

Johann Herman Bernard Klitz (1813–1875)

Anna Maria Theresia Uphues (1814-1858)

Anna Maria Elisabeth Pieper (1826-1891)



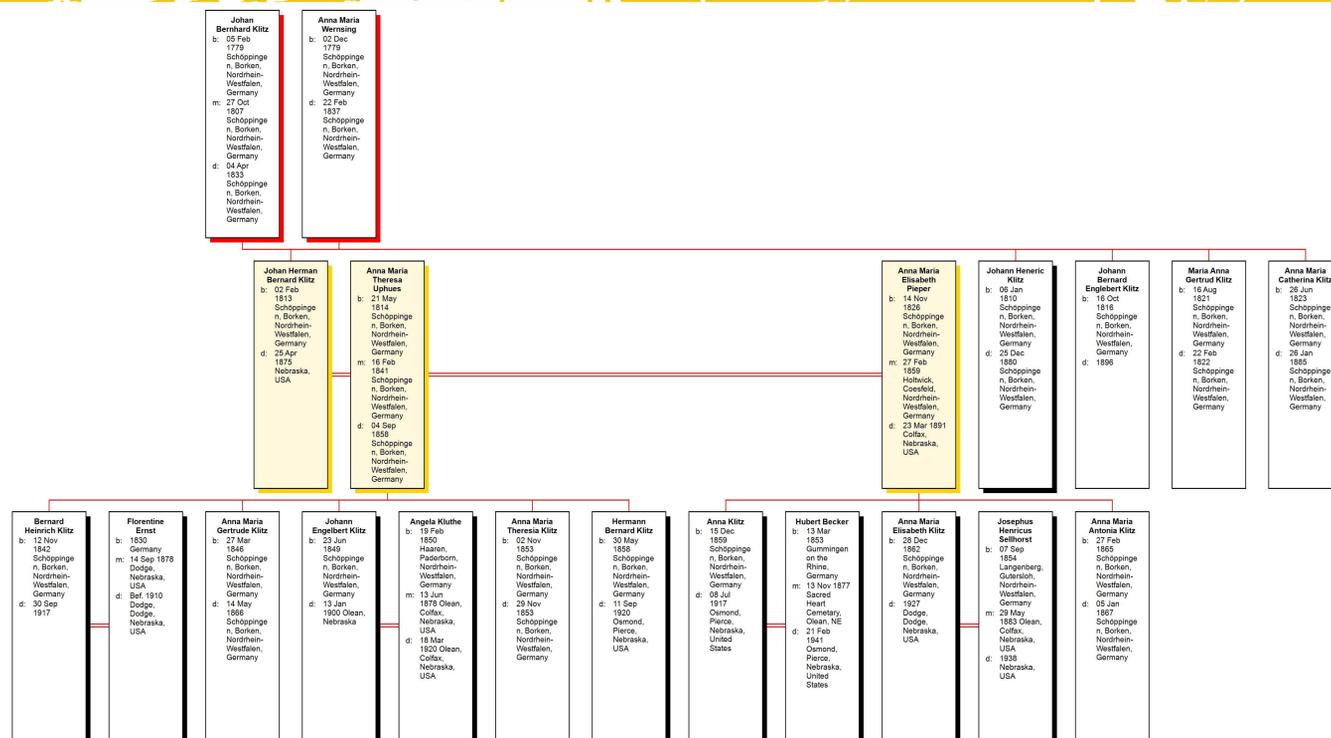
Town Crest of Schöppingen



Neighborhood where the Klitz Family lived while in Quincy, Illinois, 1869-1871.



Rendering of Immigrants arriving at Castle Garden, New York City, 1860's



Family Trees of Bernard Klitz and Theresia Uphues and Bernard Klitz and Elisabeth Pieper

Barney Klitz Sr., Theresia Uphues and Elisabeth Pieper are the bridge between the Klitzes in Nebraska and the Klitzes in Germany.

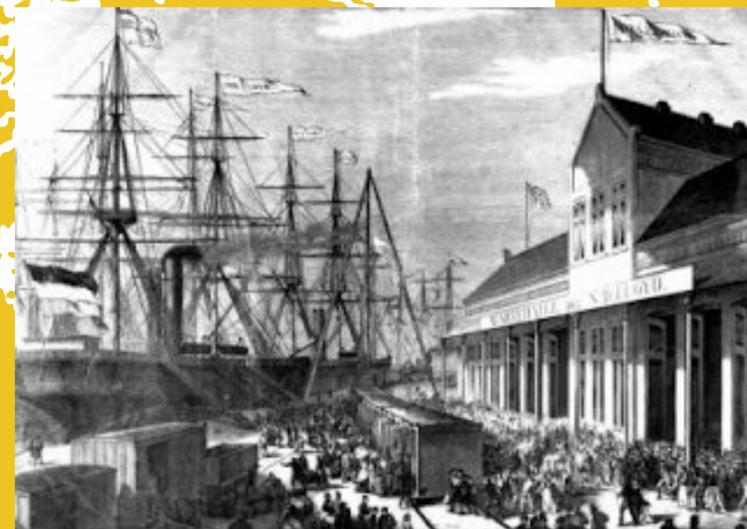
Barney and Theresia began the family when they married in 1841 and had four children. After Theresia's death due to complications from childbirth, Barney and Elisabeth expanded the family with three additional children.

Barney's marriage to Elisabeth was pivotal in the story of the Klitz family as the Pieper family was the impetus for the family's emigration to the United States. Elisabeth's brother, Wilhelm, immigrated to Quincy, Illinois in 1861, and Elisabeth's other brother, Herman, along with his family, traveled with Barney, Elisabeth and four of their children on the Bark Friedhandel in 1869, following Wilhelm to Quincy.

After staying in Illinois for about one and a half years, the Klitz family, and the Wilhelm Pieper family, homesteaded in Nebraska in 1871.



Map of Central Europe, 1813



Drawing of the harbor of Bremerhaven, Prussia, 1869