



# Our Family

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## **The Kuhns of Mainstockheim**

Not very much has been discovered about the Kuhns of Mainstockheim. The earliest name found is of great-great-great-great-grandfather **Raphael Kuhn** which appears on a list of Jews resident in Mainstockheim in 1745. (1) His son Borg Kuhn was born around 1748. He was married twice. Nothing is known of his first wife Malche. Borg's second wife Hindel was born in 1753 in Uehlfeld. They lived No. 109 Mainstockheim, a rather dilapidated house. In the register Borg's means of livelihood is listed as "Poor Jew". He died on 1 March 1820 aged 72 years and Hindel on 17 March 1825. Children of Borg:

**Faust (Veist) Kuhn** (mother Malche), elder son of Borg, born in Mainstockheim in 1770, was granted "Schutz" in Mainstockheim on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1801 on condition that he would rebuild his father's dilapidated house (which was under "feudal tenure"). His father had given him half the house on condition that, after the death of his father, he would have to take over the whole house. The house was not be allowed to be divided into two parts. Faust had to pay 15. Franconian florins for the Grant of Schutz and for moving-in fees and an annual protection money of 3 Franconian florins, the same as his father. The document bears the Hebrew signatures of Burg Kuhn and of Veist Kuhn of Mainstockheim. He must have married Bessla (Betti), his first wife, soon after that. Bessla died on 27 January 1826. On 25 November 1832 Faust married his second wife Karolina Lehmann, born in 1787 in Luelsfeld (?). Faust died on 5 October 1842 in Mainstockheim.

There were four children by the two marriages, but all apart from his eldest daughter Amalia died in infancy or childhood.

**Amalia Kuhn** (mother Bessla) born about 1805. Amalia married Moses Stern of Mainstockheim. (See The Sterns in Mainstockheim)

**Liebman Kuhn** (mother Bessla) (1806 - 20 April 1826).

Two sons of his second marriage born in 1833 and 1835 were both named Baruch after their grandfather. Both only lived for two days.

**Moses Kuhn** (mother Malche), our great-great-grandfather, second son of Borg, was born in Mainstockheim in 1783. A record dated 7 January 1808 states:

The following is certified herewith:

The local Jew Burgh Kuhn, protected by the combined authorities, has, according to a mutual agreement between themselves, given the lower half of the house, which he shares with his elder son Veist, the part he had up to now occupied himself, to his youngest son Moses Kuhn, having been assured that the provisional protection by the combined authorities had already been granted to him by the Courts.

Having been granted "protection" and his father Burgh having made over to him the lower half of his house (No 109 Mainstockheim), Moses was now able to marry Babette Braeunlein Wolf. Babette, daughter of Wolf Joseph, who later adopted the family name Stern, and his wife Doels "die Eisig", whose father Eisig came from Kleinlangheim, was born in Mainstockheim in 1783. Moses was one of the few "most respected" Jews who, after the Court in Kitzingen had passed a law in 1816, forbidding Jews to trade there on other than market days, was one of the traders, who had received a special permit allowing him to sell his goods in Kitzingen. Moses died in Mainstockheim #109 on 30 November 1862. Four years previously on 20 December 1858 Babette had died in the same house of pulmonary tuberculosis. The six children of Moses and Babette were born in Mainstockheim:

- Rafael Moses, died in infancy
- Mina Kuhn, 16 November 1812 - 28 August 1878 Mainstockheim
- Jeanette Kuhn, 21 August 1814 - 20 July 1900 Kitzingen
- Doels Kuhn, 30 November 1816-
- Simon Kuhn, 19 November 1818
- Amalia Kuhn, 19 October 1820

Their two eldest daughters married into the Scheidt family:

**Mina Kuhn** married Loeser Jonas Scheidt on 28 June 1832. (See The Scheidts of Mainstockheim).

**Jeanette Kuhn** on 31 July 1833 married Salomon Scheidt, younger brother of her sister's husband Loeser (See The Scheidts of Mainstockheim).

**Doels Kuhn**, name also appears at Doreth, third daughter of Moses and Babette, on 30 October 1837 in Mainstockheim married Simon Saemann (son of David Saemann and Maria Abraham), a widower, born in 1798 in Roedelsee.

Nothing is known so far about any other members of the Kuhn family.

## Footnotes

(1) Gemeindearchiv Mainstockheim