## Tracing Eberhard Cappelmann

The Kappelmann family tree information that I published on RootsWeb in April 2013 included considerable genealogical research previously provided to me by others. This included traces of the early family back in Westphalia, Germany. In particular, this earlier research indicated that the Kappelmann families who immigrated to Franklin County, MO could be traced back to Eberhard Dietrich Cappelmann and Christine Shabbehar and their sons Johann Heinrich Wilhelm Kappelmann (1767-) and Johann Eberhard Engelhard Kappelmann (1778-1847). However, I did not receive any source citations to support this relationship. Searching records available to me (primarily information posted on the Internet), I was unable to verify this early connection.

Subsequently, I located a family tree posted on-line by Wolfgang Hagenkötter, a researcher in Germany, that included the family of Eberhard Diedr. Cappelmann and Regina Mgr. Schabbehaar living in the same area of Westphalia at a time period consistent with the family trace that I had compiled. After corresponding with Herr Hagenkötter, he took the liberty to contact the church to which his Eberhard Cappelmann information was traced, namely a parish in Dissen am Teuteburger Wald in an area just northwest of Borgholzhausen, for more information about the family. He then forwarded the information that he received to me, as shown below.

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Sehr geehrter Herr Hagenkötter,

in Ihrer Familienforschung will ich gern versuchen, die mit Ihrem Schreiben vom 25. 4. 2013 aufgeworfenen Fragen zu beantworten.

Die Eltern Ihrer Vorfahrin Anna Elis. Cappelmann haben folgenden Heiratseintrag in unseren Kirchenbüchern:

Alle Daten aus der ev. Kirche in Dissen am Teuteburger Wald!

oo 11. 6. 1759: Cappelmann, Evert H. und N. (?) Schabhard

Aus dieser Ehe sind laut Geburtsregister folgende Kinder hervorgegangen:

* 26. 5. 1760:	Eberhard Didrich Wilhelm (Evert Dr. Kappelmann u. Regina Marg. Schabhard)
* 9, 7.1762:	Anna Elisabeth (ihre Vorfahrin)
* 1. 9. 1768:	Name nicht eingetragen (Ddr. Evd. Cappelmann u. M. Regina Mgr. Schabbehard)
* 23. 7. 1771:	Mr. Cat. (Eved. Cappelmann u. Regina Mgr. Schabbehard)
* 25. 6. 1774:	Cath. Wmna. (Eberh. Herm. Cappelmann u. Regina Mgr. Schabbehard)
* 27. 3. 1777:	Jrg. Frdr. (Everd Cappelmann u. Cathr. Regina Schabbehard)
* 12. 4. 1780:	Louise Cathr. (Eberh. Ddr. Cappelmann u. Regina Mgr. Schabbehard)

Ich habe die Abkürzungen so Übernommen, wie sie in den Büchern stehen. Auch habe ich bei jedem Kind die eingetragenen Eltern angeführt um zu zeigen, wie unterschiedlich die Namen angegeben wurden.

Zu den Vorfahren des Herrn Pape kann ich folgende Auskunft geben:

Im Jahr 1767 gibt es in den Dissener Kirchenbüchern keinen Geburtseintrag unter Cappelmann/Kappelmann.

Zu der Ehefrau Loewenstein war jedoch der Sterbeeintrag zu finden:

† 26. 4. 1817: Kappelmann geb. Lowenstein, Mar. Elsab., Barthausen, 49 J.

Unter dem <u>29. 5. 1794</u> ist **kein** Geburtseintrag unter Kappelmann zu finden, ebenso unter dem <u>22. 12. 1847</u> **kein** Sterbeeintrag.

Im Jahr 1778 gab es unter Cappelmann nur folgenden Geburtseintrag:

\* 18. 6. 1778: Casp. Henr. Vater: Hen. Wm. Cappelmann

## Mutter: Engel Maria Cath. Lanwehr

Als Pate taucht bei diesem Geburtseintrag allerdings ein Everd Diedr. Phil Cappelmann auf. Offenbar gab es mehrere Zweige dieser Familie.

Am Ostrand von Dissen verläuft die Grenze zu Westfalen. Eine Besonderheit besteht darin, daß sich von Alters her die unmittelbar dahinter befindlichen Bauerschaften Kleekamp und Westbarthausen sich zum Kirchspiel Dissen gezogen haben.

Bei Ostbarthausen war das nicht so eindeutig. Man hielt sich auch zu den Kirchengemeinden in Bockhorst oder Borgholzhausen (beide West--falen).

Auskunft können Sie einholen beim Landeskirchlichen Archiv der Evangelischen Kirche Westfalen Altstädter Kirchplatz 5 33510 Bielefeld

## Mit freundlichen Grüßen

## Irene Minneker

My [RLP] English translation -

Dear Mr. Hagenkötter,

Regarding your family research, I will try to answer the questions raised in your letter of 25 Apr 2013.

There is the following marriage entry in our church records for the parents of your ancestor Anna Elis. Cappelmann:

All data from the Evangelical Church in Dissen am Teuteburg Wald!

oo 11 Jun 1759:	Cappelmann, Evert H.
	and N. (?) Schabhard

According to birth records, there were the following children from this marriage:

* 26 May 1760:	Eberhard Didrich Wilhelm (Evert Dr. Kappelmann & Regina Marg. Schabhard)
* 09 Jul 1762:	Anna Elisabeth (your ancestor)
* 01 Sep 1768:	Name not entered (Ddr. Evd. Cappelmann & M. Regina Mgr. Schabbehard)
* 23 Jul 1771:	Mr. Cat. (Eved. Cappelmann & Regina Mgr. Schabbehard)
* 25 Jun 1774:	Cath. Wmna. (Eberh. Herm. Cappelmann & Regina Mgr. Schabbehard)
* 27 Mar 1777:	Jrg. Frdr. (Everd Cappelmann & Cathr. Regina Schabbehard)
* 12 Apr 1780:	Louise Cathr. (Eberh. Ddr. Cappelmann & Regina Mgr. Schabbehard)

I have used the abbreviations as they are written in the books. Also, I have cited the registered parents for every child to show how the listed names differ.

# For the ancestors of Mr. Pape, I found the following information:

In 1767, in the Dissener church books there is no birth record under Cappelmann / Kappelmann.

However for the wife Loewenstein, the following death record was found:

† 26 Apr 1817:	Kappelmann born Lowenstein,
	Mar. Elsab., Bartshausen, 49 J.

For <u>29 May 1794</u>, there is <u>no</u> Kappelmann birth record, as well as for 22 <u>Dec 1847</u> there is <u>no</u> death record.

In 1778, the <u>only</u> birth record for a Cappelmann is the following:

* 18 Jun 1778:	Casp. Henr.
	Father: Hen. Wm Cappelmann
	Mother: Engel Maria Cath. Lanwehr

However, an Everd Diedr. Phil Cappelmann is listed as sponsor in this birth record. Apparently there were several branches of this family.

The boundary of Westphalia is on the eastern edge of Dissen. A special situation existed there that in the old days the farming communities located around the villages of Kleekamp and West Bartshausen went to the parish of Dissen.

That was not so clear for Ostbarthausen. It also ended for the parishes in Bockhorst or Borgholzhausen (both inWestphalia).

You can obtain information from Church Archives of the Evangelical Church of Westphalia Altstädter Kirchplatz 5 33510 Bielefeld

Sincerely yours

Irene Minneker

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What is to be made of this new information? First of all, when reviewing early church records, one must allow for variations in the spelling of names. In addition to possible spelling and transcription errors, this occurs for several reasons. First of all, the information in these vital records was provided verbally and was recorded based on a phonetic spelling what the recorder heard. Secondly, people were usually christened with a number of given names and, during their life, they may have used various of these given names. This was partly due to the fact that many families would christen their children with the some of the same given names; so a child would be known by one of the middle names.

The marriage and births listed in the first part of Irene Minneker's report appear to be consistently for one family. The children's birth dates span those reported for Johann Heinrich Wilhelm and Johann Eberhard Engelhard Kappelmann; however no birth records were found for them in this church's registry. So the absence of these records needs to be reconciled. There is a slight possibility that the births were not recorded or recorded in another parish, but this appears to unlikely. Because the other children were born before and after the two Johann's, the parents do not appear to have moved.

The other possibility is that there was another 'Everhard' Cappelmann also married to a Shabbehar (or Schabbehard). Note that the given names for the wife include Regina, Margaret, and Catherine but no Christine.

One encouraging result is that the death record for Johann Heinrich Wilhelm's wife Maria Lowenstein is an exact match to what was already reported. So this must be in the right area. Maria apparently died in (Ost)Barthausen but was buried in Dissen. There definitely appears to be a connection between the family in Dissen and our ancestor Eberhard Cappelmann.

Obviously, the best way to resolve this dilemma is to locate the birth records for Johann Heinrich Wilhelm and Johann Eberhard Engelhard Kappelmann.