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## DIOCESE OF STRASBOURG: 1618, 1721-1738

Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

### Marriage Dispensations and Permissions

The following group of records does not appear to be on the site of the Archives of Alsace. It is cataloged by FamilySearch as Registres paroissiaux, 1618-1792, Proclamations de mariages (dispenses de mariage) 1618, 1721-1738 (film 1143983, Digital batch number 8321872). However, these are not from Registres paroissiaux (Parish registers) - that is how they are cataloged by FamilySearch, but the FamilySearch cataloger didn't understand what they were looking at.

From the nature of the records themselves, these are the administrative journals of the Bishop of Strasbourg. Of importance to Soufflenheim, there are records of marriage dispensations and permissions issued by the Bishop of Strasbourg for his diocese. These have been indexed for the years 1721-1738. The index may not be completely reliable and additional records from Soufflenheim might exist. The indexed names were scanned for surnames from Soufflenheim and the following records were found.

A number of records deal with consanguinity. There are different metrics for determining degrees of consanguinity, but here they are counting generations back to the common ancestor, so 3rd degree would be second cousins, sharing an ancestor 3-generations back, their great-grandparents. From other records, Hans Peter Meyer was son of Ottilia Stickelreiser, daughter of Margaretha Schaeffter, daughter of Lorents Schaeffter and Ottilia; Margaretha Schaeffter was daughter of Adam Schaeffter, son of Hans Jacob Schaeffter, son of Lorentz and Ottilia. Regarding other records, I see them for relationships as distant as '3rd and 4th' - a great-grandchild marrying of great-great-grandchild of the common ancestors, so the closest one could marry without acquiring a dispensation was 4th degree on both sides - descended from the same great-great-grandparents/3rd-cousins.

The records in 1618 were not completely searched. The first dozen pages were administrative records, not marriages or anything genealogical. Going forward about 20 pages, the records were still administrative, at which point the search ended. None of the records were indexed, indicating the entire group was not considered genealogically relevant.

For the years 1721-1738, all pages were searched by looking at the indexing panel on the right of each page to see what surnames were on the page, then looking at the individual records for any that were Soufflenheim names, or that might be mis indexed from Soufflenheim names, or that looked garbled such that they couldn't be trusted.

### PETER MEYER & MARGARETHA SCHAEFFTER

#### Diocese of Strasbourg 19 January 1722 Marriage Dispensation

Dispensation for marriage in the 3rd degree of consanguinity, Jean Pierre Meyer and Marguerite Scheffterin, both of Sufflenheim

**MARTIN JUD & CATHARINA SALCHNER**

**Diocese of Strasbourg 21 October 1722 Marriage Permission**

Permission for the curate of Sufflem to marry Martin Jud, native of Rheinzabern, and Catherine Salchnerin of that parish (Soufflenheim)

**CONRAD SCHMIDT & ANNA MARIA PFIFF [Boeuf]**

**Diocese of Strasbourg 11 February 1723 Marriage Permission**

Permission for the curate of Sufflenheim to marry Jean Conrad Schmid, native of Uberlingen, Diocese of Constance, who has been living in the area of the parish of Sufflenheim and Anne Marie Pfiffin [Boeuf] of that parish.

**ADAM SCHEFFTER & MARIA ANNA HAASER**

**Diocese of Strasbourg 15 November 1732 Marriage Dispensation**

Dispensation for marriage in the 3rd and 4th degrees of consanguinity, Adam Scheffter and Marie Anne Haaserin (sic), both of Soufflenheim

**ADAM DANGEL & MARGARETHA SCHEFFTER**

**Diocese of Strasbourg 17 November 1734 Marriage Dispensation**

Dispensation for marriage in the 3rd degree of consanguinity, Adam Dangel and Marguerithe Scheffter, widow, both of Sufflenheim

Note: There is a marriage contract dated 15 January 1735 (as Adam Dangel and Margaretha, widow of Hans Peter Meyer).

**JOSEPH KIEFFER & MARGARETHA GÖTZ**

**Diocese of Strasbourg 11 November 1735 Marriage Dispensation**

Dispensation of a bann, Joseph Kieffer and Marguerithe Götz, both of Sufflenheim

**DOMINIC HARTER & RICARDE SCHEFFTER**

**Diocese of Strasbourg 06 July 1736 Marriage Dispensation**

Dispensation for marriage in the 3rd degree of consanguinity, Dominique Harter and Richarde Scheffterin, both of Soufflenheim

**JACOB SCHEFFTER & ELISABETH GLUCK**

**Diocese of Strasbourg 18 August 1736 Marriage Dispensation**

Dispensation of a bann, Jacques Scheffter of Soufflenheim and Elisabeth Gluckin of Schierhoffen

**NICOLAUS ADAM & CATHARINE DREHER**

**Diocese of Strasbourg 25 October 1736 Marriage Permission**

Permission for the curate of Soufflenheim to marry Nicolas Adam, native of Muggensturm, Diocese of Spire and Catharine Deiherin of that parish (Soufflenheim)

**JOSEPH WILHELM & VERONICA HASSER**

**Diocese of Strasbourg 15 October 1737 Marriage Permission**

Permission for the curate of Soufflenheim to marry Josephe Wilam, native of Andelsprach (?), then five years at Larouse, and the nine months at that parish (Soufflenheim) and Veronique Hasserin of that parish (Soufflenheim)

**JACOB FREY & MARGARETHA HASSER**

**Diocese of Strasbourg 15 October 1737 Marriage Dispensation**

Dispensation for marriage in the 3rd and 4th degrees of consanguinity, Jacobe Frey and Margarite Hasserin, both of Soufflenheim

**RECORDS OUTSIDE OF SOUFFLENHEIM**

Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

**PETER GLITZ & URSULA HASSER**

**Drusenheim 2 February 1756 (On-Line Page 45/134) Marriage permission**

Ursula Hasser (bride) of Sufl\_\_heim

Joannem Petrum Glitz (groom), son of deceased Jacobi Glitz and Margaretha C\_\_\_\_tmann of Drusenheim

Comment: The record of Peter Glitz's 1718 Drusenheim baptism (On-Line Page 18/106) gives the mother's surname as Christmann[in], but incorrectly gives the father's name as Tritz. The other children of Johann Jacob Glitz and Margaretha Christmann match the sisters named by Peter 'Klitz' in his 1774 Soufflenheim will, Susanna (1714), Anna Margaretha (1722), and Anna Maria (1726).

## **URSULA HÖNSSLER [HÄNSLER/HÄUSLER]**

### **26 March 1735 Haguenau 6E16/113 Will**

In name of the Holy Trinity God the Father, son and Holy Spirit. Be known to everyone that there has been a will passed by honorable Ursula Hönssler wife of honorable Peter Foucher burgher and shoe mender in Soufflenheim, wishing to receive the holy sacraments of the catholic church, and expressing her will in favor of her husband Peter Foucher, wishing to give him the property they acquired during their union and his own property, keeping all at time of her death after this illness, except a sum of 10 Gulden which goes to Brigitta, the daughter of her sister, and also her clothes. This is her last will expressed in presence of undersigned witnessed in Soufflenheim the 26 March 1735. Signed: X Ursula Hönssler, Joseph Hertell witness, Ferdinand Rentz priest, Joseph Hass witness, Jacob Schäffter provost.

#### New Information:

Todd Farmerie comments: In their 1718 marriage record, Hönssler is Häusler and Foucher is Fouger. Regarding Ursula, her name in her first marriage to Jacob Zeitvogel of Fort Louis on 7 November 1714 is Hänsler and unambiguous, suggesting the reading of this Will as Hönssler wasn't far off the mark. Her parents were Joannis Hänsel and Anna Maria (no last name). Her surname arose from her father's Hansel - 'little Hans', and then underwent that odd -el vs -ler ending substitution as seen in Sigel/Sigler, Dangel/Dangler, etc.

## **PETER FOUGER & MARIA URSULA HÄNSLER**

### **Fort Louis 03 October 1718 Marriage Record**

Petrus Fougiers (groom, signed), adolescent son of deceased Joannis Fougiers and Susanna Jäckin of Soufflem

Maria Ursula Hänslerin (bride), widow of deceased Jacobi Zeitvogel

Joanne Grenier (signs Jean Grenier) and Francisco Götz (signs Frantz Götz)

Comment: Witness Jean Grenier was a Soufflenheim resident, the guardian of Peter Fouger and his siblings. The burial of Jacob Zeittvogel was recorded at Fort-Louis 14 July 1718

## **ANTONIUS HETTLER**

### **Fort Louis 11 January 1753 Burial Record (Image 130/195)**

Antonius Hettler, burgher of Fort Louis, husband of Barbara Moss. Died 11 January 1753, buried at the church cemetery the next day

Comment: Antoni Hettler originally of Soufflenheim.

## **BARBARA MOSSER**

### **Fort Louis 26 June 1761 Burial Record (Image 69/241)**

Barbara Mozer, widow of Antonii Hettler, burger of Fort Louis died 26 June 1761, buried in the church cemetery the next day.

Comment: Second wife of Anton Hättler, originally of Soufflenheim (see Soufflenheim Inventory of Barbara Mösser 10 October 1762).

## **ANTONI HETTLER & ANNA MARIA WILLHAMMER**

### **Fort Louis 12 February 1737 (On-Line Page 128/191) Marriage Record**

Antonius Hettler (groom), son of Joannis Bernardi Hettler and Maria Behr of Fort Louis.

Anna Maria Willhammer (bride), daughter of Laurentii Willhammer and Barbara Wolff of Sufflum.

Andrea Dangel (witness; signed with mark) of Sufflum.

Antonius Hettler (groom), son of Joannis Bernardi Hettler and Maria Behr of Fort Louis.

#### New Information:

Todd Farmerie comments: Though described as 'of Fort Louis' in this record, the groom was also a Soufflenheim native. His father appears as burgher at Soufflenheim in contracts and inventories spanning 1688-1729, bracketing the time the son would have been born, likely the first half of the 1710s. Similarly the mother (as Bähr or Behr) appears in Soufflenheim records 1693-1726. The witness was the bride's step-father by his current marriage, and also previously married to the step-daughter of the groom's father.

## **JOSEPH STÖCKEL & MARIA ANNA HETTLER**

### **Fort Louis 12 February 1737 (On-Line Page 128/191) Marriage Record**

Maria Anna Hettler (bride), daughter of Joannis Bernardi Hettler and Maria Behr of Fort Louis.

Josephus Stöckel (groom), son of Joannis Georgii Stöckel of Wantzerau and Joanna Bäür

Todd Farmerie comments: The bride was named as Maria Anna Hettler in this record and signed as Maria Anna Hattlerin, but is named as Anna Maria Hettler of Ludovicea ad Rhenum ([Fort] Louis on the Rhein) in the 10 February marriage permission from the groom's home parish of La Wantzenau, and also Anna Maria in the Fort Louis baptismal records of children. She was a native of Soufflenheim, though 'of Fort Louis' at the time of her marriage. Her father appears as burgher at Soufflenheim in contracts and inventories spanning 1688-1729, bracketing the time the daughter would have been born, likely the second half of the 1710s. Similarly the mother (as Bähr or Behr) appears in Soufflenheim records 1693-1726.

## **JOHANNES ECKENFELS & BARBARA STUDER**

### **Niederbetschdorf, Rural Chapter of Bas-Haguenau, 08 August 1746 Marriage Record**

Barbara Stüderin (bride), daughter of Michaëlis Stüder burgher and widower of deceased Eva Brückerin of Sufflenheim

Johannes Eckenfels (groom), miller and widower of deceased Barbara Metzgerin

Witnesses included Michaël Stüder, bride's father

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSN2-X92F-4?cat=195298&i=254&lang=en>

## **MARTIN HIMMELSPACH & MARGARETHA HARTER**

### **Roeschwoog 12 February 1781 Marriage permission**

Margareta Harter (bride) daughter of deceased Josephi Harter and Eva Wagner

Martinum Himellspacher (groom), son of Mathis Himellspacher and Maria Grefin of Erlach, Transrhein (Baden)

Indicating to Antonium Nebel, parish priest of Sufflum, that there are no known impediments

## **ANTON BRUKER & THERESIA BOK (?)**

### **Lauf, Baden 18 August 1800 Marriage Record**

Antonius Bruker (groom), soon of Antonii Bruker and deceased Maria Anna Dangelin of Suflenheim, Lower Alsace

Theresia Bokin (bride), daughter of Nicolai Bok and Magdalena Juxin of Fort Louis, Lower Alsace

(Signatures are all in the same hand, so copied. Hers was copied as Theresia Lok, so her surname is misrecorded either in the record or the signature, probably the latter)

## **ANTONI KIEFFER & BARBARA DAUL**

### **Iffezheim 24 May 1798 Marriage Record**

Antonius Kieffer (groom), burgher and farmer in Sufflenheim, widower of deceased Catharina Renck, once of Sufflenheim

Barbara Daul (bride), daughter of deceased Joannes Daul and Richardis Albrecht formerly also residents of Sufflenheim

(both signed, but all signatures appear in same hand so copied; witnesses Josephus Grambfort and Josephus Schwarzenberger, both from Beinheim)

#### **ARTIN HIMMELSPACH & MARIA ANNA WOLFF**

##### **Iffezheim 24 May 1798 Marriage Record**

Martinus Himmelspach (groom), widower of 1° Margaretha Harter 2° Catharina Bildstein burgher and tailor of Sufflenheim

Maria Anna Wolff (bride), widow of deceased Martini Spanner, burgher and one-time bricklayer of Auenheim, annex of the parish of Runtzenheim

(he signed but copied by priest into register, she marked, witnesses Josephus Grambfort and Josephus Schwarzenberger, both from Beinheim)

#### **JOHANNES SCHMUCK & THERESIA MUNTZINGER**

##### **Iffezheim 30 May 1798 Marriage Record**

Joannes Schmuck (groom), widower, burgher and blacksmith of Sufflenheim

Theresia Muntzinger (bride) daughter of Bernardi Muntzinger and Agatha Studer

(witnesses Josephus Grambfort and Josephus Schwarzenberger, both from Beinheim)

#### **JOHANNES HALTER & CATHARINA SCHMUCK**

##### **Iffezheim 30 May 1798 Marriage Record**

Joannes Halter (groom), son of Josephi Halter, burgher of Sufflenheim and deceased Barbara Olric/Ohic (? recte Urich)

Catharina Schmuck, daughter of Joannis Schmuck and Margaretha Pheifer

(only priest signed, witnesses Josephus Grambfort and Josephus Schwarzenberger, both from Beinheim)

#### **PETER WERNER & BARBARA WAGNER**

##### **Iffezheim 08 October 1798 Marriage Record**

Petrus Werner (groom), burgher and shoemaker of Sufflenhem, Diocese of Strasbourg (Argentinensia) is Alsace, widower of deceased Maria Anna Arn

Barbara Wagner (bride) widow of deceased Joannis Theoobaldi Conrad, of said Sufflenheim



(groom signed, bride marked [original signatures], witnesses Josephus Schwartzberger of Beinheim and Aloysius Ostermann, schoolmaster here)

### **BERNHARD LEPPERT & EVA HASER**

#### **Schwarzach, Baden 21 Augusti 1762 Marriage Permission**

Eva Haserin (bride), daughter of the widow of Adami Haser of that parish (Sufflum)

Bernardis Leppert (groom) son of Jacobi Leppert, burgher p.m. in Schwarzach

(Permission communicated to Joannes Antonio Nebel, parish priest of Sufflem)

Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

### **BERNHARD LEPPERT**

#### **Schwarzach, Baden 17 April 1795 Burial Record**

Bernardus (Bernhard in German script in margin) Leppert, aged 62, died in the 10th hour, A.M. at Schwarzach, husband of Theresia Schoeffer, and burgher in Sufflenheim, in Alsace, buried the next day as Schwarzach

(Witnesses are not named, but one who signed was 'Antoni Schoffter', other 'Joseph Binder' [?])

Bernard was a Schwarzach native, having 5 children baptized at Soufflenheim from 1765-1775. A search of extracted records turns up no other children born at Schwarzach with first wife Eva Haserin or second wife Theresia Schoeffer. Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

### **WIRDT & MARIA ELISABETHA HETTLER**

#### **Fort Louis 27 June 1726 Marriage Record**

Maria Elisabetha Hettlerin (bride), daughter of Joannis Bernard Hettler, burgher of Sufflenheim and Anna Maria Behrin

Conrad Wirdt (groom), burgher of Fort Louis

Comment: this corresponds to a Soufflenheim marriage contract, 25 May 1726. Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

### **JOANNES MICHEL & CATHARINA TRAEHER**

#### **Gertwiller, 30 August 1751 (On-Line Page 21/42) Marriage Authorization**

Joannem Michel son of Joannis Micheal blacksmith and deceased Anna Maria Reitlerin of Gertweiler to marry Catharina Träherin of Sufflem. Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

### **JOANNES MICHEL & CATHARINA TRAEHER**

#### **Fort Louis 13 September 1751 (On-Line Page 23/196) Marriage Record**

Catharina Traeher (bride) daughter of Nicolai Traeher [deceased] civis Soufflum and Barbara Moser.

Joannis Michel (groom), carpenter, of Gertweiller, [son of Joannis Michel - interline addition to original record] and Anna Maria Reidler.

Comments: A corresponding Soufflenheim marriage authorization record for the bride, given surname Treier, is dated 30 August 1751. Her father is reported deceased. The groom is described there as an infantryman in the Regiment De Geschray from the parish of Fort Louis (on-line page 62/73). His baptism is found in Gertwiller, 01 July 1729 (on-line page 34/88). Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

### **JOHANNES FENDER & CATHARINA DREHER**

#### **Fort-Louis 29 October 1762 Marriage Record**

Catharina Dreher (bride), widow of deceased Joannis Michel (mark).

Joannis Fender (groom), recently soldier in the Lower-Alsace militia having been here four years [.... ?] ('nuper miles militia provincialis Alsatia inferioris a quatrior annis hic in [prosidiis ?]') son of Theobaldi Fender weaver in Hindisheim and Catharina Hewald (signed as Johannes Finder).

Witnesses are all Fort-Louis residents.

Johannes Fender was born 16 May, baptized 17 May 1731 at Hindisheim. He served in the Lower-Alsace militia, Strasbourg battalion, LaVille company (image 65): "Jean Fenter, called Fenter, fusilier, of Saverne, province of Alsace, jurisdiction of Saverne, born at Hindisheim, aged 28 years, 5p 1p tall, long thin face, black hair and eyebrows, gray eyes, service credited to Saverne, enlisted 1758." He died 16 April 1771 at Fort-Louis, was buried there the next day. Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

### **DANIEL SCHNIEB & CATHARINA TRAEHER**

#### **Fort-Louis [1st week of August] 1706 Marriage Record**

Catharina Traherin (bride), born in Soufflem, daughter of Nicolai Traher, burgher there, and Anna Goetzin

Daniel Schneib (groom), burgher [of Fort Louis] widower of Anna Maria Müllerin. Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

### **NICOLAUS DREYER & CATHARINA BLOS**

### **Fort-Louis 07 February 1763 Marriage Record**

Nicolaus Dreyer (groom) son of deceased Nicolai Dreyer [formerly of Soufflenheim], who used to work and live here [Fort Louis] and Barbara Moser

Catharina Blos (bride), daughter of deceased Jacob Blos once of this city, Joanna Forst his wife.

### **ANDREAS WERNER & SABINA TREHER**

#### **Fort-Louis, 04 May 1761 Marriage Record**

Sabina Treherin (bride) daughter of Nicholai Treher [formerly of Soufflenheim] and Barbara Mosserin of this parish

Andreas Werner (groom), son of Johannis Werner and Sara Hodapin of OberweiXX (letters obscured by crossing out). Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

### **FRANTZ ANTONI STOLL & SABINA DREYER**

#### **Fort-Louis 13 September 1763 Marriage Record**

Sabina Dreÿer (bride) [formerly of Soufflenheim] widow of deceased Andrea Werner formerly of this place

Franciscus Antonius Stoll (groom), widower of deceased Catharina Rapp

Witnesses include Nicolaus Treher. Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

### **WENCESLAUS BUFFARDEL & BARBARA KIEFFER**

#### **12 September 1763 Fort-Louis Marriage record**

Barbara Kieffer (bride), daughter of deceased Joannis Georgii Kieffer, formerly of Sufflenheim and Barbara Lehmann.

Wenceslaus Buffardel (groom), son of deceased Michaelis Buffardel and Margarita Baumgartner

Witnesses include Jacobus Kieffer (signs), godfather of bride. Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

### **PETER TIMEL & MARIA ANNA ABELIN**

#### **Beinheim 13 May 1782 Marriage Record**

Maria Anna Abelin (bride), daughter of deceased Antonii Abelin, formerly schoolmaster at Soufflenheim and Margaretha Dangel

Petrus Timel (groom), burgher and farmer [of Beinheim], widower of deceased Catharina Ernst

## MARIA ANNA ABLIN

### Beinheim 14 August 1824 Death Record

Maria Anna Ablin, wife of Pierre Timel the elder, aged 65, born at Soufflenheim, at the third hour of the night at house no. 175.

Father: Antoine Ablin, deceased of Soufflenheim

Mother: Marguerite Tangel, deceased of Soufflenheim

## MONSIEUR BARON FRIDOLIN DE STREIFF : LIEUTENANT

Contributed by Todd Farmerie.

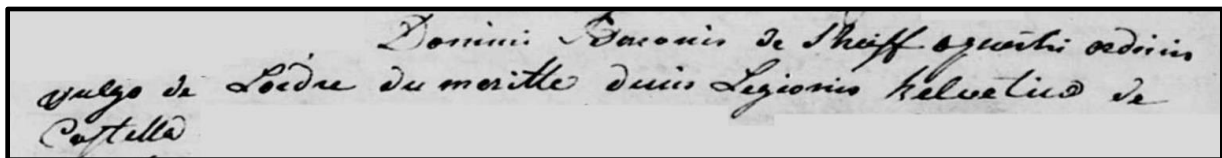
## MONSIEUR BARON FRIDOLIN DE STREIFF

### 01 September 1775 St. Michaels Soufflenheim Baptism, Image 285

Monsieur Baron Fridolin de Streiff (his Barony, a title, not a name). Order of Merit, the Swiss Regiment of Castella (officer). Mother of the baptized girl: Maria Anna Dangel. Source: Baptism of Joanna, illegitimate daughter of the Monsieur Baron de Streiff.

Todd Farmerie comments:

The text of the 1775 baptism of the out-of-wedlock child of Maria Anna Dangel refers to the father as the Baron de Sheiff, a knight of the Order of Merit, of the *Legionis Helveticae de Castella*.



Domini Baronis de Sheiff. Ordinis militaris de Lorraine du mérite de la Legionis Helveticae de Castella

There were two large bodies of Swiss troops in the French service commanded of men named Castella. One led two battalions in the Swiss Guard; the other an entire regiment called in French sources the *Régiment Suisse de Castella*, of which *Legionis Helvetica de Castella* is a direct translation, pointing to it as the unit in question. This conclusion is bolstered by geography: while the Swiss Guard was with the King, *Régiment Suisse* were stationed at Fort-Louis, Bas-Rhin, just a few miles from Soufflenheim, in 1774 and 1775, the year of the baptism, before being moved to Verdun.

The name in the baptismal record, Sheiff, is problematic – in a German linguistic milieu, one would expect an ‘Sch-’ start. An inductee into a military order would have been an officer with sufficiently long service to merit knighthood. A list of officers of the *Régiment Suisse* published in 1775 in the annual publication, *État militaire de France*, intended for members the general public interested in the French government and military, includes none named Sheiff, but the senior Lieutenant has a similar name, Streiff. The Soufflenheim scribe’s preferred for the French (h) over the German (ß) form when writing an ‘h’ means he might have been prone to misread as ‘Sh-’ what was originally ‘Str-’: ‘Sheiff’ of the record may well have originally been Streiff, and there is no other officer with a surname the least bit similar in the Castella regiment.

LI. CASTELLA , SUISSE , au Fort-Louis.			
Colonel ,	M. DE CASTELLA , Lieut. Gén.		
Lieut. Colonel ,	M. de Castella Montagny.		
Major ,	M. de Mayenfisch , r. de L. C.		
Messieurs CAPITAINES. Messieurs			
Amedroz ,	} r. de	Héer.	
de Lachaux ,		Baillif , Gr.	
de Girardier ,	} L. C.	Paris cadet.	
Vigier de Steinbrugg.		Geschwind , Gr.	
Baron de Tschoudy.		Keebach.	
Ch. de Dieffenthaler.		Landolt.	
de Freuller.		de Weck , A. m.	
Spelty.		de Roggenstill.	
Louxinger.		de Schmid.	
Mess. LIEUTENANTS. Mess.			
Streiff.		Frieße l'aîné.	
Peter , Gr.		Zelger.	
Paris l'aîné.		Willemain.	
Wantflour l'aîné.		Schwaller.	
Maire. r. de Cap.		de Gottrau , A. m.	
Chappel , Gr.		Buffet.	
Parrot.		de Pury	
de Brün.		Amedroz ,	} S. a. m.
Wantflour cadet.		Wantflour le jeune.	
Lüchem.		Spelty.	
Keller.			

Lieutenant Streiff disappears from among the regiment’s officers with the 1779 *État militaire*. In October of that year at Geitwiller, Bad-Rhin, Fridolin Streiff, formerly Captain in the *Schweizer Regiment Castellans* and knight of the Order of the King, son of Fredolin Streiff, Captain in Holland on the king’s service and Maria Magdalena Spelty, married Susanna Maria Michel, widow of Johann Philipp Jahn in an Evangelical Lutheran service. In addition to corresponding with the disappearance of Lieutenant Streiff (his apparent elevation to Captain may reflect a parting promotion, used to inflate the pension of a favored retiree), the information in the marriage record allows identification with a child born in 1728 at Glarus, Switzerland, to Fridolin Streiff and Maria Magdalena Spälti, who was sister of Kaspar Spälti, alias Spelty, a Castella regiment Captain. The groom is explicitly called a knight in the King’s military order. There were two such orders: the exclusively-Catholic Order of St. Louis, and the Order of Military Merit created as a Protestant alternative. His Protestant faith means he would have been in the latter, matching the ‘Order of Merit’ knighthood the baptismal record gives Maria Anna Dangel’s lover. Everything about Fridolin Streiff, his religion, knighthood, geography and officer status in the *Régiment Suisse de Castella* are consistent with the baptismal register’s description of the father, if one simply allows for the misreading of Streiff as Sheiff. According to his death record, Fridolin Streiff was buried at Gertwiller 11 May 1791, having died the previous Monday.

The book *Soufflenheim: une cité à la recherche de son histoire* by Lucien Sittler, Marc Elchinger and Fritz Geissert, can also be found at BnF Gallica: <https://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/bd6t53561273?rk=171674;4>

## **SOUFFLENHEIM'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF ITS LIBERATION**

Contributed by Antoine Merkel

### **Soufflenheim**

The town of Soufflenheim commemorates the 80th anniversary of its liberation

On March 17, 1945, after months of occupation and intense fighting, the town of Soufflenheim finally regained its freedom. Eight decades later, this major event in local history will be celebrated from March 22 to 30.

Les Dernières Nouvelles d'Alsace - Today at 6:00 AM | updated today at 7:54 AM - Reading time: 3 min

Rue du Marché, the Eberbach Bridge bombed in 1945. Several exhibitions will be on display during the commemorations. Photo DR

Rue du Marché, the Eberbach Bridge bombed in 1945. Several exhibitions will be on display during the commemorations. Photo DR

For the 80th anniversary of its liberation, the City of Soufflenheim is organizing a week of commemoration from March 22nd to 30th.

Saturday, March 22nd, will be dedicated to the commemoration, punctuated by an official ceremony, a parade, an exhibition, and a closing conference. On Sunday, March 30th, film screenings will mark the end of the festivities. A rich and solemn program honors the memory of the liberators and shares these dark pages of history with younger generations.

### **A vibrant tribute to the liberators**

On March 22nd, the day will begin at 10 a.m. with a commemorative mass, followed by an official ceremony at the war memorial attended by elected officials, veterans, and authorities. Elementary school students, the municipal band, and actors from the Aloysia Circle theater section will take part in the event through readings and performances, giving a lively and moving dimension to this tribute.

Another highlight: the presence of vintage World War II vehicles from the Hatten VMTE association, which will evoke the atmosphere of this historic period. Following the ceremony, a parade through the town's streets will lead participants to the community center, where a friendly drink will be offered to all.

### **A unique exhibition on Allied soldiers**

From March 22 to 28, visitors will be able to discover an exceptional exhibition entitled "1944-1945: These American, British, Canadian, Australian, and French soldiers came to liberate Northern Alsace." Created by history enthusiast Agnès Blattner, this retrospective highlights the commitment of American, British, Canadian, Australian, and French forces to the liberation of the region.

Also read: Soufflenheim. Moving Commemoration of the 1944 Bomber Crash

### **Understanding History to Better Share It**

On Saturday, March 22, at 5 p.m., a lecture entitled "Soufflenheim, from Shadow to Light" will be held. Three history buffs will shed light on the final months of the occupation and the decisive steps that led to the town's liberation. Roland Muller, passionate about the town's history, particularly the Second World War, and Sébastien Schoeffter and Gilbert Vitzikam, also passionate about this era, invite you to explore this historic period.

Through archival documents, period objects, and personal accounts, they will offer an immersive insight into the daily lives of soldiers and civilians. A unique opportunity to better understand the impact of these events in Northern Alsace.

### **A Cinematic Tribute**

Because cinema allows for a different way of conveying history, the commemoration will continue on Sunday, March 23rd, with an afternoon of screenings at Céram. At 2 p.m., the public will be able to discover *La Chambre 12*, a film directed by Serge Schleiffer of the Amifilm association. The screening will be followed by a discussion with the director.

At 5 p.m., *La Tartine de beurre* (The Butter Tartine), a film adaptation of the book by Marguerite Heyoppe, a resident of Hatten, offers a poignant account of World War II in Northern Alsace. Afterward, there will be an opportunity to chat with the film crew and even with one of the author's family members.

### **An Essential Duty of Remembrance**

Through these various commemorative moments, Soufflenheim wishes not only to pay tribute to the soldiers and resistance fighters who fought for freedom, but also to raise awareness among younger generations about the importance of the duty of remembrance. An event that promises to be a memorable one, where history will be told in a variety of ways, from reflections to sharing and discovery.

The full program is available on the town's website at [www.mairie-soufflenheim.fr](http://www.mairie-soufflenheim.fr)

## ZINGER IN CANADA

Contributed by Scott Zinger.



Zinger/Batte family photo.

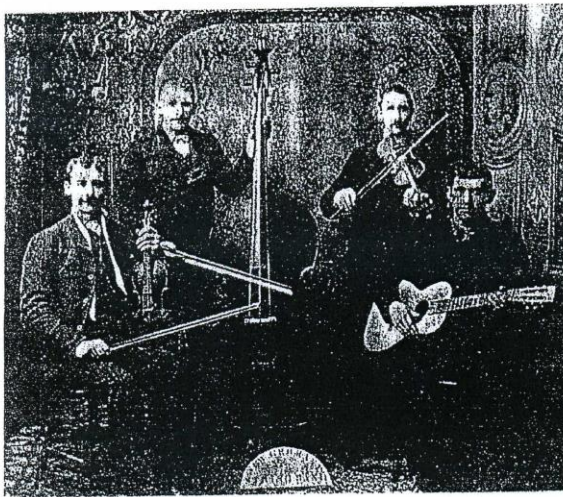
This gathering celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of William Zinger and Pauline Batte in 1928 at Waterloo Park in Ontario, Canada. All the priests in the group photo are on the Zinger side of the family. William and Pauline born in Canada but Williams's father, Aloysius Zinger born 1813 in Soufflenheim.





A Work Bee clearing land on Joseph Zinger Sr. Farm after ice storm.

Building barns, houses, logging, clearing land, harvesting and other large projects were generally performed by having a "Bee" at which all the neighbours helped. After the completion of the work the families would join the men at the home where the "Bee" had taken place and they held a dance with lunch and refreshments. Music was always supplied by anyone in the neighbourhood who might be inclined to the accordion, violin or piano if available. Almost every family made maple syrup in the spring, and used it as sugar or syrup. Stealing and dishonesty were considered the worst faults possible, hence very few homes had locks on their doors; a person's word was as good as his bond and credit was extended at all stores.



Left to right: Andrew Zinger, Marcus Zinger, George Vogt, Albert E. Zinger.

The above picture of the New Germany String Band was taken about 1890, and they had been in operation for about 2 years before that. They supplied music at weddings and other functions throughout the area from Freeleton to Walkerton. Weddings were then usually performed during the week rather than on week ends, and since orchestras were then very scarce many of the weddings were arranged to be held on the day that the orchestra was available.

During May and June and in the fall, September and October, since the group travelled on a carriage drawn by a horse and these weddings could be 20 or 30 miles from home, they often went from one wedding directly to the next one. If they had 3 or 4 in one week it was not unusual to be gone from their homes for that whole week, and sometimes when they were finished with their engagements they found themselves a two day trip from home by horse. About 40 miles a day was enough for the large horse that they used.

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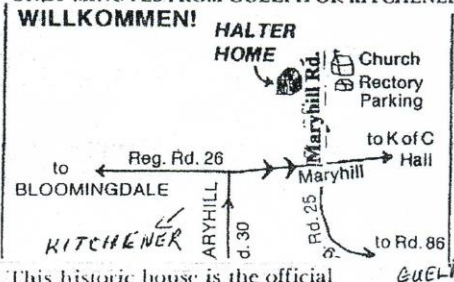
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Visitors can examine parish records, learn family histories, view antiques and old but interesting photographs.