the end of the 30-year war was a Korndörffer baptized for the first time in Hessen.

The beginner of this branch was Johann Jakob Korndörffer, "gräfl. Sponheimischer Oberfauth" (3a), in Wöllstein, in the Rheinhessen region.

With his two sons Johan Gerhardt and Johan Michael the tree is divided in two branches. The oldest son, J.Gerhardt remained in Wöllstein, while the youngest J.Michael moved to Darmstadt, becoming the forefather of a large and extensive branch of the family in those surroundings.

The descendants of the oldest son, Johan Gerhardt remained in Wöllstein, where they branched many times. This branch lived there in very modest circumstances. The last Korndörffer lost his job as a daily

worker and the whole kinhood moved to the Americas in the 1900s. One sub-branch came to Odenbach am Glan, probably attracted by the mines in that place. With the time, also this family sub-branch came to nothing and they finally moved to America. From Wöllstein, in 1826, went Gabriel (Phillipp Wilhelm) Korndörffer, to Rio Grande do Sul state, in Brazil. There he became the branch father of a very extensive and prosperous family.

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(3a) Die Amstbezeichnung Fauth ist der pfälzischen Gegend eigentümlich. Sie bedeutet ungefähr soviel wie in Norddeutschland Bogt. In früheren Zeiten war die Bfalz in eine Anzahl Fautheien geteilt, an deren Spitze Fauthe standen; diese waren leitende Beamte und gehörten meistens den ältesten Geschlechtern an. Später verlor das Amt des "Fauths" an Bedeutung, doch war zweifellos Johan Jakob Korndörffer als sponheimischer Oberfauth der angesehenste Mann zu Wöllstein.

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A grandson of the Oberfauth, Johan Peter Korndörffer, went to Cleve and from there the family extended to Holland, where today they are very numerous. Further sub-branches developed, of which many remained in unordinary jobs, while others developed well and raised many officers, doctors and well reputed Purchasers ("kaufleute").

Two families, Oheim and Nesse, went to London. Nothing is known of their whereabouts

to be concluded later. (parei no início da página 165, primeiro parágrafo)

#### NOTES ON JOHANN JAKOB

Note 4 in Geschlechterbuch page 166: "Die K.=B. zu Münchberg in Oberfranken, die für diese Zeit vollzählig vorhanden sind, verzeichnen wohl zahlreiche andere Korndörffer, jedoch keinen Johan Jakob. Es gab jedoch auch in anderen Orten Oberfrankens zu dieser Zeit Korndörffer.

NOTE 5 IN GESCHLECHTERBUCH, PAGE 166: "Zu seiner Zeit war das Geschlecht der Grafen von Sponheim bereits erloschen. Dessen Anteil an Wöllstein war an Kurpfalz gefallen, so dass gestorbeten(?) Johan Jakob Korndörffer in Wirklichkeit kurf. pfälz. Oberfauth war.

NOTE 6 in DG, page 166 : "Bei der Taufe des Johann Gerhardt war + Johann Gerhardt Korndörffer, der Bruder des +Johann Jakob, Pate".

#### More About Johann Jakob Korndörffer:

Geschlechterbuch #: I<sup>2</sup>

Main Source: Geschlechterbuch Band 66 pag. 166<sup>3,4</sup>

Occupation 1: 1670, gräfl. Sponheimischer Oberfauth,<sup>4</sup>

Occupation 2: 1657, kurf.pfälzischer Oberfauth in Wöllstein<sup>5</sup>

Religion: Reformed<sup>6</sup>

Stamm: First of Lineage to live in Wöllstein<sup>7,8</sup>

#### Endnotes

1. Dr. jur. Bernhard Koerner (Edition Organizer). and Ludwig Korndörfer, *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch Band 66 (1929 Edition)*, (Druck und Verlag von C.A.Starke, Görlitz (inhaber Hans Kretschmer)), 166, I.
2. LouisKAscendantsUSA.FTW, Date of Import: 28 Jun 1999.
3. The Deutsches Geschlechterbuch, Vol.66 was prepared by Dr.jur. Bernhard Koerner. Heraldic drawings by Gustav Adolf Schloss. Published in 1929 by Druck und Verlag von Sch. A. Starke, in Görlitz, Germany. Original of this book is in possession of Fernando K.
4. LouisKAscendantsUSA.FTW, Date of Import: 28 Jun 1999.
5. Dr. jur. Bernhard Koerner (Edition Organizer). and Ludwig Korndörfer, *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch Band 66 (1929 Edition)*, (Druck und Verlag von C.A.Starke, Görlitz (inhaber Hans Kretschmer)), 166, Footnote 5 says:"Zu seiner Zeit war das Gschlecht der Grafen von Sponheim bereits erloschen. Dessen Anteil an Wöllstein war an Kurpfalz gefallen, so dass +Johann Kakob Korndörffer in Wirklichkeit kurf.pfälz. Oberfauth war."
6. LouisKAscendantsUSA.FTW, Date of Import: 28 Jun 1999.
7. Deutsches (Hessisches) Geschlechterbuch Volume 66, published in 1929 by Druck und Verlag von S.(?) A. Starke, in Görlitz (?), The Deutsches Geschlechterbuch was written by Dr.jur (Lawyer) Bernhard Koerner, Counselor and member of the Heraldic Institute.
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