

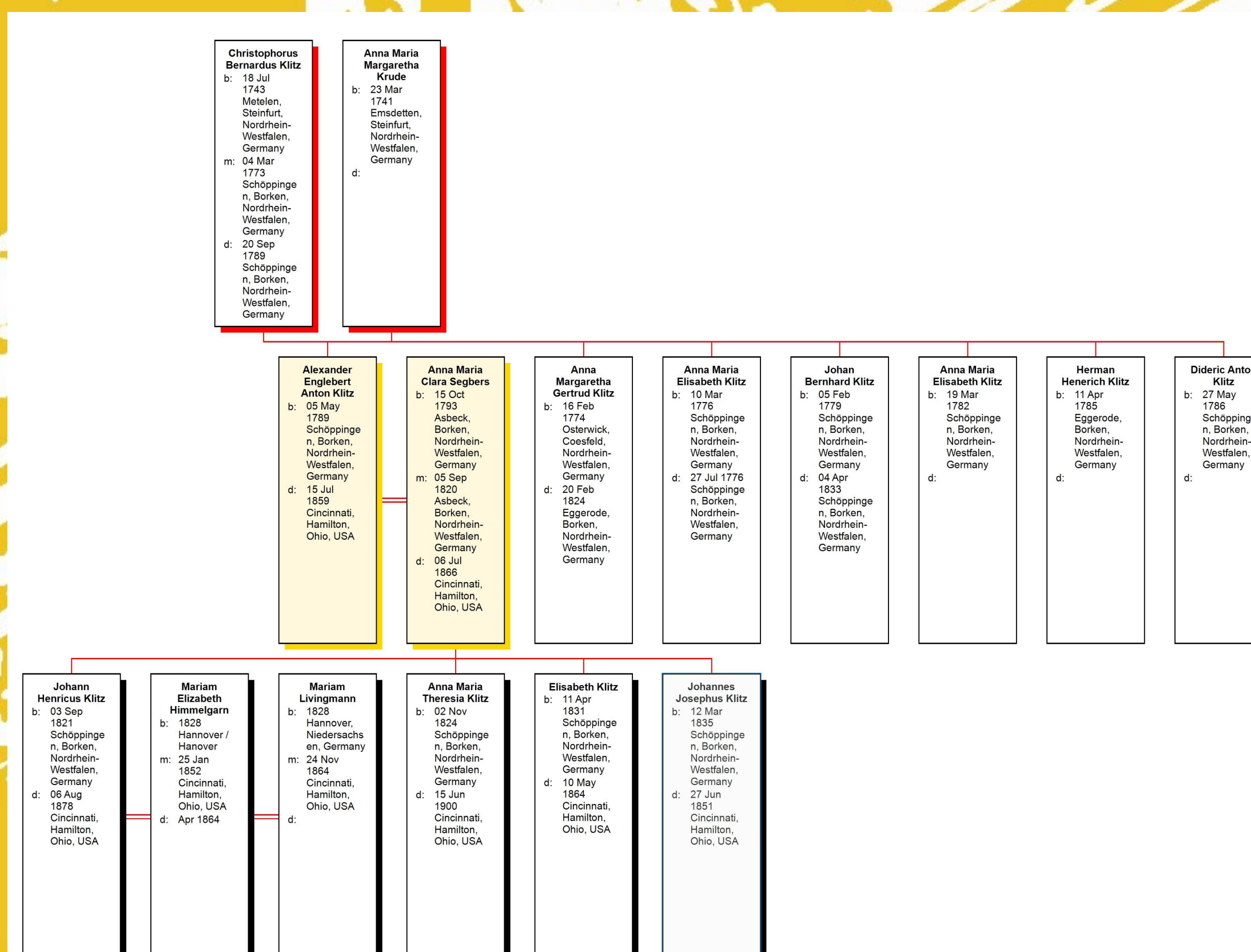
# Alexander Anton Engelbert Klitz (1789–1859) Anna Maria Clara Segbers (1793–1867)



Town Crest of Schöppingen



Tombstones of Engelbert Klitz and Clara Segbers, St. John's German Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio



Family Tree of Engelbert Klitz and Clara Segbers

Immigrants from Germanic countries began arriving in Cincinnati in increasingly large numbers starting in the 1830s. Although Germans were among the city's first settlers, they constituted a small percentage of the population until the city's rapid growth in the mid-1800s.

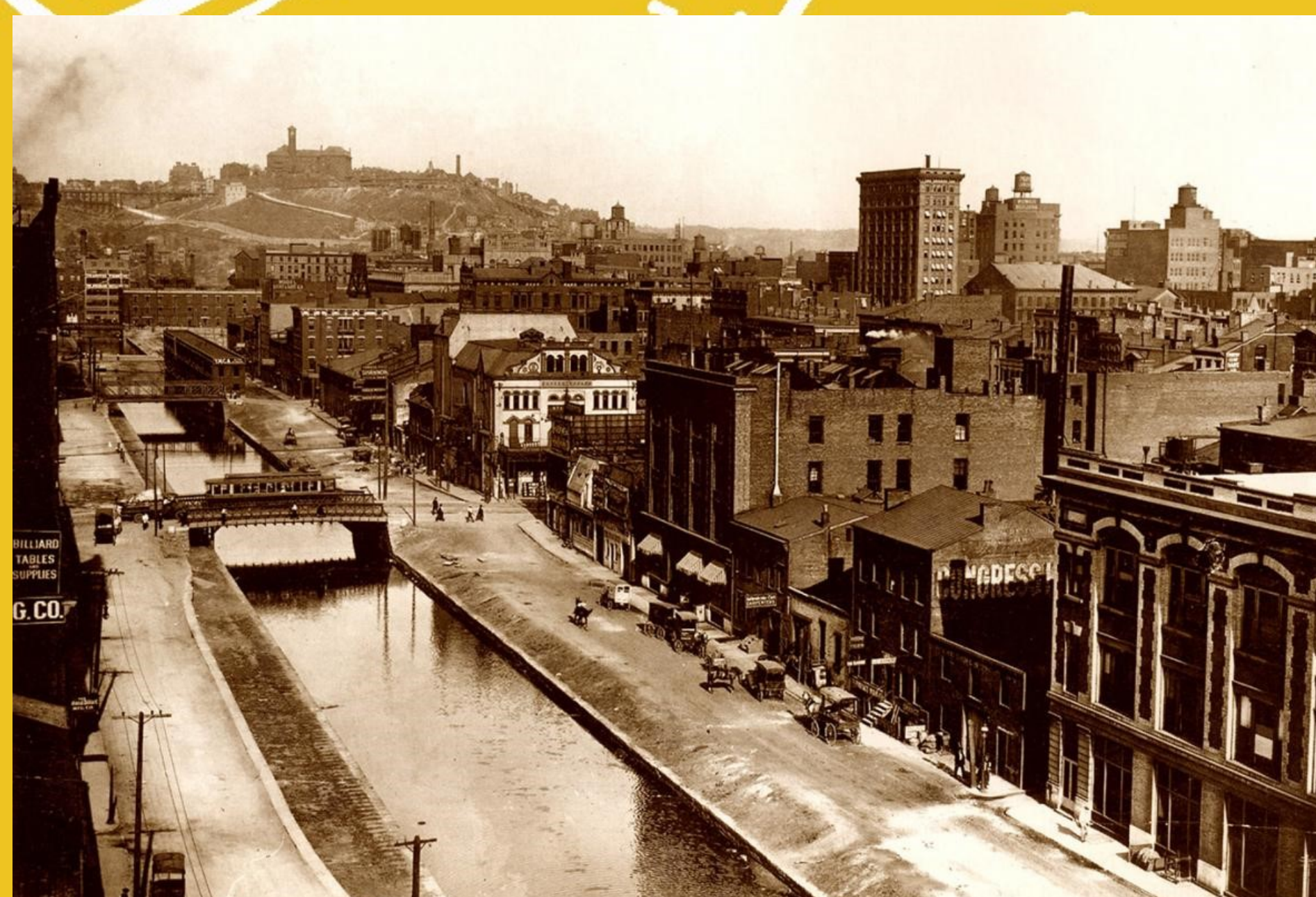
When the Germans started to arrive, the area north of the Miami & Erie Canal was mostly gardens and farmland. The Germans transformed it into a bustling neighborhood. It developed such a high concentration of German-Americans that traveling over the bridges spanning the canal became known as "going over the Rhine," a tongue-in-cheek reference to Germany's Rhine River.

At its peak of population, Over-the-Rhine was home to more than 45,000 people, roughly 75% of which were first or second-generation German-Americans.

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Map of Central Europe, 1789



Photograph of the Over-the-Rhine area of Cincinnati, 1914



Photograph of Spring Street (near 12th Street) where the Engelbert Klitz Family lived.

Engelbert was the youngest child of Christopher and Margaret and, along with his wife, Clara, was the trailblazer of the Klitz family.

At the age of 60, Engelbert, along with Clara and their children - Heinrich, Theresia, Elisabeth, and Joseph - left Eggerode and journeyed to the United States.

Heinrich arrived in the United States in 1847, passing through the port of Baltimore, on his way to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Engelbert, Clara, and the rest of the children followed in 1849 arriving in New Orleans.

The Klitz family in Cincinnati made a living as tailors, seamstresses and vest makers, living in the area of Cincinnati known as "Over the Rhine" due to the large number of German immigrants in the area.

The last Klitz in Cincinnati was a nephew of Engelbert and Clara, Heinrich, who emigrated in 1881. Heinrich died in 1928.