

Johann Bernard Klitz (1779–1833)

Anna Maria Wernsing (1779–1837)



Town Crest of Schöppingen



Detail of the Ceiling of St. Brictius Church, Schöppingen, with the Face of Jesus in the center, and an image of St. Brictius below.

Bernard, eldest son of Christopher and Margaret, inherited the Klitz plot of land on the Schulze-Sievert farm as was the custom of the day.

He and Maria raised five children (four to adulthood) on the farm, continuing a lifestyle of subsistence farming, working for the Schultze-Sievert family, and supplementary clothmaking.

Bernard and Maria raised their family through some of the most tumultuous times in the area as the wars of the French Revolution (1789) and the subsequent Napoleonic Wars (1800-1815) enveloped the region.

The social structure of Westphalia was a system that developed over hundreds of years. As with many societies, ownership of land (or lack thereof) dictated one's position in society.

The Westphalian landed social structure was divided into the following groups:

Bauerschaften: Large areas of land, dating from medieval times. ex. Tinge, Heven;

Schulte: Caretakers of the land owned by the nobility

Hoven: Simple peasant owned parcel of land with hereditary rights;

Kotten: Parcels of land removed from the Schultes and Kottens, using a subsistence existence supplemented by day-labor;

Brinkstinze/Liebzuchter/Tagelöhner: Lowest level of peasantry, owned next to nothing and relied on various day jobs to survive.

Christophorus Bernardus Klitz
b: 18 Jul 1743 Metelen, Steinfurt, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
m: 04 Mar 1773 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 20 Sep 1789 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Anna Maria Margaretha Krude
b: 23 Mar 1741 Emsdetten, Steinfurt, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d:

Johan Bernhard Klitz
b: 05 Jan 1779 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 04 Apr 1833 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Anna Maria Gertrud Klitz
b: 02 Dec 1779 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
m: 27 Oct 1807 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 22 Feb 1837 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Anna Margaretha Gertrud Klitz
b: 18 Feb 1774 Osterwick, Coesfeld, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 20 Feb 1824 Eggerode, Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Anna Maria Elisabeth Klitz
b: 10 Mar 1776 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 27 Jul 1776 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Anna Maria Elisabeth Klitz
b: 27 Mar 1782 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d:

Herman Heerich Klitz
b: 11 Apr 1785 Eggerode, Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d:

Dideric Anton Klitz
b: 27 May 1786 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 15 Jul 1859 Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio, USA

Alexander Englebert Anton Klitz
b: 05 May 1789 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 15 Jul 1859 Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio, USA

Johann Heneric Klitz
b: 05 Jan 1810 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 25 Dec 1880 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Anna Katharina Elisabeth Heising Wolbeck
b: 06 Oct 1801 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
m: 03 Apr 1837 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 30 Jul 1854 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Anna Maria Gertrud Catharina Wolbeck
b: 06 Aug 1810 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
m: 1855 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 08 Jan 1871 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Elisabeth Barber
b:
m:
d:

Johan Herman Bernhard Klitz
b: 02 Feb 1813 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 25 Apr 1875 Nebraska, USA

Anna Maria Theresa Uphues
b: 21 May 1814 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
m: 1842 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 04 Sep 1858 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Anna Maria Elisabeth Pieper
b: 14 Nov 1828 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
m: 27 Feb 1869 Holwick, Coesfeld, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 23 Mar 1891 Colfax, Nebraska, USA

Johann Bernhard Englebert Klitz
b: 16 Oct 1818 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 1896

Maria Anna Gertrud Klitz
b: 16 Aug 1821 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 22 Feb 1822 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Anna Maria Catharina Klitz
b: 26 Jun 1823 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 28 Jan 1885 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Bernhard Heinrich Roters
b: 11 Nov 1815 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
m: 20 Oct 1854 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany
d: 03 May 1889 Schöppinge n. Borken, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany



Map of Central Europe, 1779

Schützenbruderschaft St. Peter & St. Paul

Family Tree of Bernard Klitz and Maria Wernsing

