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Johann Heneric Klitz (1810–1880) Anna Katharina Elisabeth Hesseling (1801–1854)

The Klitz Family has a long history with the Schulze-Sievert family, owners of the land the Klitzes farmed just outside of Eggerode. For almost 140 years, the Klitz and Schultze-Sievert families, through multiple generations, maintained a close relationship.

The relationship was more than just a landowner-tenant relationship. There is evidence of a stronger bond than that with at least seven instances where the Schultze-Sievert family served as godparents to Klitz children.

This relationship was re-kindled in 2009, and remains as strong as it ever was.



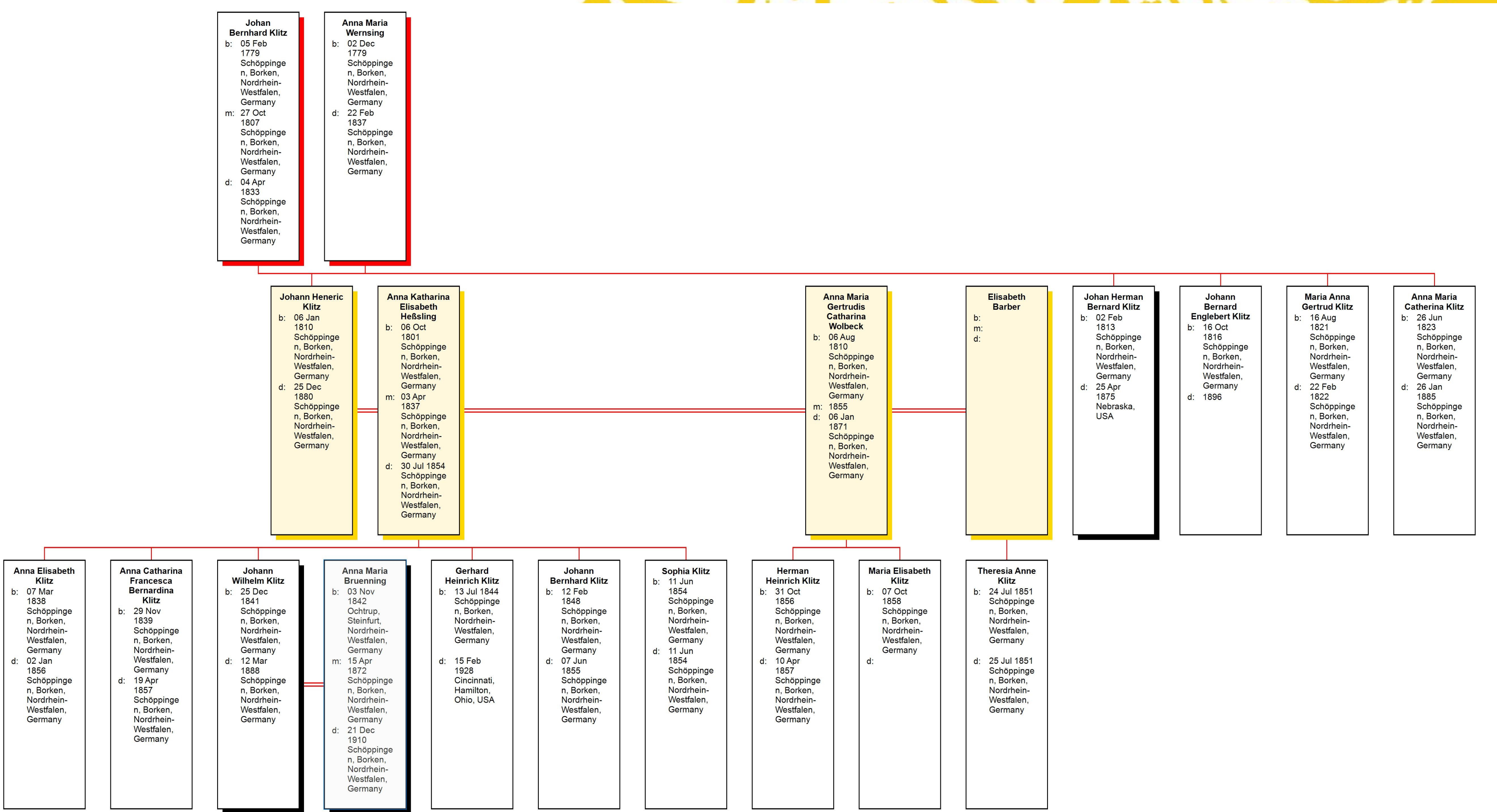
Stained Glass Windows in the Church of St. Dionysius, Nordwalde

Heinrich, the eldest son of Bernard and Maria, and Elisabeth assumed possession of the Klitz land upon the death of Heinrich's father in 1833. Heinrich had a total of eight children between two wives and possibly another daughter.

Elisabeth died due to complications from the birth of her sixth child, and Heinrich married Catherina Wolbeck in 1855.

Heinrich and Elisabeth's son, Heinrich (b. 1844) emigrated to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1881, and lived with his cousins, who arrived there in 1849.

The Klitz descendants of Heinrich and Elisabeth eventually left the Schultze-Sievert land, moving to the town of Nordwalde around 1912.



Family Tree of Heneric Klitz and Elisabeth Hesseling



Map of Central Europe, 1810



Bernard Klitz (right) and Herman Klitz (left) in traditional Prussian Infantry uniforms, early 20th century