

Einzig/Einsig Family An Introduction

My name is Janelle Eileen Taylor. I married Robert (Boog) Calvin Graham, and we live in Franklin Township Northern York County Pennsylvania. I have a younger sister Susan Lynn Taylor, who married Steven Ray Waller, and they live in Conestoga York County Pennsylvania.

Our parents were Kenneth James Henry Taylor and Jane Alice Hines, and their families lived in the city of York Pennsylvania. Our Taylor line is connects us to the earliest American Einzigⁱ line; David Einzig (1829-1908)¹ was 13 years old when he emigrated in 1843 from Ruestenⁱⁱ Württemberg Germanyⁱⁱⁱ with his mother and other siblings.

David's grand-daughter was our paternal grandmother, Bessie May Einsig.

- According to the death certificate of my great-great grandfather David Einsig (1829-1908),² he was born to David Einsig and Barbara Rupp.³ I do not have any other factual information that supports this relationship.
- I am also a 3rd cousin, once removed, to my husband's nephew; Ezekiel whose ggg-grandparents were John Einzig (1831-1915) and his wife Theresa (Rose) Findling.⁴ My gg-grandfather, David, is the brother of Ezekiel's ggg-grandfather, John.

Bessie was born in 1892 to John Henry Einsig (1860-1939)⁵ and Mary Ann Schlich.^{iv} Bessie married our great-grandfather, Austin James Taylor.⁶ Both the Einsig and Taylor families lived in the same neighborhood of Sherman Street in York Pennsylvania. Both families also lived in Springettsbury, Spring Garden, and York Townships surrounding the city of York in York County Pennsylvania.

Our grandmother's German Einsig line began with David Einsig (b.1807),⁷ his wife Barbara Rupp (Ruff),⁸ and five Einsig children who emigrated from Ruesten^v through the ports in Bremen Germany on a ship known as a Barque.^{vi} The ship's name was called, Republic, which arrived at the ports of Baltimore on December 22nd 1843. Their destination was identified as Pennsylvania.⁹

ⁱ Other spelling of Einzig includes Aensick, Ensick, Eimsich, and Eisig, and the late 19th century version of Einsig. Einzig in German means "only". Other uses include; lone, singly, sole, and unique.

ⁱⁱ The word, Ruesten may be a miss spelling of Reusten, which is next to present day Reusten Rathaus located in the Tübingen region of Baden-Württemberg Germany, which is within the 19th century administrative district and parish of Schwarzwald Kreis (Black Forest District) of Germany.

ⁱⁱⁱ Württemberg Germany existed from 1806 to 1918, and is now known as the state of Baden-Württemberg in Germany.

^{iv} Mary was also known as Annie Mary, and her last name has been spelled as, Schleigh and Schleich.

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^{vi} The ship record indicated the ship as a Bark, however the correct spelling is Barque. This type of ship comprises of three (or more) masts, fore-and-aft sails on the aftermost mast and square sails on all other masts. Barques were the workhorse of the Golden Age of Sail in the mid-19th century as they attained passages that nearly matched full rigged ships but could operate with smaller crews.

The name of Barbara Rupp (Ruff) who was 34 years old, born about 1809, was listed with five Einsig children.

- i. David Einsig was 13 years old, and was born about 1830.
- ii. Johannes (John) Einsig was 12 years old, and was born about 1831.
- iii. Maria Einsig was 8 years old, and was born about 1835.
- iv. Albert Einsig was 2 years old and was born about 1841.
- v. Mathias (Matthew or Martin) Einsig was 1 ½ years old and was born about April 1842.

In 1850, David and Hanna, John and Isabel lived near David's and John's Uncle Anton Einsig,¹⁰ and his wife Leonorah (Eleanor) in the Freystown^{vii} area of Spring Garden Township York County Pennsylvania. We are not certain who Hanna (b.1827) is, but Isabel (b.1832) may be their sister; Maria.

The Einzig families usually lived close to each other, either next door to each other or on the same streets. David and John were basket makers, and had colorful wagons that they used to sale their goods. Often leaving their home for long periods of time.^{viii}

The Einsig family often used the same names in naming their children; Catherine, Rose, John, Ellen, Elizabeth, and Teresa. We also believe that some of the children were cared for by other Einsig family members. This caused some possible errors in identifying whose child belongs to whose parents difficult to identify accurately. There are also the family oral histories and accounts, that don't match the federal, county, and local records. Not to mention some of those records probably had errors too, particularly the death records.

One of the key relationships to unravel is the name Teresa Findley. Through the families' oral history¹¹ she was the wife of John Einsig (1831-1915), but using records, the name was also affiliated as the wife of Anton Einsig (1804-1859). The 1850 census records indicate there were two John Einzig males; John born 1831 and Anton's son John born 1837 born in Germany.

We are still unable to locate Barbra Rupp (Ruff), Maria, Albert and Mathais (Matthew) Einzig, who may have remained in Maryland, possibly Lehigh Pennsylvania or Albany New York, or other parts of America. As we continue our research, we'll update this paper.

Key definitive German related family member associations may not be accurate, but we do believe we are close. Using David's death certificate, ship records, German origins,¹² the name Mathias (Matthew or Martin), and German christening records, we believe we found our earliest known Einsig family; Antoni Einzig and Joanna Pfaus. Their son was Elias Einsig. Naturally, the more definitive help we get, the better we can improve our findings.

Without saying; this family is extremely difficult to sort out.

^{vii} Freystown was a flourishing community with a rich history just east of York city, bounded approximately by Broad Street, King Street, Harrison Street and Philadelphia Street. Early settlement centered on what is now East Market Street around Ridge Avenue and Diehl's Mill Road (Sherman Street). Freystown - from colonial settlement to Gypsies, by June Lloyd, York County Heritage and Trust, 250 East Market Street, York Pennsylvania, March 15th 2013. Freystown became part of York city around 1900 (sources vary), but not without reluctance.

^{viii} The Einzig family may have been considered Gypsies in their home country of Germany, and the term may have carried over to their home in York area.

Elias Einsig (b.1767)

Elias Einsig was born, and christened, on January 1st 1767 to Antonii Einsig and Joanna Pfau in Rotenfels,^{ix} Baden,^x Germany.¹³

Elias married Agnes Wiesenfad,^{xi} and they had three sons

- i. Joanes Baptista Einsig was christened February 13th 1801 as a Katholisch^{xii} in the village of Ahldorf,^{xiii} located in the Schwarzwald Kreis^{xiv} of Württemberg^{xv} Germany.¹⁴ This male Enzig may have been the branch that lived in Lehigh Pennsylvania or Albany County New York.
- ii. Antonius Einsig was christened February 26th 1804 as a Katholisch in the village of Ahldorf, located in the Schwarzwald Kreis of Württemberg Germany.¹⁵ See Anton L. Einsig (1804-1858).¹⁶
- iii. David Mathias Einsig was christened February 17th 1807 as a Katholisch in the village of Ahldorf, located in the Schwarzwald Kreis of Württemberg Germany.¹⁷ See David Einsig (b.1807)¹⁸

^{ix} Rotenfels is known today as Bad Rotenfels, which is a neighborhood (district) in the city of Gaggenau. Gaggenau is within the district of Rastatt, Baden-Württemberg Germany. Rotenfels is located some 8 km northeast of Baden-Baden.

^x Baden was the historical state of Germany, and the former Prussian Hohenzollern, and Württemberg, part of the region of Swabia.

^{xi} Another spelling for Wiesenfad is Wisafautin.

^{xii} Katholisch is not a region, district, or town, and in English Katholisch means Catholic.

^{xiii} Ahldorf is a village or small town situated in present day Freudenstadt district, within the Black Forest region of Baden-Württemberg Germany.

^{xiv} Swarzwald means Black Forest and Kreis means District, today it is known as Schwarzwald-Baar-Kreis Germany

^{xv} Württemberg was a state in Germany, 1806 to 1918, located in the area that is now Baden-Württemberg.

End Notes

¹ David Einsig (1829-1908) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; <http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net>.

² David Einsig (1829-1908) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; <http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net>.

³ David J. Einzig (Einsig) Name, Birth Date, Germany Place of Birth, and Parent's Names: The information came from his Pennsylvania Death Certificate #69874, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944; Pennsylvania (State). Death certificates, 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us>. Copy, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372

⁴ The Einsig family oral history indicated John's wife as Theresa Findling, and their marriage date. The information was provided by Roy Einsig of Warrington Township York County Pennsylvania. Roy is the great-great-great grandson of John Einzig.

⁵ John Einsig (1860-1939) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; <http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net>

⁶ Austin James Taylor (1889 – 1974) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; <http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net>.

⁷ David Einsig (b.1807) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; <http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net>.

⁸ The Name of Barabra Rupp: Besides appearing on the ships passenger list, her name was also identified in David Einzig's Death Certificate: Pennsylvania Death Certificate #69874, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1944; Pennsylvania (State). Death certificates, 1906–1963; Series 11.90 (1,905 cartons); Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us>. Copy, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372

⁹ Barbara Rupp and five Einsig Children Names and Ages, Ship Information, Origins and Destination: The information came from Pennsylvania, Microfilm Toll #4, List Number 83, Baltimore, Passenger and Immigration Lists, 1820-1872, Baltimore, Maryland. Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, 1820-1891; Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration; Micropublication M255, rolls # 1-19; Copy, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372

¹⁰ Anton L. Einzig (1804-1858) research paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372, <http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net>.

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¹² Einzig German Origins Research Paper and 1855 Einzig German Origins Map: Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; <http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net>

¹³ Elias Einzig Name, Birth and Christening Dates, Parent's Names, and Place of Birth: The information came from the following record; Name: Elias Einzig; Event Date: 1767; Gender: Male; Birth Date: 01 Jan 1767; Birth Year: 1767; Birthplace: Rotenfels, Baden, Germany; Christening Date: 01 Jan 1767; Christening Place: Rotenfels, Baden, Germany; Father's Name: Antonii Einzig; Mother's Name: Joanna Pfau; System Origin: Germany-EASy , GS Film Number: 1044091 , Indexing Project (Batch) Number: C39617-8; Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898; Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898, database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NFY-YJ3> : accessed 12 July 2015), Elias Einzig, 01 Jan 1767; citing Rotenfels, Baden, Germany; FHL microfilm 1,044,091.

¹⁴ Joanes Baptista Einzig Name, Christening Date, Place of Christening, and Parent's Names: The information came from the following record; Name: Joanes Baptista Einzig; Event Date: 1700 – 1810; Gender: Male; Christening Date: 13 Feb 1801; Christening Place: Katholisch, Ahldorf, Schwarzwaldkreis, Wuerttemberg; Father's Name: Elias Einzig; Mother's Name: Agnes Wisafautin; Reference ID: 2:W2CLWB , System Origin: Germany-VR , GS Film Number: 958269 , Indexing Project (Batch) Number: C95265-1; Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898; Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHSG-2KB> : accessed 14 July 2015), Joanes Baptista Einzig, 13 Feb 1801; citing ; FHL microfilm 958,269.

¹⁵ Antonius Einsig Name, Christening Date, Parent's Names, Place of Christening: The information came from the following record; Name: Antonius Einsig; Gender: Male; Christening Date: 26 Feb 1804; Christening Place: Katholisch, Ahldorf, Schwarzwaldkreis, Wuerttemberg; Father's Name: Elias Einsig; Mother's Name: Agnes Wiesenfad; System Origin: Germany-ODM, GS Film Number: 958296, Indexing Project (Batch) Number: C96856-1; Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898; Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NFCX-DKS>: accessed 12 July 2015, Antonius Einsig, 26 Feb 1804; citing; FHL microfilm 958,296.A.

¹⁶ Anton L. Einzig (1804-1858) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; <http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net>.

¹⁷ David Mathias Ensiz (Einsig) Name, Christening Date, Place of Christening, and Parent's Names: The information came from the following record; Name: David Mathias Einzig; Gender: Male; Christening Date: 17 Feb 1807; Christening Place: Ahldorf, Schwarzwaldkreis, Wuerttemberg; Father's Name: Elias Einzig; Mother's Name: Agnes Wiesenfad; System Origin: Germany-ODM , GS Film Number: 938181 , Indexing Project (Batch) Number: C94550-1; Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898; Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898," database, FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NFDK-VBY> : accessed 12 July 2015), David Mathias Einzig, 17 Feb 1807; citing ; FHL microfilm 938,181.

¹⁸ David Einsig (b.1807) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; ; <http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net>.