

(After a visit to Wadersloh, Germany, in August 1960 and an inquiry into the ancestry into the Plassmeyer family by Lt. Martin Lloyd Plassmeyer, the following information:)

Document transcriptions:

The immigration of Kotters Heinrich Kleinhackenkemp, called Plassmeyer, and his wife and six children:

Anton, born 1836, Johann Hermann, born 1839, Joseph born 1841,  
Johann, Born 1843, Elisabeth, born 1847 and Gerhard, born 1852  
from Watersloh/Benteler to America July, 1857 to August 30, 1857.

State archive Munster:

District Beckum, I. Chief Magistrate, Nr. 32.

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Catholic Pastorship

Wadersloh (Beckum)

Herr

2nd Lt. Martin Plassmeyer  
"D" Co. 2nd MTB 67th Armor  
APO 696 US Forces

Dear Mr. Plassmeyer:

After a long search and investigation we are able today, to give communication, who your predecessors were, where they came from and who emigrated to the United States.

The name Plassmeyer descended from Benteler. The place Benteler was till the end of the ninetieth years of the last century, rural community of the place Wadersloh, and also belonged ecclesiastically to Wadersloh.

The Kottterfarm Nr. 39 in the rural community Benteler belonged to Plassmeyers. The last real Plassmeyer died on the 25th of August 1834 and left his wife, which was blessed on body.

Anton Plasmeyer, Kotter, Benteler 39: born, 30th of January 1809 in Wadersloh, Christened, 1st of February 1809 in Langenberg, died, 25th of August 1834 in Wadersloh.

The wife's name of this Anton Plassmeyer was Elisabeth Heckenmeyer, she gave birth to a girl, Margareta after the death of her husband, but it soon died.

Elisabeth Heckenmeyer, see also the records out of the register of the ministry Mastholte Nr. 5.

Wedding: Anton Plasmeyer and Elisabeth Heckenmeyer 6. 11. 1832 in Wadersloh.

Child: Margaretha, born Wadersloh 7. 9. 1834, christened, 8. 9. 1834 in Wadersloh, died, 16. 11. 1834 in Wadersloh.

The widow of Anton Plasmeyer now married on 10. 2. 1835 Johan Henrick Nienkemper, see the added register out of the wedding register at Wadersloh. This Johan Henrick Nienkemper takes over from his wife, the widow Plassmeyer, the



Godparents: Joseph Nienkemper  
Gertrud Kuhlmeier

4. Child: Johannes born: 30. 10. 1843 in Wadersloh  
Christ: 1. 11. 1843 in Wadersloh  
Parents: Henrich Plasmeier born Nienkemper, Kotter  
Elisabeth Heckemeier  
Godparents: Johannes Heckemeier  
Gerturd Poppel schulte
5. Child: Elisabeth born: 15. 8. 1847 in Wadersloh  
Christ: 17. 8. 1847 in Wadersloh  
Parents: Henrich Plashues born Nienkemper, Kotter  
Elisabeth Heckemeier  
Godparents: Elisabeth Benteler  
Joseph L. Hackenkamp
6. Child: Henrich born: 8. 3. 1851 in Wadersloh  
Christ: 10. 3. 1851 in Wadersloh  
Parents: Henrich Plasmeier born Heckemeier, Kotter  
Elisabeth Plasmeier  
Godparents: Henrich Heckemeier  
Anna Cath. Nienkemper  
child's death: 4. 5. 1851
7. Child: Gerhard born: 23. 4. 1852 in Wadersloh  
Christ: 24. 4. 1852 in Wadersloh  
Parents: Henrich Plashues, Kotter  
Elisabeth Heckemeier  
Godparents: Gerhard Benteler  
Franzisca Nordholz

With these children emigrated Henrich Plasmeier, born Lutke-Hackenkamp and his wife Elisabeth born Heckemeier, in August 1857 to North America, except the sixth child, which died after the second month.

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The justness of these records out of the registrar, the Catholic ministry St. Margareta in Wadersloh, attested, A. Helmsorig, Minorist. 18. 10. 1960.

Catholic Pastorship--Wadersloh (Beckum)

Following inquires were made on the 6th of October 1960 in charge of the Catholic pastorship Wadersloh in matters "investigation Plasmeier" in the archives of the Catholic ministry Mastholte over Lippstadt from Adalbert Helmsorig and Josef Reiling.

Abstracts of the christening register Mastholte: annual set 1773, S.88

1. Christened on the 20th of August 1773 Anna Maria Christina, legitimate daughter of Joannes Henricus and Anna Margareta Poppelbaum. Godparents were Anna Maria Christina and Johann Handineck.

Abstracts of the christening register Mastholte: annual set 1778

2. Christened on the 30th day of November 1778 Joannes Hermannus Adamus, legitimate son of Joseph and Maria Lutke-Hackenkamp. Godfather was Adamus Grotehoff and Wulffhorst.

Abstracts of the marriage register Mastholte: annual set 1805

3. Married on the 29th of January 1805 Hermannus Lutke-Hackenkamp and Maria Christina Poppelbaum. Witness: Josephus Grote Hackenkamp and Custos Fahrenhorst.

Abstracts of the christening register Mastholte: annual set 1808, S.23

4. Christened on the 3rd of January 1808 Joannes Henricus Nienkamper, legitimate son of Hermannus and Maria Christina Nienkamper, Kotter by Poppelbaum. Godfather was Henr. Poppelbaum, senior.

Abstracts of the christening register Mastholte: annual set 1809

5. Christened on the 26th of August 1809 Maria Elisabeth, legitimate daughter of J. Henricus Heckemeyer and Lovisa Nordholt, Kotter by Nordholt. Godmother: Elisabeth

Why the name Lutke-Hackenkamp and Nienkemper was mixed up for the same person, we could not find out. However this arbitrary use was not before the marriage of Herrmannus Lutke-Hackenkamp with Maria Christina Poppelbaum. On the other hand, we found on different other places of different registers, the name Nienkemper always in connection with the names Poppelbaum. Our consideration is, that the name Nienkemper from the wife of Herrmannus Lutke-Hackenkamp, namely Maria Christina Poppelbaum. Their parents apparently had the by-name Nienkemper. Probably, after their marriage they both remained on the farm Poppelbaum, like the addition "Kotter by Poppelbaum" by the christening of Joannes Henricus from the christening register confirmed.

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State Archive Munster:

District Beckum, I., Chief Magistrate Nr. 32

(Acta Specialia concerning the emigration of these subjects, 1857 to 1862 incl.)

1857 July 30 (Wadersloh)

Magistrate Eickenrock to the military substitute--commission of the district Beckum in charge of the chief magistrate Count of Schmising-Kerssenbrock.

To the Royal highly esteemed  
District Substitute Commission  
Beckum

Wadersloh, 30 July, 1857

The emigration of the sons of Kotters Kleinehackenkamp call Plasmeyer at Wadersloh who were bound for military duty, concerning to North America.

The statement of today's hand in request about confer the discharge record the family Kotters Kleinehackenkamp gdt. Plasmeyer in the farmstead Benteler district Wadersloh, exist of husband, wife and six children, intend to emigrate to America. Among the children were two sons who were bound for military duty, namely:

1. Anton, born on the 2. of September, 1836
2. Johan Hermann, born on the 2. of February, 1839

The first one belonged to this year's levy and is, because of identified illness of his father's for one year respected, that the second son could learn the woodshoemaker trade from the oldest son, that he could be a support to his parents. That this time the intention to an emigration was planned is very doubting, at least I don't know anything about it. The family is very diligent and saving, but the little land of 1¼ Morgen (acre) exist of very bad ground, partly heideboden (heathground) and because of the father's long and still continuing illness, the circumstances were very bad and went backward, so that the land now without the hereditary tenure, is charged with more than 600 Rthl. debt. The p. Plasmeyer sold the Kotten (land) and after having paid off his debt, he will have about 600 Rthl. left.

Out of the farmstead Benteler and the nearby community, more families emigrate to America, which had there more relatives who emigrated a long time ago, they found their good advancement, and their emigration came up, because of their fear to become poor through the Bocker-Mastholte drain-matters.

Among those were the p. Plasmeyer too, dissmade from my side were unsuccessful.

Because that the whole family emigrated, there for was the imigration of the of the two oldest sons as well, not because to withdraw themselves from the army and I beg out of this matter obedient, to give them highly suited the necessary certificate.

The Magistrate,  
(signed) Eickenrock

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On the first page, the entrance note, from the hand of the chief magistrate: pr (aesentatum) 2/8 57.

The same on the edge from the hand of the magistrate the draft to the asked for certificate, and the attendants writing to the:

Major Von Zamory in Warendorf

Beckum 3. 8. 57

Certificat:

Hereby it will be attested, that Anton and Johan Hermann Kleinehackenkamp called Plasmeier, or Plashues, born on the 2. of September, 1836 and on the 2. of February, 1839 intend to emigrate under such circumstances, that it cannot be assumed, that they did not want to withdraw themselves from the military duty.

The Royal Substitute Commission  
District Beckum

## Words of the Discharge Record:

Discharge record for Kotter Heinrich Kleinehackenkamp called Plasmeier to Wadersloh, also for his wife and children:

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|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Anton          | born on the 2nd of September, 1836 |
| 2. Johann Hermann | born on the 2nd of February, 1339  |
| 3. Joseph         | born on the 7th of March, 1841     |
| 4. Johann         | born on the 30th of October, 1843  |
| 5. Elisabeth      | born on the 15th of August, 1847   |
| 6. Gerhard        | born on the 23rd of April, 1852    |

from the 12th of August, 1857 emigration to North America.

Above on the Beckum arrival note: Pr 18/8 57

Further: 1. Br (evi) m (anu) s (ub) I (ege) r (emmissionis)

Sir magistrate Eickenbrock to Wadersloh to according to instructions hand over of the subjoined discharged record.

2. The one I mentioned Anton Kleinehackenkamp is with note of the discharge record in this year's levy list, to strike out.

Beckum the 19/8 57  
The Kingly Magistrate  
(signed) Gf. v. Schmising Kerksenbrock

Below the note from Wadersloh: Pr. 24/8 57

the same announcement of the magistrate:

Br (evi) m (anu) to the kingly chief magistrate Sir Count Von Schmising Kerksenbrock high born with the indication, that the discharge record will be hand over today.

Wadersloh, the 29th of August, 1857  
The Magistrate  
(signed) Eickenbrock

The occurrence closes with the preface and "ad acta" note of the magistrate:  
repr. 30/8 57 ad acta.