



Our Family

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The Guckenheimer Family of Burghaslach

Benjamin and Zuerrlein of Burghaslach lived in Burghaslach in the middle of the 18th century. They had two sons Selka and Jacob Benedict. After the death of Benjamin in 1775 Zuerlein, who owned half a house, married Feidel Samuel of Prichsenstadt, who received "Schutz" in Burghaslach. (1) In 1784 Selka Benedict and his stepfather Feidel bought one of the two "Judenhaeuser" in Burghaslach, situated on the right hand side on the road to Breitenlohe. There seemed to have been problems in the marriage, Feidel no longer wanting to live with his wife. A document of 6 July 1785 summoned Rabbi Moses Guckenheimer of Dispeck to Burghaslach to "examine the marriage quarrel in detail and either resolve it peacefully or make a decision according to Jewish law". (2)

Selka, married to Rebecca (Rifka), died about 1813. (3) His widow and descendants later adopted the family name Guckenheimer (variously also appears as Gugenheimer or Guggenheimer). No documentary evidence of a connection between Selka Benedict and Loew Benedict, ancestor of the Sahlmann and Rosenblatt families has so far been established. Further research is necessary.

Further research is also necessary regarding Feidel Samuel. A researcher also interested in him believes that Feidel remarried around the turn of the 19th century, adopted the family name Belsinger and had a family born in Burghaslach.

Footnotes

(1) FCA DII 3, 26.

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