

Baumeister Family Trace

Relatively little was known about my great-grandmother Marie Baumeister Frerking, other than that she married Adolph Frerking in St. Louis MO and came with him to Lafayette Co. MO where they lived on a farm southwest of Concordia MO until she died in 1908. A clue to her early life was obtained from Nancy Abbott, who noted that her family history indicated Marie was the daughter of Johann "Christian" Baumeister, born in "Boeddinghausen, Prussia". An examination of the church records in Börninghausen, Westphalia, Germany during the period between 1815 and 1874 yielded a considerable amount of information about the Baumeister family. That 60 year interval was a key period in time of this family.

Adolph Frerking Background:

Before delving into the early history of the Baumeister family, it is instructive to review a bit of the background of Adolph Frerking. Much of the Frerking history can be found in Loberta Runge's *Frerking Family History*. Adolph was born January 14, 1825 in Esperke, Hanover, Germany to Johann Diedrich Frerking (1786-1838) and Dorothee Marie nee Sprengel Frerking (1792-1868). Johann was a cottager in Esperke with a large family of 13 children.

Adolph and three of his brothers decided to emigrate from Germany in 1837 with their uncle Fredrich Dierking when Adolph was only 12 years old. Their ship *Burmah* arrived in New York City on Sept. 26, 1837. [See Frizzell's *Independent Immigrants*] From there, the group migrated to St. Louis. After a short stay in St. Louis, Uncle Friedrich and Adolph's oldest brother Friedrich moved to the Concordia, MO area in the late 1830s. However, Adolph was still young and probably with little funds so he remained in St. Louis, where he became an apprentice carpenter.

Adolph was living in St. Louis in 1845 when his mother Dorothee and most of the rest of the family immigrated to the US during that year. The majority of the Frerking family arrived in New Orleans onboard the *Gen Washington* on Nov. 24, 1845. From there, they traveled up the Mississippi River to St. Louis where they stayed for a while before moving on Concordia. So Adolph was reunited with his family at that time but stayed in St. Louis until about 1855. During the latter part of that period, he met Marie Baumeister.

Locating German Church Records:

Tracing a family is greatly aided by the posting of a large number of German records on the Family History website at <https://familysearch.org/>. Many of the microfilms of these records were indexed some time ago, but recently some of the images of the films are also being posted. At this point in time, there is a concerted effort to digitize all of the records in the LDS vaults at Granite Mountain in Utah (which is very extensive) and post them on the web. The number of records available online is increasing at a rapid pace. So one should check the website periodically to see what is currently posted. You can see the extent of the available data by clicking on 'All Record Collections' at the bottom of the main page of this website.

Information is available in various forms. Some of the files are digital scans of the microfilms that must be browsed page by page, just like viewing it on a microfilm reader. In this case, the advantage is that you can expand the view for closer examination or download a page and enhance the image on your computer. Obviously, this can be a time-consuming process that generally requires some additional knowledge to narrow down a search.

To speed the search, many of these records (which are generally handwritten) have been indexed so that one can look for a particular name or place. A name search of the records on this website will bring up all of the records that match the search criteria. Clicking on an entry displays the summary information that was indexed. In some (but not all) cases, the original image of the record can be displayed. In that case, one is able to see all of the data in the record. If the image is not available, one must either revert to the microfilm (or wait in hope that it will eventually be posted).

Why look at the original image? For any indexing project, a choice is made as to how much of the information is included in the index file. Often, some of the omitted data can provide additional clues which may aid a search. But the indexed record can be helpful in tracking down a particular microfilm to examine.

German church records contain a considerable amount of information that may not appear in the index records. Birth (or baptismal) records include not only the given name(s) and date of birth for the child but also the full names of the parents and their home location. It also includes the date of the baptism and usually the names of the pastor and sponsor(s). In addition to the date of a wedding, marriage records include the full names of the bride and groom, their ages, their home, and names of some or all of the parents. There is usually some indication as to whether the bride or groom was previously married. Death records include the full name of the deceased, age at death, name of the surviving spouse (and sometimes the number of children) along with the date of death. Usually, they also include the cause of death and the date and place of burial. They even have a column indicating how long the deceased was under a doctor's care. (There seldom is any helpful information in this column and it is sometime used for other notations.) But, looking at the rest of these records can be helpful when trying to establish family relationships.

When searching old records, one can expect a number of name variations both in the surname and the given names. While surnames sometime do change through the years, most of their variations in the records occur because information was given verbally to the person who recorded the data. This is seen most often in ship's passenger lists and census records where the recorder was not familiar with the person's language. Another problem that occurs in indexed records is the difficulty in deciphering the handwriting when they are transcribed. The given names of a person may change from record to record for some of the same reasons above. But the additional problem with German names is their habit of switching first and middle names. This occurs because families frequently christened some of their children with the same first name (for example, after the parent, a grandparent or close relative). To distinguish between them, one or more of the children would be called by their middle name and may continue to use this name during their life. Some might even switch back to the original order late in life. Finally, one can also expect to see shortened forms or nicknames (such as Mina for Wilhelmine).

Baumeister Family in Germany:

Searching on the Family History website revealed that a significant number of Baumeisters, including a Johann Christian Baumeister, can be found in the records of the Lutheran Church in Börninghausen, Westphalia, Germany. While the images of these records are not yet posted online, microfilms of the various records are available from the Family History Center.

Early church records can be found on several microfilms. In particular, the Evangelische Kirche Börninghausen (Kr. Lübbecke) Kirchenbuchduplikat, 1815-1874 [FHL 1050778] provides the most information about Marie's family. This particular film contains the birth (baptism), marriage, and death records of that time period from the books that were duplicated for the state archives.

The quality of these records varies considerably over the years and often difficult to read. Pages of the earlier records (before 1820) are in a format different from what is typically seen in German church records with the column headings also handwritten and the content is slightly different. Then, for several years (1820-1822), preprinted forms were used; but after that, the pages revert back to an entirely handwritten format until 1864. The entries during the earliest period were in a very compact handwriting, entirely in the old *Kurrent* script; while later entries were usually in a bolder writing containing a mix of Latin and old German script.

The following is a time line for the family derived from the online postings and this microfilm. I've included some clips of the records involving my immediate family or some other interesting points. Unless noted otherwise, the timeline was derived from the microfilm. Spellings of names are generally retained in the form listed in these records.

1814 -

Mar 6 - The earliest definitive record of the Johann Christian Baumeister family that I located in a FamilyHistory file search was the following: the marriage of Johann Christian Baumeister, son of Johann Friedrich Baumeister and Anna Katharine Huefmeier, to Katharine Marie Charlotte Stoffermeier, daughter of Johann Jobst Meyer and Gret Ilsebein Dunker, on 06 Mar 1814. [FHL 473460] Johann Christian's death in 1835 is listed below.

One earlier indexed record from that same film suggests that the parents Johann Friedrich Baumeister and Anna Cathrina Huffmeyer were married in Börninghausen on 10 Jun 1777. However, no birth record entry was found for Johann Christian in the late 1700s. [A number of Baumeister entries can be found in earlier Börninghausen church records but, not having those microfilms, I have not traced the family farther back.]

There is a listing for the birth of Johann Friedrich Baumeister to Christian Baumeister and Charlotte Stoffermeier on Nov. 13, 1813 [FHL 473460]. This birth entry has not been checked in the original records; however, in his death record on Mar. 10, 1835 (see entry below), the names of the parents match (with some shuffling of the given names). So it might be assumed that this was a "premature" birth for the couple.

A Jost Heinrich Baumeister, about the same age as Johann Christian, appears in a number of the church records including as a sponsor to Johann Christian's second son. He appears to be Johann Christian's brother.

May 03 - Anne Marie Cathrine Wilhelmine Baumeister was born to Johann Christian Baumeister and Cathrine Wilhelmine Charlotte Stoffermeier at Börninghausen No. 6. This was the second in a series of four "Anne Marie" daughters.

1823 -

Jun 14 - Anne Catharine Wilhelmine Charlotte Baumeister, born Stoffermeier, died of consumption (*Schwindsucht*) at Börninghausen No. 6, age 34, leaving husband Johann Christian Baumeister, having had two sons and two daughters. See the church record extract below. (The records in this time period are some of the easier to read.) Note that the number of sons and daughters agrees with those accounted for above.

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Gestorbene					
Nro.	Vor- und Zunamen des Verstorbenen, (bei Kindern auch Namen und Stand des Vaters.)	Stand des Verstorbenen.	Alter.		
			Jahr.	Monat.	Tage.
11.	Baumeister-Anne Catharine Wilhelmine Charlotte, geb. von Stoffermeier, Wittwe	Börninghausen No. 6	34		

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im Jahr 1823					
Ob der Verstorbene einen Gatten und majorennne oder minorennne Kinder hinterlassen.	Tag und Stunde des Todes in Buchstaben und Ziffern.	Krankheit, woran er gestorben.	Ob der Verstorbene überhaupt oder nur in den letzten 48 Stunden die Hilfe eines appro- birten Arztes oder Wund- arztes genossen hat.	Tag des Begräbnisses.	Kirchhof, auf welchem er begraben worden.
Johann Christian Baumeister mit 2 Söhnen und 2 Töchtern alle im Leben	14ten Junij von Julius Rexm. mittl. 3 2 1/2	Spannkrampf	überhaupt nicht und ist das Bewußt- sein davon völlig verloren	17ten Julius	Börning- hausen

Dec 05 - Colonus Johann Christian Baumeister, No. 6 Börninghausen, age 34, married Anne Catherine Elisabeth Rexmann, age 23, daughter of Johann Heinrich Rexmann, No.9 Wallenbrück. Anne was born during Oct. 1800. She was previously married

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Aufgebote und Getraute (Die bei einer Kirche bloß aufgeborenen und anderwärts kopulirten Paare)						
Nro.	Vors. und Namen des Bräutigams.	Stand und Wohnort des Vaters.	Alter des Bräutigams.	Ob Eltern oder Vormund die Ein- willigung gegeben, und wie solches gesehen.	Ob er schon verehelicht gewesen und wie die Ehe getrennt worden.	Vors. und Namen der Braut.
7.	Colonus Johann Christian Bau- meister N ^o 6 in Börninghausen	bin ^{der} Ehe Leinhardt Kort	34 1/2		W. H. H. H.	Anne Cathari- ne Elisabeth Rexmann

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im Jahr 1823 (müssen ohne Nummer eingetragen werden.)					
Namen, Stand und Wohnort des Vaters der Braut.	Alter der Braut.	Ob Eltern oder Vormund die Ein- willigung gegeben, und wie solches gesehen.	Ob sie schon verehelicht gewesen und wie die Ehe getrennt worden.	Tag der Kopulation mit Buchstaben und Ziffern.	Namen des Predigers, der die Kopulation verrichtet.
Col. Johann He- rich Rexmann N ^o 9 Wellerbrunn	23 1/2	minimlich von Jan Elsner	Jungfer	25 ^{ten} Jun- i 1823 4 ^{ten} December	Wex

1824 -

Sep 28 - Catharine Marie Baumeister was born to Johann Christian Baumeister and Anne Catharine Elisabeth Rexmann at Börninghausen No. 6.

Oct 26 - Catharine Marie Baumeister, daughter of Johann Christian Baumeister, Börninghausen No. 6., died at age 28 days.

1825 -

Nov 12 - There is an entry for a stillborn boy of the Baumeisters at Börninghausen No. 6 (no baptism).

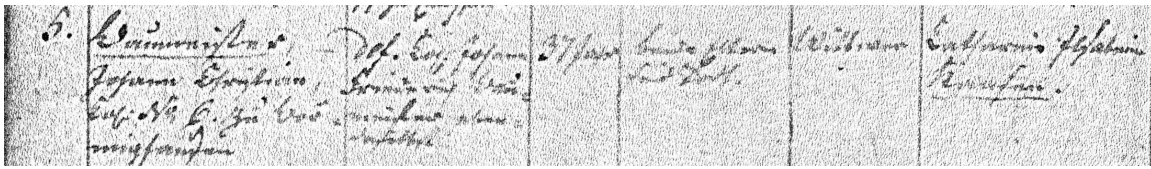
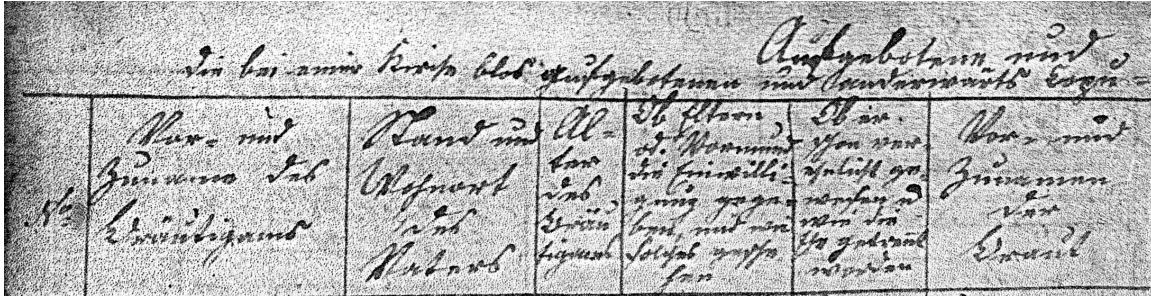
Nov 14 - Anne Catharine Elisabeth Baumeister died in childbirth at Börninghausen No. 6, age 25 years and 1 month, leaving husband Joh. Christian Baumeister with four children. Both Anne and stillborn child were buried on 17 Nov. Interestingly, Anne's father is listed as Johann Heinrich Stoppelmann in this record and her mother's name as

Rexmann. Apparently, Johann Christian was confused and gave the name of his first father-in-law.

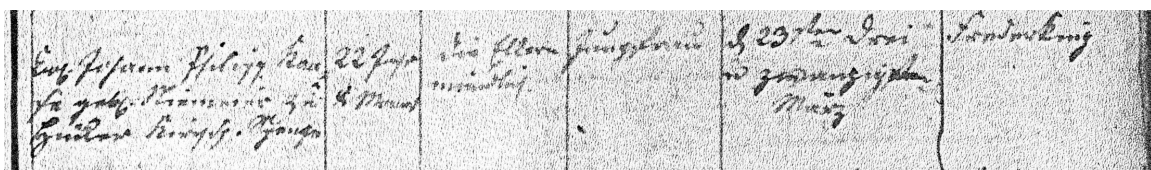
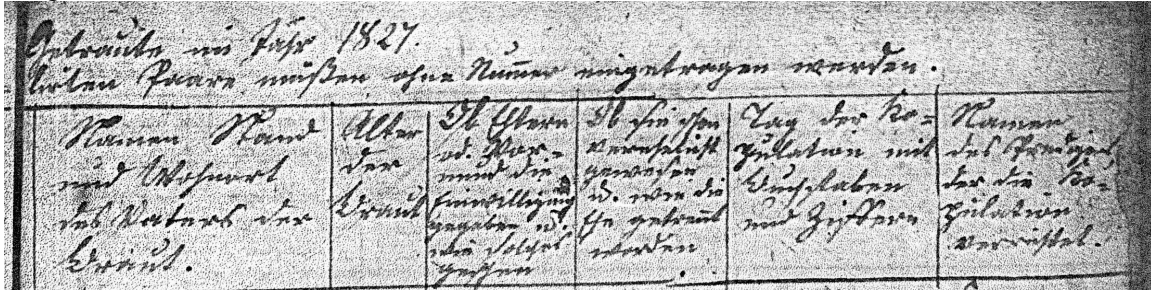
1827 -

Mar 23 - *Colonus* Johann Christian Baumeister, No. 6 Börninghausen, age 37, and widower married Catharine Ilsabein Kaasen, daughter of Johann Philipp Kaase from Spenge, at age 22 years 4 months and single. See the church record extract below.

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Since the name of the bride's father is listed as Kaase, Kaasen may be the genitive form of the surname although the 'en' ending is used consistently in all of the other records.

Based on Johann's age of 37 in this record and an age of 34 in his previous marriage on 05 Dec 1823, one can estimate his birth date to be between Mar. and Dec. 1789.

[However this does not agree with his stated age in the 1843 death record below.]

It should be noted that, when the married couple came from different parishes, there is usually an entry in the records of both churches. The dates may not agree. When there is a difference, the date in the bride's parish records typically precedes that in the groom's

parish. This would suggest that the wedding took place in the bride's church. In the case of Johann Christian and Catharine Ilsabein, the Spenge records [FHL1052329] list the marriage as 04 Mar 1827 which may be the actual date of the wedding. This record also indicates the maiden name of Catharine Ilsabein was Kaase, not Kaasen, born on 21 Oct 1804 in Hücker (an area just northeast of Spenge) and mother's name was Anna Ilsabein.

Since Johann Christian's children were older when his second wife died, he was not in as great a hurry to remarry.

1828 -

Jan 03 - Anne Marie Elisabeth Baumeister (my great-grandmother) was born to Johann Christian Baumeister and Catharine Ilsabein Kaasen at Börninghausen, No. 6. See the second entry in the church record extract below.

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Geborne mit Geburtsort

Nr.	Laut. Name und Kintab.	Tag mit Stunde von Geburt in Ort	St ab nabig oder mabig	Was. und Zimm. nachher sub. Nachb. auf Hand der Eltern

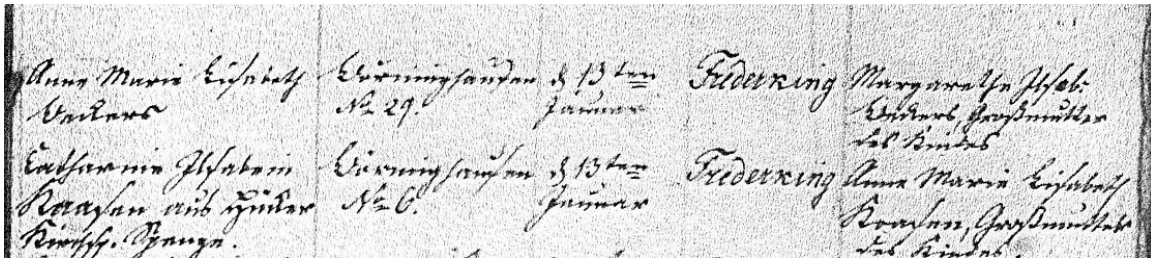
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1. Catharina Maria Elisabeth	5 10 ^{te} von Geburt an Familie Morgens 6 Uhr	nabig	Joh. Christian Baumeister, ev. Pastor
2. Anna Maria Elisabeth	5 3 ^{te} von Geburt an Morgens 10 Uhr	nabig	Christiane Baumeister, ev.

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im Jahr 1827.

Was. und Zimm. von Nachb.	Ort von Eltern.	Tag von Geburt.	Name und Geburtsort, St. ab ge. Geb.	Name von Laut. Name.



Anne Marie was baptized on 13 Jan with her grandmother Anne Marie Elisabeth Kaasen as her sponsor.

1829 -

Nov 07 - Clare Ilsabein Charlotte Baumeister was born to Christian Friederich Baumeister and Margarethe Ilsabein Kaasen from Spenge at Börninghausen No. 6. (Could these have alternate given names for Johann Christian and Catharine Ilsabein?)

1830 -

Feb 22 - Clare Ilsabein Charlotte, daughter of Christ. Fried. Baumeister and Marg, Ilsabein Kaasen died at at Börninghausen, No. 6, age 3 months and 15 days.

1831 -

Sep 11 - Anne Marie Gret. Lisabeth Baumeister was born to Christian Friederich Baumeister and Catharine Ilsabein Ka(u)sen from Spenge at Börninghausen No. 6. If these are the same parents, this would be the fourth child of Johann "Christian" with given names of Anne Marie. They were probably commonly called by a middle name or nickname.

1834 -

Mar 19 - Friedrich Wilhelm Baumeister was born to Johann Christian Baumeister and Anne Catharine Elisabeth Kasen at Börninghausen No. 6.

Jul 29 - Friedrich Wilhelm, son of Joh. Christian Baumeister and Anne Catharine Elisabeth Kasen, died at Börninghausen farm No. 6, age 4 months and 9 days. [Note. The age was erroneously listed in the year and month columns.]

Oct 21 - Carl Friedrich Hüsemann, son of Joh. Heinr. Hüsemann and Anne Marie Elisabeth Schwekendiek, age 24, married Anne Marie Louise Baumeister, daughter of Joh. Christian Baumeister and Catherine Wilhelmine Charlotte Stoffermeier, Börninghausen No. 6, born 1 Aug 1810, age 24 years, 2 months, and 20 days. This was the first of the Baumeister children to marry.

1835 -

Mar 10 - Johann Friedrich Baumeister, son of Christian Baumeister and Anne Marie Catharine Charlotte Stoffermeier, died at Börninghausen farm No. 6, age 21 years and 5 months (not married).

Oct 17 - Catharine Charlotte Baumeister was born to Christian Friederich Baumeister and Catharine Elisabeth Kasen at Börninghausen No. 6. She was the only other member of the family known to have immigrated to the U.S.

1840 -

Mar 06 - Wilhelmine Louise Baumeister was born to Christian Friedrich Baumeister and Catharine Ils. Cassen at Börninghausen No. 6.

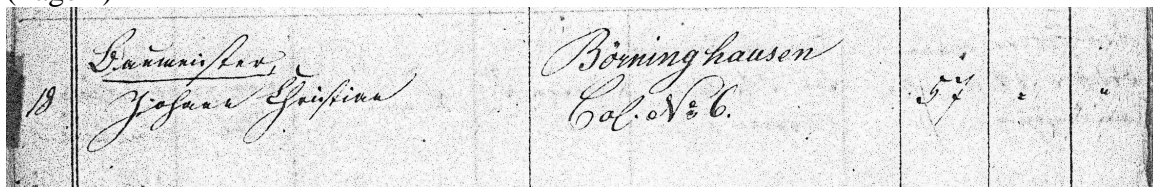
1842 -

Nov 06 - Carl Heinrich Baumeister was born to Johann Christian Baumeister and Katharine Ilsabein Kassen at Börninghausen No. 6. Note that Johann and Katharine reverted back to their earlier first names.

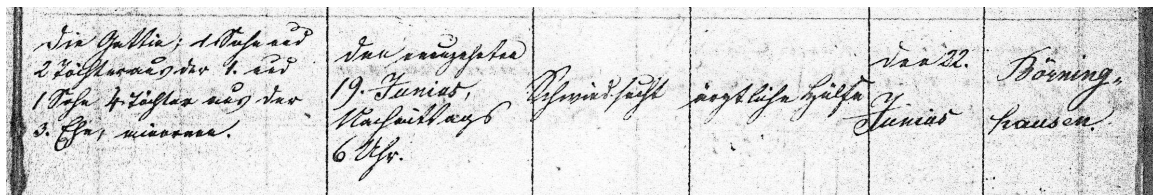
1843 -

19 Jun - Johann Christian Baumeister, Börninghausen No. 6, died of consumption (*Schwindsucht*) at age 57 leaving his wife, one son and two daughters by his first wife, one son and four daughters by his third wife. He was buried in Börninghausen on 22 Jun. Note that the number of surviving children matches the tabulation above. The listed age is not consistent with his marriage records. This would indicate that he was born in 1786 rather than 1789.

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Dec 24 - There is a marriage entry for Jobst Heinrich Baumeister, son of Christian Baumeister and Charlotte Stoffermeier, born on 18 Sep 1818, and Anne Marie Louise Söllmann, daughter of smith Ernst Heinrich Söllmann and Anne Marie Ilsabein Blekmann from No. 44 Holzhausen, (no age is listed). No date was entered, but the

Holzhausen records [FHL473474] list the marriage date as 24 Dec 1843 and her birth date as 29 Sep 1824.

1844 -

Apr 12 - Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Danielmeier, son of Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Danielmeier and Ilsabein Marie Budde, No 10 Börninghausen, born on 13 Jul 1817, married Anne Catherine Ilsabein nee Kasen Baumeister. Anne Catharine Ilsabein is listed as the 37 year old widow of Christian Baumeister at No. 6 Börninghausen.

Apr 27 - Carl Heinrich Baumeister, son of Johann Christian Baumeister and Catharine Ilsabein Kasen died at Börninghausen No. 6. The age is listed as 14 days which is obviously incorrect since Carl was born 06 Nov 1842. Everything else in this entry is consistent with Johann Christian's youngest son.

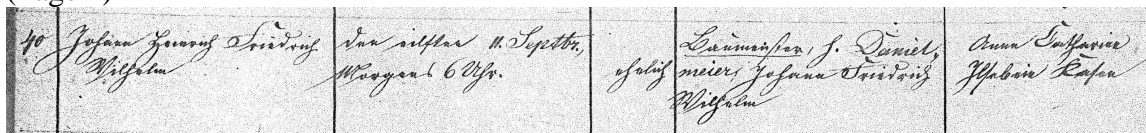
May 03 - Jobst Heinrich Baumeister, son of Christian Baumeister and Charl Stoffermeier, living at No. 22 Börninghausen, born on 18 Sep 1818, married Florentine Marie nee Walter Goe (or Gode), born on 21 Nov 1815. She was the widow of Heinrich Go(d)e from Eininghausen. Jobst's first wife Anne Marie Louise Söllmann appears to have died quite soon after their marriage.

1845 -

Jan 17 - Carl Friedrich Baumeister was born to Jobst Heinrich Baumeister and Florentine Marie Gude at Börninghausen No. 22.

Sep 11 - Johann Heinrich Friedrich Wilhelm was born to Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Baumeister s. [sive] Danielmeier and Anne Catharine Ilsabein Kasen at Börninghausen No. 6. This entry is interesting as can be seen from the excerpt below.

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Note also that Catharine has changed her first name to Anne after her second marriage. One normally determines a child's surname from the surname of the father. In this entry, Baumeister is underlined and the 's.' between the two surnames indicates "also known as". The family was living at the Baumeister homestead (No. 6 Börninghausen).

Did the father follow an old German custom and adopt the family farm name Baumeister after marrying widow Anne Catharine Ilsabein? Normally this practice occurred when the former owner died without a male heir and a daughter (who then married) inherited the farm. In this case, wife Catharine appears to have retained ownership. The oldest surviving son of Johann Christian (by his first wife), i.e. Jobst Heinrich, was living at No. 22 Börninghausen. Carl Heinrich was an infant when Johann Christian died in 1843.

1846 -

Apr 25 – Johann Heinrich Friedrich Wilhelm Baumeister sive Danielmeier, son of Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Danielmeier s. Baumeister and Anne Katharine Ils. Kasen, died at Börninghausen No. 6, age 8 months.

Anne Marie Elisabeth Baumeister (1828-1908) immigrates to the U.S. in the fall. See the section below.

1848 -

Mar 07 - Johann Friedrich Hagemeyer, son of Col Franz Heinrich Hagemeyer, born 09 Oct 1823, married Anne Marie Catharine Wilhelmine Baumeister, daughter of Col. Johann Christian Baumeister & Catharine Wilhemine Charl. Stoffermann at No. 6 Börninghausen, born 03 Oct(?) 1821.

Aug 20 - Carl Friedrich Baumeister was born to Jobst Heinrich Baumeister and Florentine Marie Gude at Börninghausen No. 22. Jobst appears to be on good terms with his step-mother and her new husband since one of the child's sponsors was a brother of Johann Heinrich Danielmeier.

Nov 02 - Ernst Friedrich Baumeister was born to Johann Friederich Wilhelm Danielmeier s. Baumeister and Anne Katharine Ilsab. nee Kaasen Baumeister at Börninghausen No. 6.

1852 -

Apr 06 - Florentine Marie Baumeister, born Walter, widowed Gude, wife of Jobst Heinrich Baumeister dies at Börninghausen No. 22 at age 36 years and 5 months leaving the husband and two boys.

Oct. 08 - Jobst Heinrich Baumeister, widower of Florentine Marie Gude b. Walter, married Charlotte Louise Bökemeier, daughter of Charlotte Luise Bökemeier, No. 33 Mehnen(?), born 31 Dec 1826.

1858 -

Jul 17 - Wilhelmine Louise Baumeister, daughter of Christian Friedrich Baumeister and Catharine Elisabeth Kaasen, died of a "nervous disease" at Börninghausen No. 6, age 18 years 4 months, survived by her mother.

1865 -

Dec 17 - Catherine Ilsabein Baumeister, born Kaase, died of some type of back problem (*Ruck???*) at the farm of Col. Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Baumeister, Börninghausen No. 6 at age 61 years 1 month and 26 days leaving a husband and 3 children by her first marriage and 1 son by her second marriage. The number of children refers to those still living at the time of her death. [Note that she continued to use Baumeister as her married name.]

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17	Baumeister Catharina geb. Kaase.	geb. am 17. Juli 1804 in der Wilsula Baumeister No. 6 in Börninghausen.	61	1	26
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17	geb. 3. Kinder geb. 1. Juli 1804	Der für den - 17. Dezember Hingest. am - 4. Apr.	Börninghausen No. 6 in Börninghausen.	geb. 21. Okt. 1807.	Die 20. Börninghausen.
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1867 -

Jun 4 - Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Danielmeier, Col. Baumeister, widower, marries Anne Catharine Höke at No. 6 Börninghausen.

Jun 11 - Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Baumeister, born Danielmeier, dies at No. 6 Börninghausen, age 49 years, 11 months, 2 days leaving his wife and 1 son (by a previous marriage). The cause of death was listed as a hemorrhage (*Blutsturz*) for this short marriage. His father was also living on the Baumeister farm and outlived him, dying on 02 Apr 1869, also at No. 6 Börninghausen.

This brings up an interesting question involving the succession of land ownership. As the oldest surviving son of Johann Christian, Jobst Heinrich Baumeister was entitled to the farm under the primogeniture rules of that day. However, he was still living at No. 22 Börninghausen in 1874 when a daughter of his was married. (That was the last year of the records in the microfilm.)

Did Jobst relinquish ownership because his step-mother was living there with a number of small children? Or was the change of ownership specified in the wills of the deceased?

Summarizing the Johann Christian Baumeister family:

Johann Christian Baumeister was born either in 1786 or 1789 (records are inconsistent), probably in Börninghausen, to Johann Friedrich Baumeister (??? - ???) and Anna Katharine Hüffmeier (??? - 1821). During his life, he had three wives and a total of 14 children, many of whom died in infancy. Johann Christian died of consumption at No. 6 Börninghausen on 19 Jun 1843 and was buried in Börninghausen on 22 Jun.

Note. Variations of the given names in the listings above are relatively common in old German records. Children were typically christened with a multiple given names, some of which were the same for several children in the same family. Throughout life, many of them would use various combinations of these given names when vital records were written. They would often also be known by one of their middle names later in life. There also may be variations in spellings of both the given names and surnames, depending on who made the entry in the church records. In addition, the difficulty in reading some of the old German script may lead to errors in the transcription of the records.

Wives of Johann Christian Baumeister –

Johann Christian married Catharine Marie Charlotte Stoffermeier on 06 Mar 1814, probably in Spenge. (A marriage record can be found in both parishes.) Catharine was the daughter of Johann Jobst (Stoffer)Meyer and Gret Ilsebein Dunker from Spenge. She was born in sometime in 1789. She died of consumption on 14 Jun 1823 at Börninghausen No. 6.

On 05 Dec 1823, Johann Christian married Anne Catherine Elisabeth Rexmann, daughter of Johann Heinrich Rexmann, No.9 Wallenbrück. Anne was born sometime in Oct. 1800. She died on 14 Nov 1825 at Börninghausen No. 6 giving birth to a stillborn child.

On 23 Mar 1827, Johann Christian married (Anne) Catharine Ilsabein Kaase(n), daughter of Johann Philipp Kaase and Anna Ilsabein ??? from Spenge. She was born on 21 Oct 1804 in Hücker (an area just northeast of Spenge). Catharine survived Johann Christian and remarried Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Danielmeier. The couple continued to live at No. 6 Börninghausen until she died on 17 Dec 1865 of some type of back problem.

A number of variations of the surname are found in various records and their transcriptions, such as Kaasen, Kaase, Kasen, Kasse, Kausen and Koasen. In some cases, the name was obviously misspelled when it was recorded. However, there are also problems interpreting the old handwriting with letters such as a, o, and u, as well as n and e. A poorly closed a may look like a u, but I normally only consider a letter to be a u if it has the diacritical (U-bogen) mark over it or is in a common word, such as *haus*.

The following is a tabulation of the children. What is particularly striking is the number of children that died before reaching adulthood. While infant deaths were relatively common during that period, the number in this family is unusually large.

Children of Johann Christian Baumeister –

Given names	Birth	Marriage	Death
By first wife Catharine Marie Charlotte Stoffermeier (b. 1789, m. 06 Mar 1814, d. 14 Jun 1823):			
Anne Marie Louise	1810 Aug 01	1834 Oct 21 to Carl Friederich Hueseemann	
Johann Friederich	1813 Nov 13	(not married)	1835 Mar 10
Catharine Wilhelmine	1816 Nov 03		1817 Sep 22
Jobst Heinrich	1818 Sep 18	1843 to Anne Marie Louise Sollemann 1844 May 03 to Florentine Marie Walter 1852 Oct 08 to Charlotte Louise Bökemeier	
Anne Marie Catharine Wilhelmine	1821 May 03	1848 Mar 07 to Johann Friedrich Hagemeier	
By second wife Anne Catharine Elisabeth Rexmann (b. Oct 1800, m. 26 Nov or 05 Dec 1823, d. 14 Nov. 1825)			
Catharine Marie	1824 Sep 28		1824 Oct 26
(Stillborn)	1825 Nov 12		1825 Nov 12
By third wife Catharine Ilsabein Kaasen (b. 21 Oct 1804, m. 04 or 23 Mar 1827, d. 17 Dec 1865):			
Anne Marie Elisabeth	1828 Jan 03	1848 Sep 26 to Adolph Frerking	1908 Dec 09
Clare Ilsabein	1829 Nov 07		1830 Feb 22
Anne Marie Gret. Lisabeth	1831 Sep 11		
Friederich Wilhelm	1834 Mar 19		1834 Jul 29
Catharine Charlotte	1835 Oct 17	1856 Apr 20 to Heinrich Wilhelm Krietemeier	
Wilhelmine Louise	1840 Mar 06		1858 Jul 17
Carl Heinrich	1842 Nov 06		1844 Apr 27

Marie's Arrival in the US:

From the listing above, one can get some idea as to why Anne "Marie" Elisabeth Baumeister decided to leave Germany in 1846 by herself as a teenager. Her father had died three years earlier and her mother had remarried. Marie's younger brother died just two weeks after her mother's second marriage.

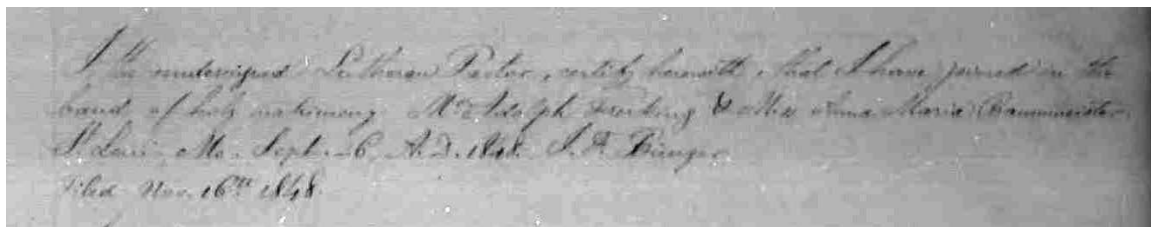
In any event, she decided to emigrate from Germany in fall of 1846. She traveled on the Ship *Emerald* that arrived in New Orleans on 30 Dec 1846. See the following excerpt from the ship's passenger list. [Microfilm No. NARA M259 Roll 026 Entry 376]



203	Franz Kramer	3	Indiana	Farmer	25
204	Marie Baumister	3	N. Orleans	Dressmaker	18
205	Fredk. Jan Meyer	3	St. Louis	Farmer	17

Note that she is passenger no. 204, listed as "Marie Baumister" an 18 year old dressmaker with the intended destination of New Orleans. (The age of 18 matches her birth date of 1828.) How long she stayed in New Orleans is unclear; however, she soon migrated to St. Louis from there.

Whether she had relatives in St. Louis is not known, but it can be assumed that she mingled with the German Lutheran community there after her arrival. There she met Adolph Frerking and they were married at Immanuel Lutheran Church (one of the four original churches of the "Generalgemeinde" in the city) on September 26, 1848 by Pastor Johann Friedrich Büniger as seen in the civil record of the marriage below. (St. Louis, Missouri Marriages, 1804-76) Here she is listed as "Anna Maria Baummeister".



Immanuel's church records are also available at the St. Louis Library. They have posted an index to baptisms and marriages for the period from 1848-1920 online at <http://www.slcl.org/content/immanuel-lutheran-church-index-baptisms-1848-%E2%80%93-1909-and-marriages-1848-%E2%80%93-1920>. This includes Adolph and Marie's marriage as well as the baptism of two of their children. It also lists the marriage of Adolph's brother Georg Otto ("Scharze") to his second wife Catharina Margaretha Dierks on Apr. 27, 1851 and the baptism of two of their sons.

According to family history, Adolph and Marie remained in St. Louis until sometime in 1855. Their first three children were born in St. Louis with the third, Sophie Louise, listed as being baptized at Immanuel on Aug. 14, 1853. Sophie Louise died in St. Louis in 1854. After that, Adolph and Marie moved to Concordia, MO with their one surviving child August "Edward" to join the rest of the Frerking family. Their fourth child, Friedrich Ludwig (Louis) was born in Concordia on July 10, 1855.

Where Adolph and Marie lived when they initially arrived in Concordia is not clear. Adolph continued to work as a carpenter in the area. In 1858, he assembled a farm from three pieces of land he purchased from George Frerking, George Helm, and Wm. Heinbrock. [Lafayette Co. Index to Deeds vol. 2]. He then settled down to full-time farming. During 1865, he sold some or all of this farm to Henry Deke and purchased other land from Herman H. Uphaus. This farm became the Frerking Centennial farm (a.k.a the Paul Frerking farm). Marie continued to live there until her death on December 09, 1908 and Adolph until his death on April 12, 1912.

From that point on, the rest of their family history is easily traced in the Concordia church and census records.

Other Baumeisters in the US:

How many of the other members in Marie’s family came to the US is not known for certain. While a number of Baumeisters can be found in the early federal census records in various locations around the US, including places such as Monroe, MI and a few in the St. Louis area, they do not appear to be from the immediate family.

Another sister, Catharine, has been traced by various genealogists. Catharina Louise Charlotte Baumeister is listed as having married Heinrich Wilhelm Krietemeyer on 20 Apr 1856 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Louis. [Source: Immanuel Lutheran Church Marriage Records 1848-1920] This could well be the “Chatarine”, passenger 116 from Borninghausen and headed for St. Louis, in the passenger list of the *Leontine* that arrived in New Orleans on 18 Oct 1853. See the excerpt below. [Microfilm No. NARA M259 Roll 038b Entry 329]

102	Johann Dieckhorst	28	male	farmer		
103	Eusebius L.	34	female			St Louis
104	Maria Klamburger	19	female	servant		
105	Ernst Hein Klamburger	18	male	farmer		
106	Maria Klamburger	30	female			
107	Christian Bauer	46	male		Karlsdorf	
108	Anna Macci	42	female			
109	Ernst Kunn	16	male			
110	Frede Wille	7				
111	Maria Dingscher	18	female	servant		
112	August Dieker	16	male	farmer	Helle	
113	Frede Wille	17		tailor		
114	Hermann Helge	28		farmer	Sulzdorf	
115	Maria Dieckmann	32	female	servant	Helle	
116	Catharine Baumeister	18			Borninghausen	
117	Elizabeth Bollhofer	15			St. Louis	New Orleans

Since Chatarine is listed as 18 years old in 1853, this means that she was born about 1835. This matches Catharine Charlotte Baumeister as shown in the timeline above.

A daughter of Catharine and Heinrich, Louisa Wilhelmina Krietemeyer, married Gerhardt Heinrich Dierker. So this family shows up in various Dierker family histories. Accounting for Marie’s Siblings:

One additional item that should be considered is a family story, probably handed down by word of mouth from Marie. She said she had three siblings and that she was the third daughter of Christian Baumeister. She clearly was the third surviving daughter of Johann Christian, taking into account her two older sisters by Johann’s first wife. But, as can be seen in the listing above, taking her step-sisters and step-brothers into account, she had obviously had more siblings. There are several possible ways to interpret the “three siblings” statement. This could refer to the number of siblings by her mother when she emigrated or those that came to the U.S. Another possibility is that this was the number of siblings still living when the claim was made, both in the U.S. and back in Germany. (It is not known if she had much contact with her family in the old country after coming to America.)

At the time she emigrated from Germany, three older siblings by her father’s first wife were still alive. Her two surviving older sisters, as well as the older brother, were married and raising families in Germany at that time. There were three younger siblings (all sisters) by Johann Christian and her birth mother living at that time. (Wilhelmine

Louise died 12 years after Marie left Germany.) Her mother had one additional living son by her second husband (although Marie may not have accounted for the extended family).

Was she only referring to those who came to America? Only one sister, Catherine Charlotte has been traced to the U.S. Marie's other younger siblings all died except for Anne Marie Gret. Lisabeth, born in 1831. That sister remains unaccounted for. No marriage record or death record for her was located in the Börninghausen church records through 1874. It would be unusual for her to have remained unmarried up until then. She may have married in another village; however, in that case, an entry might also be found in the home parish records. The other possibility is that she also immigrated to the U.S. But then, one additional sibling would have to have also left Germany. Her two other sisters both left Germany when they reached the age of 18. If this Anne Marie also emigrated, it may well have been around 1849 or 1850.

As noted above, the older siblings were married back in Germany. While not listed in the timeline above, their families were traced back in the Börninghausen records. After Anne Marie Louise married Carl Friedrich Hüseemann on 21 Oct 1834, they had six children (three sons and three daughters) by 1847. Jobst Heinrich Baumeister had two sons by his second wife Florentine Marie Gude and a third son in 1853 by third wife Charlotte Louise Boekemeier. Anne Marie Catharine Wilhelmine and Johann Friedrich Hagemeyer had four sons and two daughters before a stillborn child in 1862. If any of these families came to the U.S., they would be relatively easy to identify as a family group (accounting for the children that had died). None of the other Baumeister, Huesemann, or Hagemeyer immigrants that were located in various passenger lists seem to fit the families. Families in the U.S. census records do not appear to match either.

It must be kept in mind that the compiled listing above is based primarily on the records of a single parish up through 1874. Related events may have occurred after that period or in other locations. However, a considerable amount of insight into the family was gained from this one microfilm.

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