

Ancestors of Hans Kieffer

Generation No. 1

1. Hans Kieffer^{1,2}, born Abt. 1612³; died 1687 in Soufflenheim, Alsace⁴. He was the son of **2. Mr. Kieffer**. He married **(1) Otilia Kan**⁵ Abt. 1637⁶. She was born Abt. 1617⁷, and died 1682 in Soufflenheim⁸.

Notes for Hans Kieffer:

Hans Kieffer: Han's oldest surviving child, Jacob, is estimated to have been born about 1640. Assuming Hans had a deceased child prior to Jacob and subtract three years from 1640 and you have an estimated marriage date of 1637. Assuming Hans was married at age 25 he would have been born about 1612.

1665 Town Account: Hans Kieffer is the Heimburger of Souffleheim, a type of Mayor elected by the village Burghers. Heimburgers served for a term of one year.

HANS KIEFFER INVENTORY LAND RECORDS (All inventories searched from 1674-1682):

HANS HERDELL and MARIA HERDELL: 18 February 1678

IN DISTRICT RIETER HOFF

Two pieces side by side: One side Hans Wagner, the other side Adam Herdell, upper side HANS KIEFFER, down side the river.]The person inheriting the property is not named. The value of the land is not mentioned. No page in the land record is mentioned.]

HANS HERDELL and MARIA HERDELL: 18 February 1678

DISTRICT [NOT GIVEN]

One small piece (ein stickel): One side Adam Herdell, the other side Hans Wagner, upper side is HANS KIEFFER, down side the river. [The person inheriting the property is not named. The value of the land is not mentioned. No page in the land record is mentioned.]

HANS KIEREN : 09 August 1678

Acker: 1/2 stickel allda ein seit Diebold Irr, zweiten Seit Hans Stiffelmeyer, neben auff Hans Kieffer,
FIELDS : 1/2 small piece there: one side is Diebold Irr, second side is Hans Stiffelmeyer near HANS KIEFFER.
[Perez did not translate the entire land record]

MARIA KAPP

14 October 1682

NIDERFELD DISTRICT (Field)

1 1/2 viertel acker, One side HANS KIEFFER, the other side an ending, upper side another district, down side the common property. 8 Gulden. Goes to the father.[The page in the land record is not mentioned.]

1680 RELIGIOUS TAX : (Hans is not mentioned)

Philips KIEFFER: 5 s, 2 s, 2 s, 2 R. Jacob KIEFFER: 6 s. Paul KIEFFER: 2 R

OTILIA KAN Inventory Record: 15 October 1682 HAGUENAU Notary Records, SOUFFLENHEIM

Inventories, 6 E 16 Bundle #269

INVENTORY AND DESCRIPTION :

All property in land and owned money of the deceased right honourable and virtuous Otilia Kan, wife of the right honourable : HANS KIEFFER, a burgher of Soufflenheim, as has been described on request of :

1) the widower HANS KIEFFER

2d) HANS JACOB

3d) ANNA BARBARA, in assistance of Joseph Guekert, burgher of this place, member of the justice council, this daughter single so far

4th) HANS PHILIPPS

5th) HANS LORENTZ

All of them having applied an oath, and in further presence of witnesses:

Hans Jacob Schaffer, mayor, Johann Metz, member of the justice of Soufflenheim, and written by the royal notary of the resort of HAGUENAU undersigned, Frantz Willmann. Passed in Soufflenheim on the 15th October 1682.

HOUSE (BEHAUSUNG):

One house with a small garden. One side is near the vicar's house, the other side is the common property. On the upper side is Dieboldt Örtz, and on the lower side is the common property. This house and garden has been estimated by the mayor and the justice counsellors to be worth 40 Gulden.

FIELDS (ACKHER)

On the place named Stütter Hof im Vierfeldt (Stütter Hoff Four Fields):

One acre in the third part (the third Stutter): One side is the church property, on the above part the forest, and the down part is a pond. 10 gulden.

On the place named Buben Seehl:

- One fourth acre: One side Dieboldt Irr, the other side Hans Vögele, above an ending, down the Buben Seehl: 4 gulden.

- One half acre: One side Hans Peter Stiffelmeyer, and Jacob Mäyer's heirs, above is the common property, down same. 4 gulden.

On the place named auff den Graben:

One small place of grass: First side Hans Vogelein, second side the church property, above is Lorentz Schöffler, down is the common property. 1 gulden 5 s.

GARDEN (GARTHEN)

On the place named The Staigen:

One garden: One side Adam Hördel, second side is Johann Jeckh, down is Adam Hörtel. 8 gulden.

MEADOWS (MATTEN)

On the place named Ober Matten (High Meadows):

- One half acre: One side Hans Wagner, other side is Veltin Ulrich, above is Friedrich Kohlbrenner, down is the river. 6 gulden.

- One fourth acre: One side Hans Metz, second side is Lorentz Schmitt, above is the river, down is the ditch named Ritterberger. 3 gulden.

This house and garden, has been agreed on between father and heirs to be going to ANNA BARBARA for a sum of 40 gulden, and in compensation she will oblige herself to take care of her father, sound or ill, and to have him enjoy the same standard of life as her own, until his death, and also to give to each of the other children a sum of 10 gulden. The fields and garden described and also the meadows will be in the possession of the father for as long he lives, and he will also pay the taxes, but in case the father would be ill and in bed, the daughter could use this land with the consent and advice of her father, and after his death share this with the other children in good usage.

FURNITURE (Hausrath) BED AND BEDCLOTH: One bedcloth. END OF DOCUMENT

HANS KIEFFER Inventory Record: 5 March 1687 HAGUENAU Notary records: SOUFFLENHEIM Records: 6 E 16 Bundle #269

Inventory and description of property all included with liquidity and owned money, that has been left at the time of death by : the honourable HANS KIEFFER, a burgher in SOUFFLENHEIM, after his death as follows and on request of :

1st : ANNA BARBARA

2d : JACOB

3d : PHILIPP and

4th LORENTZ, all KIEFFER, and heirs of the above named who made no will before he died, this has been described in the presence of the right honourable bailiff of the district and town of HAGUENAU, royal representative: Johann Bartholome Huguin, and of Hans Jacob Schaffer, justice representative in Soufflenheim, and of Hans Metz, a member of the justice council of the same place, all of this undersigned by the notary Frantz Willmann, royal scribe for Haguenau resort; as passed in Soufflenheim the 5th of March 1687.

HOUSE (BEHAUSUNG)

One house in the village of SOUFFLENHEIM, one side is the vicarage house, then the bann and in the upper part the heirs of Diebold Ertz, in the under part the bann of Soufflenheim. This house has been estimated to have a value of 40 Gulden by a disposition taken on the 22nd of November 1682. Declared that the named house and all dependances has been the object of a disposition dated the 22nd of November in the year 1682 and accordingly came to daughter Anna Barbara for an estimation of 40 gulden, with the condition that Anna Barbara will compensate each heir and give them an amount of 10 gulden each, 30 gulden total , paying 10 gulden each year beginning Pentecost day 1687, until the amount is totally paid for.

PROPERTY IN LAND (LIEGENDE GUETHER)

FIELDS (ACKHER)

On the place known as Stütter Hof im Vierfeldt (Stütter Hoff Four Fields):

- One acre in the third Stütter One side is Martin Bruckher's property, the other side is the church property, upper

part the forest, under side the path. To Anna Barbara, Lorentz, and Jacob. 9 gulden.

On the place known as Bueben Seehl:

- One fourth acre : One side is Diebolt Irr, the other side Hans Vögle, upper part is an end, under side is the Buben Schuhr. To Philipp. 4 Gulden.

On the Sturzlach:

- One fourth acre on the Buben Fehr place: One side Hans Peter Stiffelmeyer, the other side Jacob Mäyer's heirs, upper part the common property, down side same. To Anna Barbera. 4 gulden.

On the place known as auff den Graben:

- One small place in this site: One side Hans Vögelin, the other side the church property, upper part Lorentz Schaeffer downside is the common property. To Lorentz. 1 gulden.

- One fourth acre in the Harten Veld: One side an end, second side and upper part are paths, down side another path. To Philipp. 1 gulden 5 s.

On the place named The Staigen:

- One garden: One side is Adam Hördtel the other side Johannes Jeckh, the part above is Johann Jeckh, the down side is Adam Hördtel. To Lorentz and Jacob. 4 gulden.

- One fourth acre in the Stockvelt graben: One side Hans Vogel, the other side Simon Ulrich, above is a common property, down side also. To Lorentz. 1 gulden.

On the place known as Ober Matten (high meadows) :

- One half acre: One side Hans Wagner the other side Veltin Ulrich, above is Friedrich Kackprenner, down is the river. To Jacob. 6 gulden.

- One fourth acre: One side is Hans Metz, the other side Lorentz Schmidt, upper part the river, down a ditch. To Lorentz. 3 gulden. END OF DOCUMENT

Hans Kieffer may have been a farmer. He did not have much land of his own at the time of his death, but other pieces of land have been found prior to his death that he may have given to his sons. At time of death he owned only three acres and a house total, most of which he inherited from his wife. However, he was fairly old when he died so it is possible that before his death he gave away most of his land, leaving mostly his deceased wife's assets to be distributed at the time of his death as requested in her Inventory. Hans's oldest son Jacob was a potter. Perhaps Hans was also a potter.

HANS KIEFFER 1687 Inheritance Records:

Property owned by Hans Kieffer at time of death that he did not inherit from his wife :

- One fourth acre in the Harten Veld (on the place known as auff den Graben): One side an end, second side and upper part are paths, down side another path. To Philipp. 1 gulden 5 s.

- One fourth acre in the Stockvelt graben (On the place named The Staigen): One side Hans Vogel, the other side Simon Ulrich, above is a common property, down side also. To Lorentz. 1 gulden.

Total Acres owned by Hans Kieffer at death that he did not inherit from wife: 1/2 acre

Value of his estate not counting what he inherited from his wife: 2 G 5 s

OTILIA KAN 1682 Inheritance Records:

Value of her house and small garden: 40 G

1 acre field: 10 G

1/4 and 1/2 acre field: 4 G + 4 G = 8 G

1 small place of grass: 1 G 5 s

1 garden: 8 G

1/2 acre & 1/4 acre meadow: 6 G + 3 G = 9 G

Total acres owned by Otilia Kan: 2.5

Total value of acres and house owned by Otilia Kan : 76.5 Gulden

ASSETS INHERITED BY THE CHILDREN OF HANS KIEFFER:

1. JACOB (inherited 21 Gulden): His share of house 10 Gulden.

On the place known as Stütter Hof im Vierfeldt (Stütter Hoff Four Fields):

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river. To Jacob. 6 gulden.

2. ANNA BARBERA (inherited 17 Gulden):

- One house in the village of SOUFFLENHEIM, one side is the vicarage house, then the bann and in the upper part the heirs of Diebold Ertz, in the under part the bann of Soufflenheim. This house has been estimated to have a value of 40 Gulden by a disposition taken on the 22nd of November 1682. Barbera must give each of her three brothers 10 Gulden. So, the value of the house to each sibling was 10 Gulden.

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On the Sturzlach:

- One fourth acre on the Buben Fehr place: One side Hans Peter Stiffelmeyer, the other side Jacob Mäyer's heirs, upper part the common property, down side same. To Anna Barbera. 4 gulden.

3. PHILIPP (inherited 15.5 Gulden): His share of the house is 10 Gulden.

On the place known as Bueben Seehl:

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4. LORENTZ (inherited 20 Gulden): His share of the house is 10 Gulden.

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More About Hans Kieffer:

Occupation: 1665, Heimbürger (type of Mayor) in Soufflenheim⁹

Notes for Otilia Kan:

OTILIA KAN Inventory Record

15 October 1682 HAGUENAU Notary Records, SOUFFLENHEIM Inventories, 6 E 16 Bundle #269

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2d) HANS JACOB

3d) ANNA BARBARA, in assistance of Joseph Guekert, burgher of this place, member of the justice council, this daughter single so far

4th) HANS PHILIPPS

5th) HANS LORENTZ

All of them having applied an oath, and in further presence of witnesses:

Hans Jacob Schaffer, mayor, Johann Metz, member of the justice of Soufflenheim, and written by the royal notary of the resort of HAGUENAU undersigned, Frantz Willmann. Passed in Soufflenheim on the 15th October 1682.

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FURNITURE (Hausrath) BED AND BEDCLOTH: One bedcloth.

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Generation No. 2

2. Mr. Kieffer, died Unknown.

Notes for Mr. Kieffer:

INTRODUCTION

The following information has been compiled to bring together in one place the reasoning behind the estimated birth and marriage dates of the earliest known Kieffer's and to present the most important pieces of information connecting the various branches of the Kieffer family In Soufflenheim.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FIRST THREE GENERATIONS

Hans Kieffer And His Wife Otilia Kan

Hans Kieffer Abt. 1614-1687

Otilia Kan Abt. 1619-1682

The Children of Hans Kieffer and Otilia Kan

Anna Barbera Kieffer Abt: 1642-Abt. 1697 Never Married

Hans Jacob Kieffer Abt. 1646-1701 Potter
Hans Phillips Kieffer Abt. 1650-1707 No Children
Lorentz Kieffer Abt. 1655-After 1707

The Children of Hans Jacob Kieffer and Unknown First Wife and Maria Frey
Mathis Kieffer Abt. 1674-Abt. 1740
Gertrude Kieffer Abt. 1676-1708 Husband a Potter
Hans George Kieffer Abt. 1685-1751 Potter
Hans Jacob Kieffer Abt. 1690- Abt. 1754Potter

The Children Of Lorentz Kieffer And Maria Johanna Haller
Thomas Kieffer Abt. 1683-1729 Probably a Farmer
Philipp Kieffer Abt. 1684-1746 Weaver
Michael Kieffer Abt. 1688-1736 Farmer

THE CHILDREN OF HANS KIEFFER AND OTILIA KAN

- Assuming Hans was married at age 25 in 1639, three years before the estimated birth of his oldest surviving child, he would have been born in 1614, the Burgermeister (mayor) at age 51 in 1665, and 73 years old when he died in 1687.

- Assuming Otilia was married at age 20 in 1639, three years before the estimated birth of her oldest surviving child, she would have been born in 1619, and been 63 years old when when she died in 1682.

Their Children:

Anna Barbera Kieffer Abt. 1642-Abt. 1697 (never married?)
Hans Jacob Kieffer Abt. 1646-1701 Potter
Hans Phillips Kieffer Abt. 1650-1707 (married, no children)
Hans Lorentz Kieffer Abt. 1654-After 1707

THE CHILDREN OF HANS JACOB KIEFFER AND MARIA SIGER AND MARIA FREY

Assuming Hans Jacob was married at age 25 in 1671, three years before the estimated birth of his oldest surviving child, he would have been born in 1646, and would have been 55 years old when he died in 1701.

Mathis Kieffer (Son of Hans Jacob Kieffer and Maria Siger): Born about 1674. Married Maria Sigler about 1699 (age 25). Maria Sigler died in 1707. Married second wife Maria Irr in 1707 (age 33). Maria Irr dies in 1738 and Mathis is still alive (age 64). Mathis was married at the time of his father's death in 1701. He had two children (and another recently deceased) when his first wife died in 1707. Assuming two surviving children and two deceased children all born two years apart and you arrive at eight years of marriage and a marriage date of 1699. Assuming he married at age 25, he would have been born in 1674. He died after 1738 so he was older than 64.

Gertrude Kieffer (Daughter of Hans Jacob Kieffer and Unknown First Wife): Born about 1676. Married about 1696 (age 20). Died in 1708 (age 32). Gertrude was married at the time of her father's death in 1701, and had three surviving children at the time of her death in 1708. Evidence that the children were fairly young at the time of their mother's death is in her inventory "the father promises to send daughters and son to school ; to raise them honestly ; to let the son learn a craft". Assuming three surviving children and three deceased children all born two years apart and you arrive at twelve years of marriage and a marriage date of 1696. Assume she married at age 20, she was born in 1676 and died at age 32.

Hans George Kieffer (Son of Hans Jacob Kieffer and Maria Frey): Born about 1685 (assumes born five years before Hans Jacob). Married about 1710 (age 25). Died in 1751 (age 66).

Hans Jacob Kieffer (Son of Hans Jacob Kieffer and Maria Frey): Born about 1690. Married about 1715 (age 25). Died about 1754 (age 64). Hans George's youngest known child, a daughter, was married in 1752. Assuming she was twenty years old when married, she would have been born about 1732. Assume Hans Jacob had one more deceased child three years after his youngest known child and you have a birth date for this child of 1735. Count back 20 more years for the likely reproductive ability of Hans George's wife and you arrive at a marriage date of 1715. Assume Jacob married at age 25 and you have a birth year of 1690.

THE CHILDREN OF LORENTZ KIEFFER AND MARIA JOHANNA HALLER

Assuming Lorentz was married three years before the birth of his oldest surviving child, he would have been married in 1680. Assuming he was 25 years old when married, he was born about 1655.

Thomas Kieffer (Son Of Lorentz Kieffer And Maria Johanna Haller): Born about 1683. Married first wife about 1708 (age 25). First wife died about 1713. Married second wife about 1713 (age 30). Burgermeister (mayor) in 1714 (age 31). Died in 1729 (age 46). Thomas' unknown first wife died about 1713. Their only surviving child, Lorentz, was born in 1711. Assuming he was married three years before the birth of his oldest surviving child, he would have been married about 1708. If he married at age 25 he would have been born about 1683. Thomas married his second wife, Anna Maria Schitt, about 1713 and had two children with her: Anthony, born 1715, and Thomas, born 1717. The fact that Anna had two daughters from a previous marriage and only had two children with Thomas, both born within four years of their marriage, indicates that Anna was probably in the second half of her child bearing years at the time of her marriage. Thus about 30 years old in 1713 and born about 1683. Thomas Kieffer must have been a farmer. He owned a fair amount of land and all three of his sons were farmers.

Michael Kieffer (Son Of Lorentz Kieffer And Maria Johanna Haller): Born about 1688. Married about 1713 (age 25). Burgermeister (Mayor) in 1731 (age 43). Died in 1736 (age 48). Michael's oldest surviving son was born about 1716. Assume marriage three years prior to 1716 and he was married about 1713. Assume 25 years old when married and he was born about 1688.

Philipp Kieffer (Son of Lorentz Kieffer and Maria Johanna Haller)
Born about 1691. Not a guardian in 1701. Married about 1716 (age 25). Burgermeister (Mayor) in 1734 (age 43). Schultheiss (Senior Mayor) in 1737 (age 46). Sired last child in 1739 (age 48). Died in 1746 (age 53).

Children of Mr. Kieffer are:

- I i. Hans Kieffer, born Abt. 1612; died 1687 in Soufflenheim, Alsace; married Otilia Kan Abt. 1637.
- ii. Paul Kieffer, died Bet. 1681 - 1682 in Soufflenheim.

Notes for Paul Kieffer:

EARLY UNKNOWN KIEFFERS:

(Relationship to Hans Kieffer, If Any, Unknown)

Paul Kieffer
Catherine Kieffer
Barbara Kieffer
Hans Martin Kieffer
Hans Martin Kieffer's Son Jacob

The First Three Generations Of Unknown Kieffers

The following information is my best guess only. There are other possibilities:

Paul Kieffer And Unknown Wife:

Paul Kieffer Abt. 1626?-1681

Unknown First Wife Abt. 1631?- Died Before 1681?

Unknown Second Wife? Abt. 1651?- Died after 1711?

The Presumed Children Of Paul Kieffer And Unknown Wife:

Catherine Kieffer Born? - Died Before 1724

Barbara Kieffer Born? - 1724

Hans Martin Kieffer Born? - Died After 1701

The Children Of Catherine Kieffer And Unknown Husband:

Not Known

The Children Of Barbara Kieffer And Hans George Metteweg:

Othilia Metteweg Born? - Died After 1724 (Married to Joseph Hasser)

Anthony Metteweg Born Abt. 1705? - Died After 1724

The Children Of Hans Martin Kieffer And Unknown Wife

Jacob Born? - Died After 1756?

PAUL KIEFFER

The name Paul Kieffer is first mentioned in the land record of a 1679 inventory. Paul paid the religious tax in 1680. He died between 1681-1682. Paul paid more in religious taxes in 1680 than most other people, so he was better established than most and thus probably older than 40, perhaps much older. It is very likely that Paul was married at least twice. His widow is mentioned in various inventory land records as "Paul Kieffer's widow" (never by name) as late as 1711, so she was probably still alive at this time. As Paul's wife appears to have lived 30 or more years longer than him she must have been much younger than Paul, and probably a second or even third wife. Inventory land records refer to the "Heirs of Paul Kieffer" and Paul Kieffer's Widow", so he probably had children. The fact that in 1694 and 1710 the authorities in Soufflenheim still refer to land as owned by "Paul Kieffer's widow" may indicate that she was not originally from Soufflenheim and the authorities did not know her last name. This seems to be the case in several inventories from the 1600's, in which the wife's last name is not mentioned.

It seems likely that Catherine Kieffer (d. before 1724), Barbara Kieffer (d. 1724) and Hans Martin Kieffer (d. after 1701), were the children of Paul Kieffer. No genealogical records have been found connecting Paul to any of these individuals. However, at least four pieces of land have been identified that appear to have been owned by both Paul and Barbara.

No records been found connecting Catherine, Barbara and Hans Martin Kieffer other than one piece of land owned by Barbara that shares a border with Catherine, and one piece of land owned by Barbara that shares a border with Hans Martin Kieffer's son Jacob. However, the fact that there was an established person named Paul Kieffer living in Soufflenheim in 1680 makes it very likely that Catherine, Barbara and Hans Martin were his children. There are no other Kieffer's in Soufflenheim that could have been their parents. It is also possible that Catherine Kieffer was Paul's wife.

If Paul died at the age of 55 in 1681 then he was born in 1626. If he married at the age of 25 then he was married in 1651. This scenario makes it very possible he was the brother of Hans Kieffer, who is estimated to have been born around 1612. Perhaps Barbara's daughter Otilia was named after Barbara's aunt Odile Kan. Since both Hans Kieffer and Paul Kieffer had a daughter named Barbara, perhaps the mother of Hans and Paul was named Barbara. It is also possible that Paul is the cousin or nephew of Hans. Due to the small population of Soufflenheim in the late 1600's, a less likely scenario is that Paul is not in any way related to the family of Hans Kieffer.

Other than the original Paul and Hans Martin Kieffer, no Kieffer's have been found named Paul, Paula, Martin or Martina. The marriage records from 1743 to 1754 do not list anyone who had a parent named Martin, Barbara, Catherine or Jacob Kieffer other than Kieffer's who have already been identified as belonging to the Hans Kieffer line. Nor are there any baptism records listing these names other than Kieffer's who have already been identified as belonging to the Hans Kieffer line. The only possibility seems to be Hans Martin Kieffer's son Jacob but no wife or children of his have been identified. So it appears this branch of the Kieffer family did not continue.

References To Paul Kieffer

(All inventories were searched for the name Paul Kieffer from 1674-1682.)

Claus Treyer & Maria Treyer Inventory, 11 March 1679

DISTRICT: MITTELFELD IM WERB HECKHOLTZ

One piece: One side Paul Kieffer, second side Bartell Jergen, towards the long fence (uff den langen Zaun) down side towards the Quang.

[The person inheriting the property is not named. The value of the land is not mentioned. No page in the land record is mentioned. This land belonged to Claus Treyer]

1680 Religious Tax: Paul Kieffer: 2 R

Odile Schaeffer Inventory, 15,16 June 1681

DISTRICT: NEBEN DER STRASSEN (Near The Road):

One half acker field (ein halb acker): One side PAUL KIEFFER, other side Ruprecht Vögtlin, upper side the district Riedenberg (das Riedenberg) down side Ulrich Velten Landreuter. 1 Gulden. Goes to: one half to Hans Jacob Schaeffer ; the other half to the widower (Lorentz Schaeffer).

[The page in the land record is not mentioned.]

Odile Schaeffer Inventory, 15,16 June 1681

DISTRICT AUFF DIE SULTZMATT NEBEN DEN REIFFENSTEIG (Soultzmatt Near The Reiffensteig):

1 1/4 viertel: One side PAUL KIEFFER, the other side Martz Voltz, upper side the path, down side the

Sultzmatt meadow. 1 Gulden. Goes to: the widower (Lorentz Schaeffer).
[The page in the land record is not mentioned]

Maria Kapp Inventory, 14 October 1682
DISTRICT GIRLENFELD AUFF DEN STEIN:
One viertel: One side Veit Stückelreysser, second side Paul Kieffer's Heirs, upper side another district, down side property of the church (Kirchenanwander). 5 Gulden. Goes to the father.
[The page in the land record is not mentioned.]

Hans Ertz Inventory 1691
DISTRICT BEY DER WIDEN HECKHEN:
Same One fourth: One side Hans Jacob Schäffter, second side Johannes Jäckh, upper part Hans Metz's property, and down Paul Kieffer's Heirs. 2 G. To D Gertrudt.

Hans Ertz Inventory 1691
IN DISTRICT NIDERVELDT AM KLEINEN WÄLDEL
Same one fourth: One side Veith Stichelreisser, second side Paul Kieffer's Heirs, upper part is Augustin's property, down the common property. 2 G. To Gertrudt D.

Andreas Gottz Inventory 18 February 1693:
1/2 acre there. One side near Philips Kieffer, second side Paul Kieffer's widow, upper part and down the same as on page 176. To the widow.

Maria Götz Inventory 1694
DISTRICT "UFF DEM KLEINEN WÄLDEL" [SMALL WOODS]
Same one third there: One side Veith Stechelreisser, second side Paul Kieffer's Widow, up and down the same. 2 G. Page 125. [land record]. This piece has been legated to Georg Kiesser by his deceased wife.

Maria Götz Inventory 1694
DISTRICT "NEBEN DEM ALLMEND, AHNWEND OBEN UND UNTEN UFF AHNWENDER"
[Near The Common Property, Districts Up And Down On Other Districts]
Same one fourth there: First side Hans Jacob Scheffter, second side Johannes Jäck, up Diebold Metzzen's property, down Paul Kieffer's property. fol. 88. 1 G. To A Catharina, B Gertrudt.

Catherina Siger and Hans Lohr Inventory 1710
SECTION NEBEN DEM ALLMEND ANWENDER, OBEN UND UNTEN UFF ANWENDER
Same two viertel field there: One side Johann Jäck. Second side Adam Hertel, up Veit Stockelreisser and down Paul Kieffer's Widow's property as page 66.

Hanns Jacob Becker Inventory 1711
DISTRICT NEAR THE COMMON PROPERTY UPPER AND DOWN PARTS OTHER SECTIONS
One half viertel on one viertel: One side is Hans Jacob Scheffter, the other side Gertrud Ertz, upper part on Diebold Metz's heirs, and down on Paul Kieffer's Heirs property. Page 58 (88?). To Barbara.

NICLAUS TRÄHER Inventory 08 January 1727
27th section District im Girlenfeld, near the property of Ursula Ulrich, close to the path to Rountzenheim: One viertel field there, contains 1/2 viertel 9 ruthen 4 shoes. One side near Paul Kieffer's heirs, and Thomas and Georg Schaffter, second side Mathis Kieffer's son, Hans Georg, upper part and down other properties as on page 77b. To Margareth F.

PAUL KIEFFER LAND RECORD:
Eight pieces of land have been identified as belonging to Paul Kieffer. The location of his house has not yet been found:

Paul Kieffer Land #1: District Niderveldt Am Kleinen Wäldel
Hans Ertz Inventory 1691
IN DISTRICT NIDERVELDT AM KLEINEN WÄLDEL
Same one fourth: One side Veith Stichelreisser, second side Paul Kieffer's Heirs, upper part is Augustin's property, down the common property. 2 G. To Gertrudt D.
[This property also mentioned in Maria Götz Inventory 1694].
[There is a large landowner named Augustine Underkirch listed in the 1701 Capitation Tax. The Suzanna Unterkirchen listed in Barbara Kieffer's inventory as owning land in the Section Niederveld, Named Dass Klein Wäldel must be Augustine Underkirch's daughter or grand-daughter. The land owned by Paul Kieffer matches the land owned by Barbara Kieffer on two sides - Underkirch above and the common land below.]

Maria Götz Inventory 1694

DISTRICT "UFF DEM KLEINEN WÄLDEL" [Small Woods]

Same one third there: One side Veith Stechelreisser, second side Paul Kieffer's Widow, up and down the same. 2 G. Page 125. [land record]. This piece has been legated to Georg Kiesser by his deceased wife. [This property also mentioned in Hans Ertz Inventory 1691.]

Barbara Kieffer Inventory 1724

SECTION NIEDERVELD, NAMED DASS KLEIN WÄLDEL (Forest)

- One acre 7 feet unploughed land. One side Jean Grenier, the other side the following, above Susanna Unterkirchen, and down the common land. To Ottilia.

- 1/2 acre field 8 R 8 feet there. One side the above named piece of land, and down void. Same upper and down parts. To Antoni.

[Matches Paul Kieffer]

[There is a large landowner named Augustine Underkirch listed in the 1701 Capitation Tax. The Suzanna Unterkirchen listed in Barbara Kieffer's inventory as owning land in the Section Niederveld, Named Dass Klein Wäldel must be Augustine Underkirch's daughter or grand-daughter. The land owned by Paul Kieffer matches the land owned by Barbara Kieffer on two sides - Underkirch above and the common land below.]

Paul Kieffer Land #2: District Bey Der Widen Heckhen

Hans Ertz Inventory 1691

DISTRICT BEY DER WIDEN HECKHEN

Same One fourth: One side Hans Jacob Schäffter, second side Johannes Jäckh, upper part Hans Metz's property, and down Paul Kieffer's Heirs. 2 G. To D Gertrudt.

Barbara Kieffer Inventory 1724

SECTION : LINDENBERG:

3 acres field 11 G and 15 ft. One side Georg Schärer, the other side the Werschau, above is Jacob Schäffer, down is Jacob Stückelreiser. To Antoni and Otillia.

[Slightly matches Paul Kieffer. This land is in a different section and only matches Paul's land on one side, so it is a weak link]

Paul Kieffer Land #3: District "Neben Dem Allmend, Ahnwend Oben Und Unten Uff Ahnwender"

[Near The Common Property, Districts Up And Down On Other Districts]

Maria Götz Inventory 1694

DISTRICT "NEBEN DEM ALLMEND, AHNWEND OBEN UND UNTEN UFF AHNWENDER"

[Near The Common Property, Districts Up And Down On Other Districts].

Same one fourth there: First side Hans Jacob Scheffter, second side Johannes Jäck, up Diebold Metz's property, down Paul Kieffer's property. fol. 88. 1 G. To A Catharina, B Gertrudt.

Hanns Jacob Becker Inventory 1711

DISTRICT NEAR THE COMMON PROPERTY UPPER AND DOWN PARTS OTHER SECTIONS

One half viertzel on one viertzel: One side is Hans Jacob Scheffter, the other side Gertrud Ertz, upper part on Diebold Metz's heirs, and down on Paul Kieffer's Heirs property. Page 58 (88?). To Barbara.

Catherina Siger and Hans Lohr Inventory 1710

SECTION NEBEN DEM ALLMEND ANWENDER, OBEN UND UNTEN UFF ANWENDER

Same two viertzel field there: One side Johann Jäck. Second side Adam Hertel, up Veit Stockelreisser and down Paul Kieffer's Widow's property as page 66.

Paul Kieffer Land #4: District Ein Ander Anwand Uff Den Langen Zaun, Unten Die Gewand

[Another District Towards The Long Fence, Down An Ending]

Maria Götz Inventory 1694

EIN ANDER ANWAND UFF DEN LANGEN ZAUN, UNTEN DIE GEWAND [Another district towards the long fence, down an ending]

One an a half fourth there: One side Hans Kirrer's heirs, second side Paul Kieffer's Heirs, up the long fence, down an ending. fol. 171. 2 G. To B Catharina.

DISTRICT HELCHLOCH HECKHEN, AUFF DEN LANGENZAUN ZIEHENDT

1 1/2 fourth field : One side Adam Kleÿ, the other side Catharina Kieffer, upper side the Lang Zaun (long fence) down the field path. Page 232 of land record. To the widow.

[Catherine Kieffer's land is slightly similar to Paul Kieffer.]

Paul Kieffer Land #5: District Mittelfeld Im Werb Heckholtz

[Similar to land #4. The upper side is towards the Long Fence]

Claus Treyer & Maria Treyer Inventory 1679

MITTELFELD IM WERB HECKHOLTZ

One piece: One side Paul Kieffer, second side Bartell Jergen, upper side towards the long fence (uff den langen Zaun) down side towards the Quang.

[The person inheriting the property is not named. The value of the land is not mentioned. No page in the land record is mentioned. This land belonged to Claus Treyer].

Paul Kieffer Land #6: District Neben Der Strassen

[Near The Road]

Odile Schaeffer Inventory 1681

DISTRICT: NEBEN DER STRASSEN (NEAR THE ROAD)

One half acker field (ein halb acker): One side Paul Kieffer, other side Ruprecht Vögtlin, upper side the district Riedenberg (das Riedenberg) down side Ulrich Velten Landreuter. 1 Gulden. Goes to: one half to Hans Jacob Schaeffer ; the other half to the widower (Lorentz Schaeffer).

[The page in the land record is not mentioned.]

Barbara Kieffer Inventory 1724

SECTION HUNGERVELDT, NAMED NEBEN DER STRASS (Near The Road)

One 1/2 field contains 12 measures and 7 feet. One side Jacob Burgert, the other side Hans Martin Kieffer's Son Jacob, above the Rieter Berg (hill) and down on Michel Ulrich's property. To Ottilia.

[Matches Paul Kieffer's Land]

Paul Kieffer Land #7: District Auff Die Sultzmatt Neben Den Reiffensteig

[Towards The Soutzmatt Near The Reiffensteig]

Odile Schaeffer Inventory 1681

DISTRICT AUFF DIE SULTZMATT NEBEN DEN REIFFENSTEIG (Soutzmatt Near The Reiffensteig)

1 1/4 viertel: One side Paul Kieffer, the other side Martz Voltz, upper side the path down side the Sultzmatt meadow. 1 Gulden. Goes to: the widower (Lorentz Schaeffer).

[The page in the land record is not mentioned]

Barbara Kieffer And Hans Georg Mettweg Inventory 1724 [Matches Paul Kieffer's land]

Section Hungerveldt, District Named Auff Die Sultzmatt, Neben Dem Reiffenstein: 1/2 field containing 2 R 2 ft. One side Andress Mosser, second side Catharina Kieffer's Heirs, above the path to Sessenheim, down the Soutzmatt meadow.

Paul Kieffer Land #8: District Girlenfeld Auff Den Stein

Maria Kapp Inventory 1682

DISTRICT GIRLENFELD AUFF DEN STEIN

One viertel: One side Veit Stückelreysser, second side PAUL KIEFFER's heirs, upper side another district, down side property of the church (Kirchenanwander). 5 Gulden. Goes to the father.

[The page in the land record is not mentioned.]

Barbara Kieffer And Hans Georg Mettweg Inventory 1724

IN THE DISTRICT GÜRLENFELD, ON PETER DOBLER'S PROPERTY

1/2 acre 7 and 10 field there. One side is Jacob Burgert, the other side church property, above an ending, and down the property of Joseph Burger. To Ottilia.

[Matches Paul Kieffer's Land]

CATHERINE KIEFFER

(Possible Daughter Of Paul Kieffer and Unknown Wife)

Speculate: Born about 1660. Married about 1680 (age 20). Died about 1720 (before 1724) (about age 60). There are only two references to Catherina Kieffer. The first is in the 1724 inventory of her presumed sister Barbera Kieffer. Barbara's children inherit land that border on the "second side Catharina Kieffer's heirs". The second reference is in the land records of a 1729 inventory that says "the other side Catharina Kieffer". As Barbara and Catherina Kieffer have adjacent land in 1724, their presumed father Paul Kieffer may have divided one piece of land into two sections and gave one to each. It's also possible the land belonged to Metteweeg and there is no connection.

So Catherine died before 1724 and her heirs were likely her children. The land records in Barbara's 1724 inventory do not refer to a page, so Barbara Kieffer's children probably just told the person who was compiling the inventory that the land belonged to their mother's deceased sister, Catherina Kieffer. This was the case in the 1751 inventory of Hans George Kieffer when land was referred to as belonging to Gertrude Kieffer, Hans George's sister who died in 1709. The Catherine Kieffer mentioned in 1729 is probably the same person. As there are no marriage records between 1743 and 1754 with a bride or groom listed as the child of "deceased" Catherine Kieffer, her children, if any (or if any survived to

become adults), must have been married before 1743 and thus born before 1723. Catherine died before Barbara, so she was probably older than her. There is a small possibility she is the daughter of Hans Martin Kieffer. It is also possible she is the wife of Paul Kieffer.

References To Catherine Kieffer:

Barbara Kieffer And Hans Georg Mettweg Inventory 1724
Section Hungerveldt, District Named Auff Die Sultzmatt, Neben Dem Reiffenstein:
1/2 field containing 2 R 2 ft. One side Andress Mosser, second side Catharina Kieffer's heirs, above the path to Sessenheim, down the Soultzmatt meadow.
[Paul Kieffer also owned land similar to this land]

Thomas Kieffer Inventory 1729
District Helchloch Heckhen, Auff Den Langenzaun Ziehendt:
Same 1 1/2 fourth field : One side Adam Kleÿ, the other side Catharina Kieffer, upper side the Lang Zaun (long fence) down the field path.
[Catherina Kieffer might be the same Catherina Kieffer who is listed as deceased in 1724. Paul Kieffer also owned land similar to this land]

BARBARA KIEFFER

(Likely Daughter Of Paul Kieffer and Unknown Wife)
SPECULATE: Born about 1665. Married about 1685 (age 20). Died in 1724 (age 59). At the time of her death she had one daughter who was married and a son who was not yet "major of years" (age 25). Indications that the son was fairly old (perhaps even in his 20's) is the fact that no references are made about someone agreeing to teach him a trade, send him to school, or raise him as a good Christian. As a guardian was appointed for him, he was under 25 years of age. Assuming Barbara's married daughter Otilia was 35 years old in 1724 she would have been born in 1689. Assuming Barbara was married three years before the birth of Otilia (her oldest surviving child) and you get a marriage date of 1686. Assuming Barbara was married at age 20 and you get a birth date of 1666. She would have been 58 years old at death.

Barbara & Paul Kieffer Matching Land Records
The following land records of Paul Kieffer and Barbara Kieffer are similar:

Paul Kieffer Land #1: District Niderveldt Am Kleinen Wälde
Hans Ertz Inventory 1691
IN DISTRICT NIDERVELDT AM KLEINEN WÄLDEL
Same one fourth: One side Veith Stichelreisser, second side Paul Kieffer's Heirs, upper part is Augustin's property, down the common property. 2 G. To Gertrud.
[This property is also mentioned in the Maria Götz Inventory 1694.]
[There is a large landowner named Augustine Underkirch listed in the 1701 Capitation Tax. The Suzanna Unterkirchen listed in Barbara Kieffer's inventory as owning land in the Section Niederveld, Named Dass Klein Wälde must be Augustine Underkirch's daughter or grand-daughter. The land owned by Paul Kieffer matches the land owned by Barbara Kieffer on two sides - Underkirch above and the common land below.]

Barbara Kieffer And Hans Georg Mettweg Inventory 1724
SECTION NIDERVELD, NAMED DASS KLEIN WÄLDEL (Forest)
- One acre 7 feet unplowed land. One side Jean Grenier, the other side the following, above Susanna Unterkirchen, and down the common land. To Otilia.
- 1/2 acre field 8 R 8 feet there. One side the above named piece of land, and down void. Same upper and down parts. To Antoni.

Paul Kieffer Land #2: District Bey Der Widen Heckhen
Hans Ertz Inventory 1691
DISTRICT BEY DER WIDEN HECKHEN
Same One fourth: One side Hans Jacob Schäffter, second side Johannes Jäckh, upper part Hans Metz's property, and down Paul Kieffer's Heirs. 2 G. To D Gertrud.

Barbara Kieffer Inventory 1724
SECTION : LINDENBERG
3 acres field 11 G and 15 ft. One side Georg Schärre, the other side the Werschau, above is Jacob Schäffer, down is Jacob Stückelreiser. To Antoni and Otilia.
[This land slightly matches Paul Kieffer. This land is in a different section and only matches Paul's land on one side, so it is a weak link]

Paul Kieffer Land #6: District Neben Der Strassen
(Near The Road)

Odile Schaeffer Inventory 1681

DISTRICT: NEBEN DER STRASSEN (NEAR THE ROAD)

One half acker field (ein halb acker): One side Paul Kieffer, other side Ruprecht Vögtlin, upper side the district Riedenberg (das Riedenberg) down side Ulrich Velten Landreuter. 1 Gulden. Goes to: one half to Hans Jacob Schaeffer ; the other half to the widower (Lorentz Schaeffer).

[The page in the land record is not mentioned.]

Barbara Kieffer Inventory 1724 SECTION HUNGERVELDT, NAMED NEBEN DER STRASS (Near The Road)

One 1/2 field contains 12 measures and 7 feet. One side Jacob Burgert, the other side Hans Martin Kieffer's Son Jacob, above the Rieter Berg (hill) and down on Michel Ulrich's property. To Ottilia.

[Matches Paul Kieffer's Land]

Paul Kieffer Land #7: District Auff Die Sultzmatt Neben Den Reiffensteig (Towards The Sultzmatt Near The Reiffensteig)

Odile Schaeffer Inventory 1681

DISTRICT AUFF DIE SULTZMATT NEBEN DEN REIFFENSTEIG (Sultzmatt Near The Reiffensteig)

1 1/4 viertel: One side Paul Kieffer, the other side Martz Voltz, upper side the path down side the Sultzmatt meadow. 1 Gulden. Goes to: the widower (Lorentz Schaeffer).

[The page in the land record is not mentioned]

Paul Kieffer Land #8: District Girlenfeld Auff Den Stein

Maria Kapp Inventory 1682

DISTRICT GIRLENFELD AUFF DEN STEIN

One viertel: One side Veit Stückelreysser, second side Paul Kieffer's Heirs, upper side another district, down side property of the church (Kirchenanwander). 5 Gulden. Goes to the father.

[The page in the land record is not mentioned.]

Barbara Kieffer And Hans Georg Mettweg Inventory 1724 [Matches Paul Kieffer's land]

IN THE DISTRICT GÜRLENFELD, ON PETER DOBLER'S PROPERTY

1/2 acre 7 and 10 field there. One side is Jacob Burgert, the other side church property, above an ending, and down the property of Joseph Burger. To Ottilia.

Barbara Kieffer And Hans Georg Mettweg Inventory 1724

SECTION HUNGERVELDT, DISTRICT NAMED AUFF DIE SULTZMATT, NEBEN DEM REIFFENSTEIN

1/2 field containing 2 R 2 ft. One side Andress Mosser, second side Catharina Kieffer's Heirs, above the path to Sessenheim, down the Sultzmatt meadow.

References To Barbara Kieffer And Hans George Mettweg

1701 CAPITATION TAX (12 March 1701) :

Laurent Kieffer : 3 L

Jean Martin Kieffer : 2 L

Jacques Kieffer's widow : 4 L

Philippe Kieffer : 8 L. Françoise, servant of Philippe KIEFFER : 1 L 10 s

Mathis Kieffer : 3 L

Georges Mitteweg : 2 L

Jean Jacques Zetweg : 4 L

BARBARA KIEFFER and HANS GEORG METTEWEG Inventory

05 April 1724 Roeschwoog Notary Records: 6 E 33 Bundle #58

SOUFFLENHEIM 1724

Inheritance left at time of death by : HANS GEORG METTEWEEG and BARBARA KIEFFER, both recently deceased, in their lifetime a couple of burghers in Soufflenheim, leaving as heirs : OTHILIA METTEWEG married to JOSEPH HASSER burgher in Soufflenheim, ANTON METTEWEEG, represented by Adam May burgher in this place, elected guardian, the two children of the deceased couple ; the oath was taken in further presence of Adam Schäffter mayor of this place ; Hans Vögele, and Hans Peter Dobler, both burghers and members of the local justice here, and myself Johann Paul Wolff royal notary undersigned, passed in Soufflenheim the 5th April 1724.

Now follows the description of property and starts at first with :

HANS MARTIN KIEFFER

(Likely Son Of Paul Kieffer and Unknown Wife)

Hans Martin Kieffer is not mentioned in the 1680 Religious Tax records, so he was probably minor of years in 1680. His father was probably Paul Kieffer. He's mentioned in the 1701 Capitation Tax as paying 2 L tax, a very low amount, indicating he was probably younger than 40 and had not yet accumulated much land. He had a son named Jacob who was presumably alive in 1724 and 1756 when he is mentioned in the inventory land records as "Hans Martin Kieffer's son Jacob". The Inventory for Barbara Kieffer & Hans George Metteweeg (1724) lists land adjacent to land belonging to Hans Martin Kieffer's son Jacob. So perhaps Barbara Kieffer is the sister of Hans Martin Kieffer. Hans Martin Kieffer may have died before 1724. If Barbara and Hans Martin were siblings, when their presumed father Paul Kieffer died, one piece of land may have been divided into two sections and one section given to each of them. Its also possible the land belonged to Metteweeg and there is no connection.

References To Hans Martin Kieffer:

1680 RELIGIOUS TAX : (Hans Martin Kieffer is not mentioned)
Philips KIEFFER: 5 s, 2 s, 2 s, 2 R. Jacob KIEFFER: 6 s. Paul KIEFFER: 2 R

1701 CAPITATION TAX (12 March 1701) : Jean Martin Kieffer : 2 L

Barbara Kieffer And Hans Georg Mettweg Inventory 1724
SECTION HUNGERVELDT, NAMED NEBEN DER STRASS (NEAR THE ROAD)
To Otilia : One 1/2 field contains 12 measures and 7 feet. One side Jacob Burgert, the other side Hans Martin Kieffer's son Jacob, above the Rieter Berg (hill) and down on Michel Ulrich's property.

Susanna Unterkirch Inventory 1756
4TH DISTRICT: IN THE HUNGERFELD [Hunger Field]. NEAR THE ROAD
Same one viertzel field there: One side Martin Kieffer's Son Jacob, second side Barbara Dangler, up and down other districts. To Susanna.

JACOB KIEFFER

(Son Of Hans Martin Kieffer)

Jacob Kieffer is the son of Hans Martin Kieffer. He is not listed in the 1701 Capitation Tax so he was a minor, or not yet born, in 1701. He was alive and owned land in 1724 adjacent to Barbara Kieffer's land. He name is also mentioned in a 1756 inventory land record so he was presumably still alive in that year. The Inventory for Barbara Kieffer (1724) lists land adjacent to land belonging to Hans Martin Kieffer's son Jacob. So perhaps Barbara Kieffer is the sister of Hans Martin Kieffer. Hans Martin Kieffer may have died before 1724 and that is why Jacob Kieffer ownd land; because he inherited it. If Barbara and Hans Martin were siblings, when their presumed father Paul Kieffer died perhaps one piece of land was divided into two sections and one section given to each of them.

References To Jacob Kieffer:

Barbara Kieffer And Hans Georg Mettweg Inventory 1724
Section Hungerveldt, Named Neben Der Strass (Near The Road):
To Otilia : One 1/2 field contains 12 measures and 7 feet. One side Jacob Burgert, the other side Hans Martin Kieffer's son Jacob, above the Rieter Berg (hill) and down on Michel Ulrich's property. [It's also possible the land belonged to Metteweeg and there is no connection.]

Susanna Unterkirch Inventory 1756
4TH DISTRICT: IN THE HUNGERFELD [Hunger Field]. NEAR THE ROAD.
- Same one viertzel field there: One side Martin Kieffer's Son Jacob, second side Barbara Dangler, up and down other districts. To Susanna.
- Same one viertzel same district: One side Catharina Becker, second side Michel Köhlhoffer's heirs, up another district, down on the Rötberg. To Barbara.

Endnotes

1. *Inventory of Otilia Kan, 15 Oct 1682, Haguenau Notary Records, Soufflenheim Inventories, 6 E 16 Bundle #269.*
2. *Inventory of Hans Kieffer 05 March 1687, Haguenau Notaries, Soufflenheim Inventories, 6 E 16 Bundle #269.*
3. *Estimated Date*, Han's oldest surviving child, Jacob, is estimated to have been born about 1640. Assuming Hans had another deceased child and subtract three years from 1640 and you have an estimated marriage date of 1637. Assuming Hans

was married at age 25 he would have been born about 1612.

4. *Inventory of Hans Kieffer 05 March 1687, Haguenau Notaries, Soufflenheim Inventories, 6 E 16 Bundle #269.*
5. *Inventory of Otilia Kan, 15 Oct 1682, Haguenau Notary Records, Soufflenheim Inventories, 6 E 16 Bundle #269.*
6. *Estimated Date*, Han's oldest surviving child, Jacob, is estimated to have been born about 1640. Assuming Hans had another deceased child and subtract three years from 1640 and you have an estimated marriage date of 1637. Assuming Hans was married at age 25 he would have been born about 1612.
7. *ming Othilia* was married at age 20 at an estimated marriage date of 1637 and she would have been born in 1617.
8. *Inventory of Otilia Kan, 15 Oct 1682, Haguenau Notary Records, Soufflenheim Inventories, 6 E 16 Bundle #269, Bundle #269*, Inventory for Otilia Kan, 15 October 1682.
9. *Soufflenheim Town Accounts*, p. 1, 1665.