Our Einzig Family

My parents were Kenneth James Henry Taylor and Jane Alice Hines. [[1]](#endnote-1) Ken and Jane met while living in the city of York, York County Pennsylvania. Ken’s parents were Austin James Taylor [[2]](#endnote-2) and Bessie Mae Einsig. [[3]](#footnote-1)

Bessie Einsig was born in 1892 to John Henry Einsig (1860-1939) [[4]](#endnote-3) and Mary Ann Schleich. [[5]](#footnote-2) Both the Einsig and Taylor families lived in the same neighborhood of Sherman Street in York Pennsylvania. This area was once part of a small village called Freystown, [[6]](#endnote-4) which is located in Spring Garden Township York County. John H. Einsig was the son of David Jacob Einzig (1829-1908). [[7]](#endnote-5) David was born March 15th 1829 to David Einzig (b.1807) [[8]](#endnote-6) and Barbara Rupp [[9]](#endnote-7) in the Schwarzwald Kreis [[10]](#footnote-3) of Württemberg [[11]](#footnote-4) Germany. [[12]](#endnote-8)

We are not certain what became of David Einzig, but his wife Barbara, and five Einzig children emigrated from Ruesten [[13]](#footnote-5) through the ports in Bremen Germany on a ship known as a Barque. [[14]](#footnote-6) The ship’s name was called, Republic, which arrived at the ports of Baltimore on December 22nd 1843. Their destination was identified as Pennsylvania. [[15]](#endnote-9) The name of Barbara Rupp, who was 34 years old, born about 1809, was listed with five Einzig children. We know David was a son, but we cannot verify accurately that the other children were children of David and Barbara.

1. David Einsig was 13 years old, and was born about 1830.
2. Johannes (John) Einsig was 12 years old, and was born about 1831.[[16]](#footnote-7)
3. Maria (Isabelle) Einsig was 8 years old, and was born about 1835.
4. Albert Einsig was 2 years old and was born about 1841.
5. Mathias (Matthew) Einsig was 1 ½ years old and was born about April 1842.

Einzig Families in America

The earliest Einzig [[17]](#footnote-8) family came to America in 1839-1849 through the New York and Baltimore ports. A few members settled in Albany County New York and New Jersey. While a larger group headed to a small German enclave in the village of Freystown, which is located at the East end of York city in York County Pennsylvania. Once in York County, a few Einzig members went into Lancaster, Berks and Lehigh Counties of Pennsylvania, and from these counties the family spread.

Our journey began with the August 9th 1850 federal census record for York County Pennsylvania, David Einzig and his new wife Hanna (Christiana) Ross, and John Enzig with his sister Isabel lived together. They lived next door to their uncle Anton Einsig, [[18]](#endnote-10) and his wife Eleanora, along with their children in the Freystown area of Spring Garden Township York County Pennsylvania.

* The early settlement of Freystown centered on what is now East Market Street around Ridge Avenue, and Diehl's Mill Road (Sherman Street), and was located within Spring Garden Township York County Pennsylvania. The neighborhood Bull Frog Alley was well known and located in the low swampy area around Fulton Street. [[19]](#endnote-11) Freystown was a flourishing community with a rich history, and is now part of East York city; sitting between Philadelphia and King Streets, extending from Broad Street to Sherman Street.

The family of Antonius L. Einzig [[20]](#endnote-12) German and York Pennsylvania church records, which verified his German roots. This was a terrific connection, which lead to the clear identity of the other American Einzig patriarchs. Of all the Einzig American patriarchs, Anton’s and Martin’s children are some of the most interesting. This includes their relationship to the Gypsy clan traditions and formalities.

* Anton’s brother David and his five children, notably David [[21]](#endnote-13) and John Einzig. [[22]](#endnote-14)
* Anton’s uncle, Georgium Einzig, and his family, notably his sons; Martin Joanes Einzig [[23]](#endnote-15) and his sons, Fidel Einzig [[24]](#endnote-16) and George Einzig. [[25]](#endnote-17)

Virtually all of the 19th century Einzig patriarchs, their sons, and their daughter’s husbands were independent peddlers, who lead colorful lives as basket makers and weavers, junk dealers, rag peddlers, horse dealers, brush makers, or laborers in odd jobs; belonging to a group of peddlers who often had colorful wagons used to sale their goods, while leaving their home for long periods of time. [[26]](#footnote-9)

While travelling around the counties of Central Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland, selling their goods, these families would camp on the outskirts of the towns and villages, staying long enough to sell their goods before moving on to another area around the town and its county.

This migratory nature leads to the assumption that they were Gypsies, and although there were a few Einzig members who belonged to the gypsy clan and hierarchy, many Einsig members did settle in one town to manufacture and sell their goods. The Freystown York County Einzig families are examples of this lifestyle, where the families lived near other family members; together in one home, next door to each other, and on the same streets.

Besides their migratory nature, the families often used the same names when naming their children, and these children where often born at about the same time. Then they would marry into the same families of the same last name; Reinhart and Lauber were often married into. An example where two Einsig women married men with the name of John Rinehart, who were both born to a father, named Alex Rinehart, but had different mothers; Rose and Catherine. Another example were three Einzig children married into the same Lauber family, whose children also married their cousin.

As the early 20th century approached, the 3rd generation of Einzig families continued their family trades, but many members also began to branch out into the industrial and semi professional trades.

At this point in our research, with the exception of Frank Einsick (1832-1909), all of the other Einzig families are related to the late 18th century German parents of Antonii Einzig and Joanna Pfaus family.

Boog Graham [[27]](#footnote-10)

Einzig German Lineage

The German Einzig [[28]](#footnote-11) family lived in the Black Forest region of Württemberg Germany. Family members from two brothers, Elias and Johann George Einsig, emigrated from the Black Forest region of German to York County Pennsylvania and Albany County in New York. From York County members moved into Lehigh County Pennsylvania.

Family members from Elias and Johann George are the 1st know Einzig members who immigrated prior to 1843, and settled in Albany County New York and York County Pennsylvania. Then at some point around 1852, Johann George, and a few of his children came to America, and settled in around Albany County New York, and Johann’s son Martin’s children, Fidel and Martin, settled in Lehigh County Pennsylvania.

The family often used the same names in naming their children; Catherine or Kate or Katie, David, George, Rose, John, Ellen, Elizabeth, and Teresa. We also believe that some of the children were cared for by other Einsig family members. Potentially causing errors in identifying whose child belongs to whose parents. There are also the family oral histories and accounts, that don’t match the federal, county, and local civil and court records. Not to mention some of those records probably had errors too, particularly the death records.

We also looked at German records, keeping in mind the common use of German naming traditions; Baptism had a saint’s name, secular name, and last name.

* If two given names were given to the child, the first given name was typically a spiritual or saint's name. The second given name was the secular or call name, which is the name the person would be known by; both within the family and to the rest of the world. Thus the boys would be Johan Adam, Johan George, etc., or Philip Peter, Philip Jacob, etc. Girls would be named Anna Barbara, Anna Margaret, etc., or Maria Elizabeth, Maria Catherine, etc. But after baptism, these people would not be known as John, Philip, Anna, or Maria, respectively. They would instead be known by what we would think of now as their middle name, which was their secular name.

Antonii Einzig and Joanna Pfaus had two known children. [[29]](#endnote-18)

1. Elias Einsig (b.1767)
2. Georgium (Johann George) Einzig (b. about 1775) [[30]](#endnote-19)

Elias Einsig (b.1767)

Elias Einzig was born, and christened, on January 1st 1767 to Antonii Einzig and Joanna Pfaus in Rotenfels, [[31]](#footnote-12) Baden, [[32]](#footnote-13) Germany. [[33]](#endnote-20)

Elias married Agnes Wiesenfad, [[34]](#footnote-14) and they had three sons

1. Joanes Baptista Einzig was born to Elias Einzig and Agnes Wiesenfad. Jonas was christened February 13th 1801 as a Katholisch [[35]](#footnote-15) in the village of Bierlingen, [[36]](#footnote-16) located in the Schwarzwald Kreis [[37]](#footnote-17) of Württemberg [[38]](#footnote-18) Germany. [[39]](#endnote-21)
2. Antonius Einsig was born to Elias Einzig and Agnes Wiesenfad. Antonius was christened February 26th 1804 as a Katholisch in the village of Ahldorf, [[40]](#footnote-19) located in the Schwarzwald Kreis of Württemberg Germany. [[41]](#endnote-22) See Anton Einzig (1804-1858). [[42]](#endnote-23)
3. David Mathias Einzig was born to Elias Einzig and Agnes Wiesenfad. David was christened February 17th 1807 as a Katholisch in the village of Hailfingen, located in the Schwarzwald Kreis of Württemberg Germany. [[43]](#endnote-24) See David Einsig (b.1807) [[44]](#endnote-25)

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1. Harry Hines (1849-1928) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. James Taylor (1865-1941) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Einzig-Einsig: other possible spellings; Hanzig, Einziege, Enzig, Henzig, Heinziges, Henzag, and Inzigs. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
4. John Einsig (1860-1939) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
5. Mary was also known as Annie Mary, and her last name has been spelled as, Schleigh and Schlich. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
6. Freystown Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
7. David Einsig (1829-1908) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
8. David Einzig (b.1807-) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
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10. Schwarzwald means Black Forest and Kreis means District, today it is known as Schwarzwald-Baar-Kreis. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
11. Württemberg Germany existed from 1806 to 1918, and is now known as the state of Baden-Württemberg. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
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13. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
14. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
15. 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 [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
16. My wife Janelle is a 3rd cousin, once removed, to my nephew, Ezekiel Einsig-Graham. Ezekiel’s ggg-grandparents were John Einzig (1831-1915) and his wife Theresa (Rose) Findling. Janelle’s gg-grandfather, David, is the brother of Ezekiel’s ggg-grandfather, John; both brothers emigrated in 1843 from Germany. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
17. The name Einzig is a very unique name, and was often spelled in different English variations; Einzig, Ensig, Einsick, and Einsic. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
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22. John Einzig (1830-1915) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-14)
23. Elias Einzig (b.1767 )Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net [↑](#endnote-ref-15)
24. Fidel Einzig (1838-1913) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-16)
25. George Einzig (1830-1883) Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372. [↑](#endnote-ref-17)
26. The Einsig 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
27. Boog Graham: Historian for the Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372 [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
28. Other spellings of Einzig included Eissig, Eissich, and Eisig. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
29. Antonii Einzig and Joanna Pfaus Names and Children: Their names came from their children’s, christening and marriage records. [↑](#endnote-ref-18)
30. Johann George Einzig Research Paper, Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372; http://taylorgrahamlibrary.net [↑](#endnote-ref-19)
31. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
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37. Schwarzwald means Black Forest and Kreis means District, today it is known as Schwarzwald-Baar-Kreis Germany [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
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41. 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

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