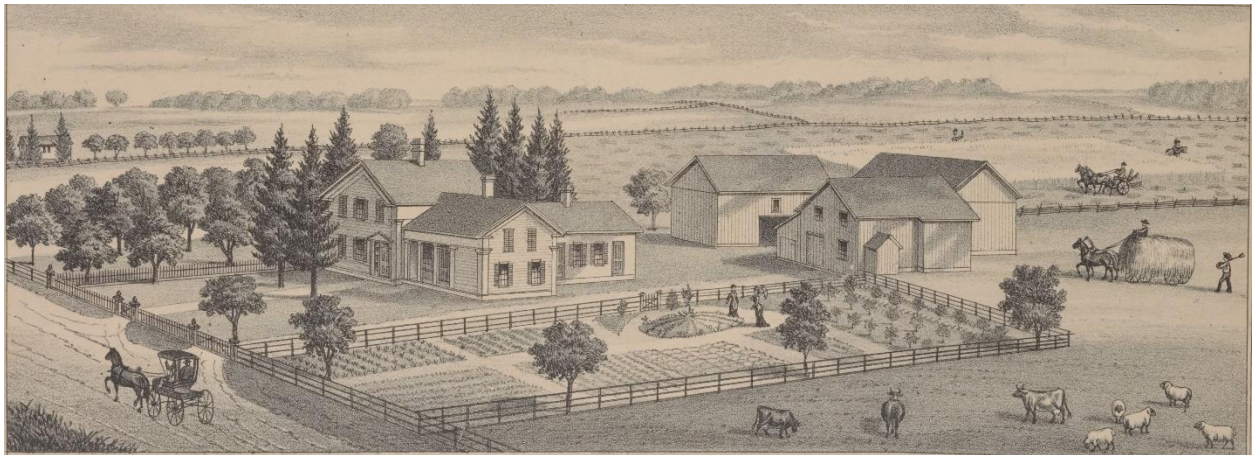


WEBSITE

Michael J Nuwer created an excellent family history, including 15 essays, of which the first five deal with Soufflenheim and immigration, and the remaining on his ancestors in western New York. Entitled "Planting Roots: A Nuwer family history": <https://www2.potsdam.edu/nuwermj/nuwer/NuwerHistory.html>

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Planting Roots: A Nuwer family history

by Michael Nuwer
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Introduction

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c4kKw2bCvRPe7G3AmUulYXUNmOOplbRe>

Part I Born in Europe

1 The Nuwer Family in Europe

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SU2e4EoD8aERvYbTBO021mTt9Wal2XQw>

2 Catherine Kieffer

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Part II Leaving Home

3 Going to America

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4 Joseph Fuchs

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5 More Immigration Stories

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wh5LPP1nUUg7z6FXRKYLgLIezB1lipgN>

Part III Making a Living

6 Agriculture in Western New York

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7 An Erie Street Farm

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Appendix: John Nuwer's Will

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Part IV Children and Grandchildren

8 Henry Nuwer

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9 John Nuwer, Jr.

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10 Joseph Nuwer

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11 Anthony Nuwer

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12 Four Daughters

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13 Clementine Messner

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Part V Brother and Sister

14 Francis X Nuwer

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15 Celestine Nuwer Kieffer

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Other Stuff

A Roll family history

<https://www2.potsdam.edu/nuwermj/roll/RollHistory.html>

FREE VIRTUAL CONVENTIONS

From Kathleen O'Farrell:

Fédération Française de Généalogie

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

By Dick Eastman: <https://blog.eogn.com/2020/08/27/week-long-virtual-french-genealogical-fair-free/>

The Fédération Française de Généalogie will host a FREE, week-long event (26 September - 3 October) to be held virtually, 24/7. Visit stalls, chat with professional and amateur genealogists, collect information, watch videos, attend presentations (live or download later), and more. The entire conference will be interactive. Best of all, you don't need to travel to France and you don't have to get up at 3:00 am to take advantage of this conference! Be aware that the entire conference will be held in French so you need to be somewhat familiar with the language in order to understand everything. To preview what to expect, go to http://genefede.eu/uploads/Gene%20Event%202020/Presentation_salon_virtuel_GeneaEvent2020.pdf You can also obtain more information (in French) at the FFG site: <http://genefede.eu/manifestations.html>

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EMIGRATION

JOSEPH KIRCHDOERFER & CATHERINE MEINZ

17 August 1883 Cape Giardeau, Missouri, Marriage

Joseph Kirchoerfer, born 15 November 1853 in Soufflenheim, son of Clement Kirchoerfer (born 18 November 1813 in Soufflenheim) and Madelaine Felder (born 1819 in Baden), and Catherine Meinz, born in Cape Girardeau Missouri. Joseph Kirchoerfer emigrated to New York, New York on 19 May 1880 aboard the St. Laurent, departing Le Havre and Brest to New York, New York (he did not travel with siblings but other surnames on manifest are familiar). Joseph and Catherine Meintz continued to live in Cape Girardeau, where he passed away in 1930. Source: Kelly Cooper.

| MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH | | | | Do not use this space. 421 | | |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1. PLACE OF DEATH County <u>Cape Girardeau</u> Registration District No. <u>125</u> Township <u>11</u> Primary Registration District No. <u>5778</u> City _____ (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____ | | File No. _____ Registered No. <u>303</u> | | | | |
| 2. FULL NAME <u>Joseph Kirchoerfer</u> (a) Residence No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____ (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give city or town and State) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds. | | | | | | |
| PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS | | | | MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH | | |
| 1. SEX <u>Male</u> | 4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> | 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>Widowed</u> | | 16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) <u>Jan 24 1930</u> | | |
| 5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (or) WIFE OF <u>Kathrine Kirchoerfer</u> | | 6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) <u>Nov 14 - 1853</u> | | 17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Jan 10 1929</u> to <u>Jan 24 1930</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>1:30</u> a. m. | | |
| 7. AGE YEARS <u>76</u> MONTHS <u>2</u> DAYS <u>10</u> | 8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Farmer</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer | | THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS: <u>Diapetean</u> (Specify) <u>8 yrs. 6 mos. ds.</u> | | CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) <u>Arteriosclerosis (Atherosclerosis)</u> (Specify) <u>8 yrs. 2 mos. 21 ds.</u> | |
| 9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Germany</u> | | 10. NAME OF FATHER <u>Clement Kirchoerfer</u> | | 18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH <u>Place of Birth</u> DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? _____ DATE OF _____ | | |
| 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Germany</u> | | 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Margaret Felder</u> | | WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? <u>no</u> WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? <u>Biopsy of lungs of 2mm</u> (Signed) <u>R. P. Patton</u> M. D. , 10 (Address) <u>Cape Girardeau, Mo.</u> | | |
| 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Germany</u> | | 14. INFORMANT <u>Joe Kirchoerfer</u> (Address) <u>Cape Girardeau, Mo.</u> | | *State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY and (2) Whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. | | |
| 15. FILED <u>1/25 1930</u> <u>W. C. Kaempfer</u> REGISTRAR | | 19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL <u>Old Farmer Cemetery</u> | | DATE OF BURIAL <u>Jan 27 1930</u> | | |
| | | 20. UNDERTAKER <u>Loberg F & H Co</u> | | ADDRESS <u>Cape Girardeau, Mo.</u> | | |

Joseph Kirchoerfer Death Certificate



Caption Reads: Kirchoerfer Family Picture: Joseph seated Catherine Meinz. Mary K Brugger, Joseph K, George K, and Franc.

XAVIER KRAMER & CAROLINE WORSTER

06 November 1873 Manhattan, New York City Municipal Archives, Marriage

New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940, FamilySearch, FHL Microfilm 1,561,972

Xavier Kramer, age 29, born in Soufflenheim in Elsass, son of Franz Kramer and Salome Lengert, and Caroline Worster, age 23, born in Freuelenstatt in Wurlberg., daughter of Gustav Worster and Margarete Weber. Source: Kelly Cooper

[Xavier Kramer Optant Declaration (French Citizenship Declaration) 21 August 1872 in Nancy, France.
Source: Kelly Cooper]

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|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| Name: | Xavier Kramer | Document Information: | |
| Event Type: | Marriage | Reference ID | cn7700 |
| Event Date: | 06 Nov 1873 | GS Film Number | 1561972 |
| Event Place: | Manhattan, New York, New York, United States | Citing this Record | "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940," database, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:244T-H98 : 10 February 2018), Salome Lengert in entry for Xavier Kramer and Caroline Worster, 06 Nov 1873; citing Marriage, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York City Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,561,972. |
| Event Place (Original): | Manhattan, New York, New York | Similar Historical Records | No similar records were found. |
| Gender: | Male | | |
| Age: | 29 | | |
| Marital Status: | Single | | |
| Birth Year (Estimated): | 1844 | | |
| Birthplace: | Suffelhein in Elsass | | |
| Father's Name: | Franz | | |
| Mother's Name: | Salome Lengert | | |
| Spouse's Name: | Caroline Worster | | |
| Spouse's Gender: | Female | | |
| Spouse's Age: | 23 | | |
| Spouse's Marital Status: | Single | | |
| Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated): | 1850 | | |
| Spouse's Birthplace: | Freuelenstastt in Wuribrg. | | |
| Spouse's Father's Name: | Gustav | | |
| Spouse's Mother's Name: | Margarete Weber | | |

Bruno Ernewein (Musician)

08 September 1837 New Orleans Death Certificate

[This is possibly the Bruno Ernewein mentioned in the *Alsace Immigration Index*. I have seen other New Orleans to New Germany movement, including Wendel Sauer of Soufflenheim, so New Orleans was a destination for some. Found on Ancestry.com: Louisiana, Wills and Probate Records, 1756-1984, Orleans, Court of Probates. Source: Phil Hauser]

Ernewein, Bruno 1837.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, Recorder of Births and Deaths Office.

BE it remembered that on this day to wit ; the 28th of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and the sixty-second of the Independence of the United States of America, before me Vincent Ramos duly commissioned and sworn Recorder of Births and Deaths in and for the City and Parish of Orleans, personally appeared. Lorant Vollmer a native of Bavaria in Germany near Landow, aged 23 years, a shoemaker residing in this city at the corner of St. Peter and Bourbon Streets. Who by these present doth declare that Mr. Bruno Ernewein a native of SOUFFLENHEIM Department of the Lower Rhin in the Kingdom of France, aged twenty-seven years old and six months, a musician by profession, residing in this City, died therein on the eighth of this present month of September at about 3:00 am at the Charity Hospital, situated in the second municipality. The said late Ernewein was not married, his parents residing in Alsace.

THUS done at New Orleans, in the presence of the aforesaid Lorant Vollmer as also in that of Messrs. Charles Blache and Amades Morel both of this City witnesses by me requested to be, who have hereunto

set their hands together with me after due reading hereof, the day, month and year first above written.
Signed: Lorant Vollmer, Chs. Blache, Amades Morel, Vincent Ramos Recorder.

I DO CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true and faithful copy from the original Recorded in book marked, D. of W - P. F.O 303.

IN testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the seal of my office at the city of New Orleans this twenty-eighth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and the sixty-second of the Independence of the United States of America. Signed: Vincent Ramos, Recorder of Births and Deaths.

Certificate of Death filed October 20, 1837. Signature (?)

Let the Registry of Wills take possession of the property and effects belonging to this deceased, collect the debts due to the same and make sale of said effects and property for cash without the forms of inventory, appraisement or advertising in order to pay for the debts due by the deceased according to their rank and privilege. Signed 20th October 1837. Name and signature (?)

Henry, Francis, John and Joseph Voegele

The following Voegele brothers went to the California Gold Rush. There were three of them.

- Henry Voegele (1827-?)
- Francis Xavier Voegele (1830-1904)
- John Voegele (1834-?)

The entry for this family in my genealogy website is here:

www.smithancestry.com/gen/famt.htm#VoegeleMiller

All born in Soufflenheim and immigrated to Lancaster, New York in the 1840's. The Voegele brothers were still in Erie County in 1855 according to the census. Records of them in California:

- 1860 U.S. census in Gibsonville, Sierra County, California: John and Francis
- 1863-1864 Civil War Registrations in Gibsonville: Henry and John
- 1880 U.S. census in La Porte, Plumas County, California: Henry

Francis returned from California to Lancaster and married there in 1864. Family lore says that John disappeared in California and was never heard from again, and that his brother Joseph (1823-1890) traveled to California to search for him. John was never found and Joseph returned to Lancaster. Nor did Henry return. It's not known why Joseph wasn't worried about Henry. Source: Brian Smith.

Philippe Huss and Catherine Madeleine Goetz

Matches for Ship: Siberia, 1868

Matches and possible matches made by Ken Hanson and Brian J. Smith:

- HUSS: Phillipp 32, Madeline 32, Marie 3, Emile 2, Eugene 8 mos.
 - The family of Philippe HUSS and Catherine Madeleine GOETZ of Soufflenheim
- GOETZ: Martin 60

- o I am unable to determine who this Martin GOETZ is. Since his name appears next to the HUSS family, and GOETZ was the maiden name of Madeline HUSS, it could be that Martin GOETZ is related to Madeline. Madeline's father Mathias GOETZ died in 1836, the same year she was born. Madeline had no surviving uncles in 1866. The Soufflenheim birth records show only one Martin GOETZ of this approximate age: Jean Martin GOETZ, born 10-Nov-1806, son of Joseph Goetz & Marie Anne Haertel, but he died in Soufflenheim on 03-Jul-1870.

I've added the Huss family and the ship to these web pages:

www.smithancestry.com/places/souff/fams.htm#HussGoetz

www.smithancestry.com/sources/ships/ships18511900.htm#siberia1866

Source: Ken Hanson and Brian J. Smith.

COPY OF REPORT AND LIST OF THE PASSENGERS aboard the *Siberia* of Stagen
 Commanded by *J. H. Hartgen* in Russia, between *1868* Date, issued from the Port of *Amsterdam* in *Holland*.

| NAME | AGE | SEX | Profession, Trade, or Occupation | Country to which they are bound | | Place of Birth |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | | Country to which they are bound | Place of Birth | |
| <i>Jeannette Wille</i> | <i>31</i> | <i>W</i> | <i>Siberian</i> | <i>Germany</i> | <i>Amsterdam</i> | <i>Germany</i> |
| <i>Wille Wille</i> | <i>30</i> | <i>M</i> | | | | |
| <i>Wille Wille</i> | <i>28</i> | <i>M</i> | | | | |
| <i>August van</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>M</i> | | | | |
| <i>Ant. Koster</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>M</i> | | | | |
| <i>Wille Wille</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>M</i> | | | | |
| <i>Wille Wille</i> | <i>24</i> | <i>M</i> | | | | |
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The *Siberia* ship manifest, 1868, Philippe Huss and Catherine Madeleine Goetz of Soufflenheim

TOWN ACCOUNTS

The town accounts are the general ledgers of Soufflenheim, listing all sources of income and expense for each year beginning in 1664. Accounts from 1674-1679, 1686-1689 and 1700-1708 are missing. Although listed in the index, there is no account for 1674, a duplicate of 1673, presented in 1674 has been mistaken for this account. The accounts are kept in the archives at Strasbourg, which is where the town halls, with the exception of some large towns, are required to send their archives.

The oldest town accounts are found in series:

- 1E3.158, 1 and 2: 1664 to 1765
- 1E3.158, 4 and 5: 1766 to 1792

Town Accounts after 1792 are organized into "archives communales" or "administration" in series M etc.

All accounts from 1664 through 1765 were searched for tax records. Only the 1680 and 1701 accounts contain a list of taxpayers, confirming research in the book *Soufflenheim un cite*.

The names of mayors (Schultheiss, Heimbürger, Bürgermeister) are listed in each account. With the exception of tax records in 1680 and 1701, the earliest accounts do not list groups of people. They typically mention 50-80 names in the 17th century, some multiple times. After removing duplicate names, 25-35 residents of the village are found in each account.