



Our Family

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THE KEINER FAMILY

The earliest known member of the Keiner family was SAMUEL born about 1722. His son LAZARUS SAMUEL born in 1752, was married to Kehle (Karoline, Caroline) (1757 - 25.3.1843 Baiersdorf). Their son was SAMUEL LAZARUS born about 1790 if his age in 1860 is correct. He died in Baiersdorf on 8 August 1860 (aged 70). On an 1811 Baiersdorf list of all Jews living in Baiersdorf, a Samuel Lazarus is listed as "School teacher", married and had at that time one son and two daughters. He may have been married to Ella AUFOCHS of Sulzbach.

Some further research is necessary. Was the above the Baiersdorf teacher? Was he married twice? Was the above the father of Lazarus Keiner below or were there two different Lazarus Keiner?

LAZARUS KEINER (23 Feb 1833 Baiersdorf - 5 March 1887 Baiersdorf). The parents of Lazarus on one record are given as Samuel and Ella AUFOCHS of Sulzbach and on another record his parents are listed as Samuel and Elise STEINBERGER. The descendants are the same. On 16 January 1856 Lazarus married Julia WASSERMANN (25 January 1833 Wannbach - 24 August 1898 Baiersdorf, daughter of Benjamin Wolf WASSERMANN and Annie MEYER). Their children were all born in Baiersdorf

- IGNATZ KEINER (30 June 1857 Baiersdorf - 7 April 1909 San Francisco). He was married in San Francisco to Katherine Alice LITTLETON (1877 - 25 September 1913 San Francisco) They had one daughter: Eleanor J KEINER 1906 San Francisco-23 March 1919 San Francisco.
- HERMANN KEINER (11 December 1858 Baiersdorf - 15 March 1933 San Francisco) also emigrated to San Francisco where he married Sara WORMS (20 November 1864 New York - 9 March 1937 San Francisco). Their daughter: Ethyl J KEINER was born on 25 November 1891 and died on 24 September 1971.
- JULIUS KEINER (19 March 1860 Baiersdorf - 5 August 1937 Nuremberg) married Cilli (Zerline) GUTMANN, born 25 April 1865 Sugenheim. The family settled in Wilhermsdorf where Julius and his brother-in-law Jacob MICHELSON, husband of his sister Ida KEINER, were in partnership in Michelsohn & Keiner a firm of brush manufacturers. Julius and Cilli eventually moved to Nuremberg, where Julius died on 5 August 1937. Some time after his death Cilli emigrated to Palestine to join her youngest daughter Julia. She died in Jerusalem on 12 December 1952 (see The Gutmanns of Sugenheim).

Children of Julius and Cilli were born in Wilhermsdorf.

LUDWIG KEINER 27 July 1889 Wilhermsdorf-7 Dec.1908 Wilhermsdorf.

FRIEDA KEINER (12 December 1891 Wilhermsdorf - 15 March 1928), married Ludwig SACKI on 10 August 1919.

WILHELM STEPHAN KEINER 30 May 1895 Wilhermsdorf - 20 June 1895 Wilhermsdorf.

JULIA KEINER 3 December 1900 Wilmersdorf - 29 Feb. 1992 NEW YORK. Julia emigrated to Palestine. She was a handicraft artist specialising in weaving. She wove some of the curtains for the Knesset in Jerusalem. In the 1960s she moved to New York, where on 5 August 1964 she married Leo FORCHHEIMER, a widower. Leo died in New York on 16 July 1981. Julia died at her home at Mamaroneck, Westchester Co., N.Y. on 29 February 1992.

- IDA KEINER (15 November 1862 Baiersdorf - 29 Jan 1937 Nuremberg), married on 11 December 1882 Jacob MICHELSON, (19 March 1857 Wilhermsdorf - 24 October 1905 Wilhermsdorf (son of Wolf MICHELSON and Jeanette WIESENTHAL)).
- LOUISE KEINER (5 June 1865 Baiersdorf - 21 September 1936 Nuremberg), on 1 July 1887 married Julius STRAUSS, (13 November 1862 Baiersdorf - 31 March 1927 Baiersdorf), son of Jonas STRAUSS and Babette WESTHEIMER.
- EMMA KEINER (28 November 1867 Baiersdorf - 25 August 1875 Baiersdorf).
- ANNA (NANI) KEINER (1 April 1870 Baiersdorf), married Justin NEU (parents Rudolph NEU and Betti SIMONSFELD) in Fuerth on 17 August 1890. The family also settled in Wilhermsdorf, where Justin died on 3 March 1929. Anna emigrated with her children to Canada and died in Montreal on 19 April 1947.

JACOB KEINER (parents Lazarus and Karoline) was born in Baiersdorf on 21 January 1799. He married Fany MAY of Edelsbach (Ebelsbach?) on 18 December 1844.

- LAZARUS KEINER (27 August 1845 Baiersdorf - 26 November 1848 Baiersdorf).
- GOTTFRIED KEINER 29 September 1849 Baiersdorf.
- SAMUEL KEINER (30 April 1851 Baiersdorf - 16 March 1933), married 3 June 1879 Amalie FLEISCHMANN, born (Ansbach or Aufsess?). Samuel was a member of the Baiersdorf "Singverein" (Choral Society), which was founded in 1839. He was elected its president in 1905. (1)
- SALOMON KEINER (13 October 1853 Baiersdorf) married Berta. At least two daughters are known:

AMALIE (Mali) KEINER, born 1880 in Baiersdorf was married to Heinrich SOMMER (born 1887). They and their children, Artur, Lisi, Berthold and Hildegard emigrated to USA.

KLARA KEINER born 1883 in Baiersdorf. She married Isaak BUCHMANN (born 1873). The family lived in Halle an der Saale. After the death of her husband Klara and her daughter Feodora returned to Baiersdorf. Klara and Feodora emigrated from Baiersdorf to France on 16 November 1933 and eventually from there to Brazil.

Feodora BUCHMANN, daughter of Klara and Isaac, was born in 1908 in Halle an der Saale. She studied medicine at the University in Erlangen. In 1933 she was arrested and held in custody in Erlangen.

MARIE KEINER (2), born in Baiersdorf in 1885, is probably a third daughter of Samuel and Berta KEINER. She was married to Hans SCHUEBEL, a non-Jewish farmer and cattle dealer and was arrested on Kristallnacht 1938 as one of the last three Jewish citizens of Baiersdorf. After her release she continued to live with her husband in Baiersdorf, where she died in 1957. She is mentioned (but not named) by Ilse Sponsel in her article about the end of the Baiersdorf Jewish community in "Aus der Juedischen Geschichte Baiersdorfs" (Jewish History of Baiersdorf), a booklet issued in connection with the 1992/93 exhibition in the Baiersdorf Town Hall.

- WILHELM KEINER, born 30 April 1855 in Baiersdorf. Nothing is known about him.
- SOPHIE KEINER was born in Baiersdorf on 18 December 1857. She married Leopold STURM (born 3. May 1850 Burghaslach) on 9 January 1883. They settled in Burghaslach, where their children Salomon, Klara, Lina and Julchen were born. For further details see "THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF BURGHASLACH". In 1902 a "Frau Keiner" is recorded to have lived in Burghaslach. Did Sophie's mother move to Burghaslach?
- HEINRICH KEINER, 28 March 1861 in Baiersdorf. Nothing is known about him.

Footnotes

- (1) Horst Gemeinhardt: Zur gesellschaftlichen Stellung der Juden in Baiersdorf um die Jahrhundertwende (Contributions by Jews in Baiersdorf around the turn of the century).
- (2) Ilse Sponsel.