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Klein
Reckner
Saxer

Names of direct line ancestors found in most articles and extracts are underlined.

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Pedigree Chart - KLEIN - RECKNER - SAXER

Chart no. _____

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An asterisk following a name indicates that ancestor has not been proven by this compiler.

1 **Anna Elizabeth KLEIN**
B: 20 Sep 1707
P: Kirchardt, Baden, GER
M: 7 May 1726
P: Kirchardt, Baden, GER
D: 10 Sep 1783
P: Manheim Twp, Lancaster, PA

Hans Michael WEIDLER
Spouse

2 **Hans George KLEIN**
B: (bpt) 12 May 1677
P: Kirchardt, Baden, GER
M: 5 Oct 1700
P: Kirchardt, Baden, GER
D: aft 1737
P: Kirchardt? Baden? GER?

3 **Veronica SAXER/SACHER**
B: (bpt) 11 Sep 1679
P: Richen, Baden, GER
D:
P: Kirchardt? Baden? GER?

4 **Hans Albrecht KLEIN**
B: abt 1630
P: SWT?
M: 5 Feb 1655
P: Kirchardt, Baden, GER
D: 12 Feb 1684
P: Kirchardt, Baden, GER

5 **Anna Catharine RECKNER**
B:
P:
D: aft Jan 1696
P: Kirchardt, Baden, GER

6 **Hans SAXER/SACHER**
B: (bpt) 18 Nov 1642
P: Hinterforst, St. Gallen, SWT
M: 7 Jan 1672
P: Altstätten, St Gallen, SWT
D: bet 1694 and 1697
P: Richen, Baden, GER

7 **Anna Catharina WALLTER**
B:
P: Marbach? St. Gallen, SWT
D:
P: Richen? Baden, GER

8 **Adam* KLEIN** cont. ___
B:
P: SWT?
M:
P: SWT?
D: bef Feb 1659
P: Kirchardt, Baden, GER

9 **Angela WEYSS*** cont. ___
B:
P: SWT?
D: 9 Feb 1659
P: Kirchardt, Baden, GER

10 **Hans George RECKNER** cont. ___
B:
P:
M:
P:
D:
P: Kirchardt, Baden, GER

11 **Barbara KAUFFER/KAUFFNER** cont. ___
B: abt 1602
P:
D: 19 Apr 1681
P: Kirchardt, Baden, GER

12 **Ulrich "Uli" SAXER** cont. ___
B:
P: St. Gallen? SWT
M:
P: Altstätten, St Gallen, SWT
D:
P: Altstätten? St Gallen, SWT

13 **B SCHAUBING/SCHOBINGER*** cont. ___
B:
P: St. Gallen? SWT
D:
P: Altstätten? St Gallen, SWT

14 **Hans WALLTER** cont. ___
B:
P: St. Gallen? SWT
M:
P:
D:
P: St. Gallen? SWT

15 cont. ___
B:
P:
D:
P:

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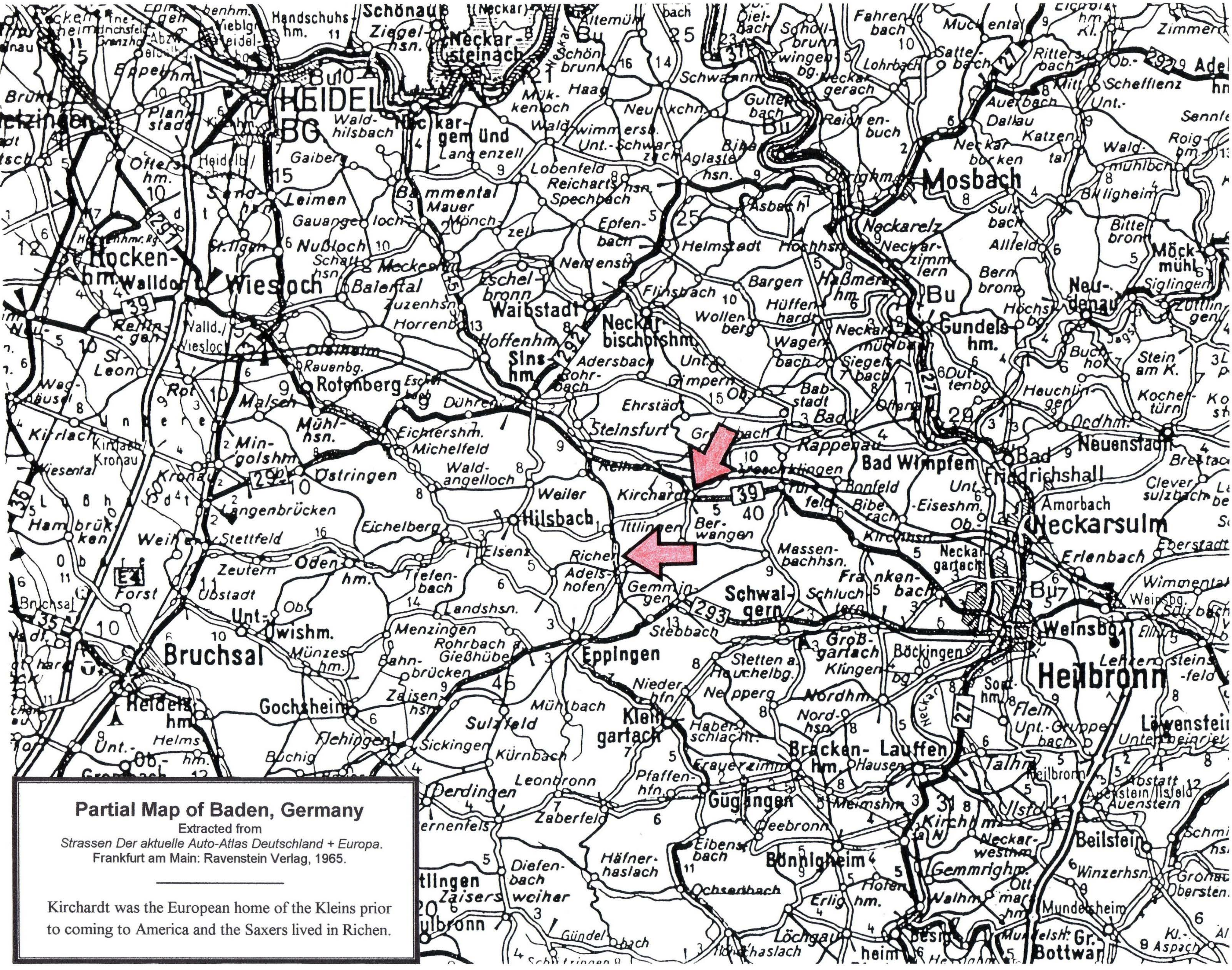

Partial Map of Baden, Germany

Extracted from

Strassen Der aktuelle Auto-Atlas Deutschland + Europa.

Frankfurt am Main: Ravenstein Verlag, 1965.

Kirchardt was the European home of the Kleins prior to coming to America and the Saxers lived in Richen.

KLEIN

The Kleins, to be exact Hans Albrecht Klein, first appears in the Reformed Church Book of Kirchardt, Baden, Germany, in July, 1652.[1] The church book was begun in 1650 at the close of the Thirty Years War. No mention of Kleins was found in pre-war Kirchardt records. Almost surely the family had emigrated from Switzerland, possibly from the canton of Zurich, to fill the void left in the Kraichgau following the war.

The earliest Kirchardt Church Book entry showing direct involvement in a rite of the church (there were earlier sponsorships) was that of the marriage 5 February 1655 of Hans Albrecht Klein and Anna Catharina Reckner.[2]

Although Adam and Angela (Weyss) Klein were the only other Kleins in the early Kirchardt records and therefore the most likely candidates, there is no direct proof in the church book that they were the parents of Hans Albrecht Klein. A death record for Angela Weyss, widow of Adam Klein, is dated 9 February 1659.[3] No age was given and no record of Adam Klein's death was found.

The Hans Albrecht Kleins had thirteen children, two of whom were named Hans George Klein.[4] The Klein line of this study descends through the younger Hans George who was baptized 12 May 1677.[5]

Hans Albrecht Klein died 12 February 1684 at the age of 54.[6] The death date of his widow, Anna Catharine (Reckner) Klein is not known, but she was still living in Kirchardt in 1695.[7]

Hans George Klein married Veronica Sacher/Saxer, daughter of the deceased Hans Saxer (and Anna Catharina Wallter[8]), 5 October 1700 at Kirchardt.[9] Veronica had been baptized 11 September 1679 in the nearby town of Richen.[10] This marriage produced ten children, the fourth, Anna Elisabetha Klein, was born 20 September 1707.[11]

On 7 May 1726 Anna Elizabeth Klein married Michael Weidler, son of the deceased Herr Hans Weidler.[12] Hans Weidler had died just a few months earlier on 20 February 1726.[13] In the year following their marriage, Anna Elizabeth and Michael left Kirchardt for America arriving at Philadelphia on 18 September 1727.[14] Michael may have received some sort of inheritance at his father's death, for the couple appeared to have money for their voyage and a beginning in the New World.

It is possible that Anna Elizabeth's next older brother Johann George Klein preceded Michael and Elizabeth (Klein) Weidler to America,[15] as his name does not appear on the extant surviving passenger lists which generally begin in September, 1727. Apparently all the surviving children of Hans George and Veronica (Saxer) Klein immigrated to the American Colonies, i.e., besides Johann George and Anna Elizabeth, Hans Jacob Klein and Heinrich Klein in 1732,[16] Hans Michael Klein and Anna Maria (Klein) Pfoutz dates unknown,[17] and Leonhard Klein in 1741.[18]

In September,1737, two of the Klein daughters, Anna Barbara, who was married to Andreas Fehr, and Catharina Klein were killed in a hailstorm at Kirchardt.[19] The father, Hans George Klein, was living at the time, but the date of his death is not known.[20] Neither was a record of the death of Veronica (Saxer) Klein found. There is a remote possibility one or both parents could have immigrated to America.

[1]Church Books of the Reformed Community of Kirchardt (Baden, Germany), 1650-1785, births, p. 5. Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT, hereinafter FHL. Film #1189145.

[2]Ibid., marriages, col. 1.

[3]Ibid., deaths, col. 1.

[4]Ibid., births, pp. 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22 and 24.

[5]Ibid., births, p. 19.

[6]Ibid., deaths, col. 11.

[7]Gustav Neuwirth, *Geschichte der Gemeinde Kirchardt und der Ortsteile Berwangen und Bockschaft* (Karlsruhe, 1978), p. 167.

[8]Evangelical Reformed Church Book of Altstätten (St. Gallen, Switzerland), 1670-1713, pages unnumbered, marriage 7 January 1672. FHL. Film #939175.

[9]Reformed Church Book of the Community of Kirchardt, marriages, col. 10.

[10]Evangelical Reformed Church Book of Richen (Baden, Germany), births, p. 95. FHL. Film #1189093.

[11]Reformed Church Book of the Community of Kirchardt, pp. 45, 51, 55, 59, 62, 64, 67 and 72. Annette K. Burgert, *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North America: The Northern Kraichgau,* vol. 1, Publications of the Pennsylvania German Society, vol. 16 (Brenigsville, PA: Pennsylvania German Society, 1983), pp. 202-203.

[12]Reformed Church Book of the Community of Kirchardt, marriages, p. 17.

[13]Ibid., deaths, p. 19.

[14]I. Daniel Rupp, *A Collection of Upwards of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776* (Leipzig: Degener and Co., 1931; reprint ed., Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965), pp. 49-50.

[15]Augustus Schultze, *Guide to the Old Moravian Cemetery of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 1742-1910*, Proceedings and Addresses: Pennsylvania German Society, vol. 21 (Lancaster, PA: Pennsylvania German Society, 1912), p. 9.

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[17]Northampton County, PA, Will Book 1:336, George Klein, 11 Apr 1783/29 Jul 1783. Northampton County Courthouse, Easton, PA.

[18]*Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, 1:294.

[19]Reformed Church Book of the Community of Kirchardt, (second book) deaths, p.21.

[20]Ibid.

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FAMILY GROUP

Chart No. KLEIN-1

HUSBAND: KLEIN, Hans George

Occupation:

Event	Day	Month	Year	Town(ship)	State	Country	Misc. Information
Bpt:	12	May	1677	Kirchardt	Baden	Germany	See Note 1.
Mar.:	5	Oct	1700	Kirchardt	Baden	Germany	
Died:		aft	1737	Kirchardt?	Baden?	Germany?	

Cemetery: Religion: Lutheran

Father: **Hans Albrecht KLEIN** m. 5 Feb 1655 Mother: **Anna Catharina RECKNER**

bpt. abt 1630 d. 12 Feb 1684 b. d. alive Jan 1696[17]

WIFE: SAXER/SACHER, Veronica

Occupation:

Event	Day	Month	Year	Town(ship)	State	Country	Misc. Information
Bpt:	11	Sep	1679[21]	Richen	Baden	Germany	
Died:							

Cemetery: Religion: Lutheran

Father: **Hans SAXER**[21] m. 7 Jan 1672[15] Mother: **Catharina WALLTER**[15]

bpt. 18 Nov 1642[15] d. 1694[16]-1697[21] See Note 4. b. d.

CHILDREN & spouses

	Event	Day	Mo	Year	Town(ship)	County/State	State/Country	Misc. Information
1. **Anna Elizabeth KLEIN**	Bpt:	7	Jul	1701	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
- - - - -	Mar.:	- - - - -			- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	
	Died:	probably young			Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
2. **Hans Jacob KLEIN**[2]	Born:	16	Aug	1702[1, 6]	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	Immigrated 30 Sep 1732 on the
Veronica MEYER[1]	Mar.:	18	Jun	1726[1]	Sinsheim	Baden	GER	*Dragon*.[11] See Notes 2 and 3.
bpt. 9 Jul 1705 d. 24 Aug 1782[20]**	Died:		bef	1783[2]	Warwick Twp.?	Lancaster?	PA	
3. **Hans Michael KLEIN**[6]**	Born:	2	Aug	1703[6]	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	Not in Kirchardt church book;
- - - - -	Mar.:	- - - - -			- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	baptized Sinsheim?
	Died:	probably young			Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
4. **Johann George KLEIN**[2]	Born:	12	Mar	1705[1, 6]	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	Immigrted 1727,[5] Gave farm to
(1) Anna BENDER[5]	Mar.:				Kirchardt?	Baden?	GER?	the Moravians for the founding
b. 1701[5] d. 1777[5]	- - - - -							of Lititz, PA.[5] Died: 1783.[5] No
(2) Dorothy DAVIS[9]	Mar.:							issue.[2] Bur.: Moravian Cemetery.
b. 28 Aug 1721[9] d. 23 Jul 1783[9]	W. p.:	29	Jul	1783[2]	Bethlehem	Northampton	PA	See Note 2.
*5. **Anna Elizabeth KLEIN**	Born:	20	Sep	1707	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	Immigrated 18 Sep 1727 on the
Hans Michael WEIDLER	Mar.:	7	May	1726	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	*William and Sarah*.[12]
bpt. 13 Feb 1705 d. 23 Jul 1770[22]	Died:	10	Sep	1783[8]	Manheim Twp.	Lancaster	PA	Bur.: Salem (Heller's) Church Cem.
6. **Heinrich KLEIN**	Born:	13	Mar	1710	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	Immigrated 30 Sep 1732 on the
Anna Maria BETTLIN[7]	Mar.:	25	May	1736[7]	Warwick Twp.	Lancaster	PA	*Dragon*.[11]
b. abt 1710 w. p.. 19 May 1790[19]	Died:	1	Dec	1781[1]	Lebanon Twp.	Lancaster	PA	
7. **Hans Michael KLEIN**	Born.:	5	Oct	1712	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
Dorothy[3]	Mar.:							
b. w. p.. 14 Sep 1799[4]	L a.:	25	Oct	1781[14]	Warwick Twp.	Lancaster	PA	
8. **Anna Barbara KLEIN**	Bpt.:	29	Jun	1715	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	Killed by a hailstorm.
Andreas FEER/FEHR	Mar.:	28	May	1732	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
b. 10 Aug 1715 d.	Died:	27	Sep	1737	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
9. **Catharina KLEIN**	Born:	5	Feb	1718[1]	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	Bpt: 5 Feb 1717. Killed by a
- - - - -	Mar.:	- - - - -			- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	hailstorm. See Note 2.
	Died:	27	Sep	1737	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
10. **Anna (Maria[1]) KLEIN**[2]	Born:	8	Apr	1721[1]	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	Bpt: 9 Apr 1720. See Note 2.
John PFOUTZ/FAUTZ[2, 10]	Mar.:		abt	1741[10]				
b. abt 1717[10] d. 1791[10]	Died:			1768[10]	Strasburg	Lancaster	PA	
11. **Leonhard KLEIN**	Bpt.:	3	Aug	1725	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	Immigrated 23 Sep 1741 on the
Rosina WEIDEL[18]	Mar.:	16	Dec	1749[18]	Lancaster	Lancaster	PA	*Marlborough*.[13] No issue.[18]
b. 14 Nov 1732[18] d. 12 Mar 1795[18]	Died:	2	Jul	1793[18]	Lancaster	Lancaster	PA	

References are found on the following page.

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NOTES

1. As per the above reference 17, p 170, a George Klein appears on the Kirchardt 1742 tax list; it is not known if he is this George Klein. This George was known to have been alive in 1737 at the death of two of his daughters, Anna Barbara #8 and Catharina #9.
2. According to reference 1 above, this baptism was recorded at Sinsheim, Baden. A number of baptisms were recorded in both Kirchardt and Sinsheim with conflicting dates.
3. Reference 20 above records the death 24 April 1782 of "Mrs. Jackel Klein." This is not proof she was Veronica, wife of this Jacob Klein.
4. In the Richen Church Book the baptism of Hans Wilhelm Hatz 14 Dec 1697 names Veronica Saxer as the half-sister of the child's father, who was also Hans Wilhelm Hatz. Veronica's mother must therefore have married someone named Hatz by 1697.

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Chart No. KLEIN-2

HUSBAND: KLEIN, Hans Albrecht

Occupation:

Event	Day	Month	Year	Town(ship)	Canton/State	Country	Misc. Information
Born:		abt	1630			Switzerland	
Mar.:	5	Feb	1655	Kirchardt	Baden	Germany	
Died:	12	Feb	1684	Kirchardt	Baden	Germany	

Cemetery: Religion: Lutheran

Father: **Adam KLEIN**** See Note 1. m. Mother: **Angela WEYSS**** See Note 1.

b. d. bef Feb 1659 b. d. 9 Feb 1659

WIFE: RECKNER, Anna Catharina

Occupation:

Event	Day	Month	Year	Town(ship)	Canton/State	Country	Misc. Information
Born:							
Died:	after	Jan	1696[1]	Kirchardt	Baden	Germany	

Cemetery: Religion: Lutheran

Father: **Hans Georg RECKNER/REGNER** m. Mother: **Barbara KAUFFER/KAUFFNER**

b. d. b. abt 1602 d. 19 Apr 1681

CHILDREN & spouses

	Event	Day	Mo	Year	Town(ship)	State	Country	Misc. Information
1. **Hans Michael KLEIN**	Bpt.:	24	Apr	1656	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
Susanna Elisabeth WOHLGEMUTH	Mar.:	9	Sep	1679	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
b. abt 1658 d. 24 Aug 1719	Died:		after	1719	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
2. **Anna Elisabeth KLEIN**	Bpt.:	2	May	1658	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
- - - - -	Mar.:	- - - - -			- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	
	Died:	16	Mar	1675	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
3. **Hans Wolfgang KLEIN**	Bpt.:	15	Jan	1660	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
(1) Anna Maria GEIGER?	Mar.:					Baden	GER	
b. d.	- - - - -							
(2) Anna Barbara	Mar.:					Baden	GER	
b. d. alive 1742[2]	Died:	6	Feb	1735	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
4. **Anna Margretha KLEIN**	Bpt.:	2	Feb	1662	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
Hans David HAUSSER	Mar.:					Baden	GER	
b. d. bef 1730	Died:	18	Jan	1730	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
5. **Maria Barbara KLEIN**	Bpt.:	1	Oct	1663	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
- - - - -	Mar.:	- - - - -			- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	
	Died:	28	Sep	1679	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
6. **Hans Georg KLEIN**	Born:	31	Dec	1665	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
Maria Catharina	Mar.:					Baden	GER	
b. abt Jan 1672 d. 4 Aug 1710	Died:	19	Feb	1711	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
7. **Hans Heinrich KLEIN**	Bpt.:	15	Mar	1668	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
- - - - -	Mar.:	- - - - -			- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	
	Died:		May	1675	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
8. **Peter KLEIN**	Born:	5	May	1670	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
- - - - -	Mar.:	- - - - -			- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	
	Died:	21	Jul	1675	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
9. **Hans Jacob KLEIN**	Bpt.:	24	Jun	1672	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
- - - - -	Mar.:	- - - - -			- - - - -	- - - - -	- - -	
	Died:	15	Mar	1675	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
10. **Anna Catharina KLEIN**	Bpt.:	2	Sep	1674	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
	Mar.:							
b. d.	Died:							
*11. **Hans Georg KLEIN**	Bpt.:	12	May	1677	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	See Note 2.
Veronica SAXER/SACHER	Mar.:	5	Oct	1700	Kirchardt	Baden	GER	
bpt. 11 Sep 1679[3] d.	Died:		after	1737	Kirchardt?	Baden?	GER?	

Additional children, if any, and references may be found on the following page.

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