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The Koth Family-Reunion

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Some details about our
Koth ancestors
and my great-grandfather
August Friedrich Koth

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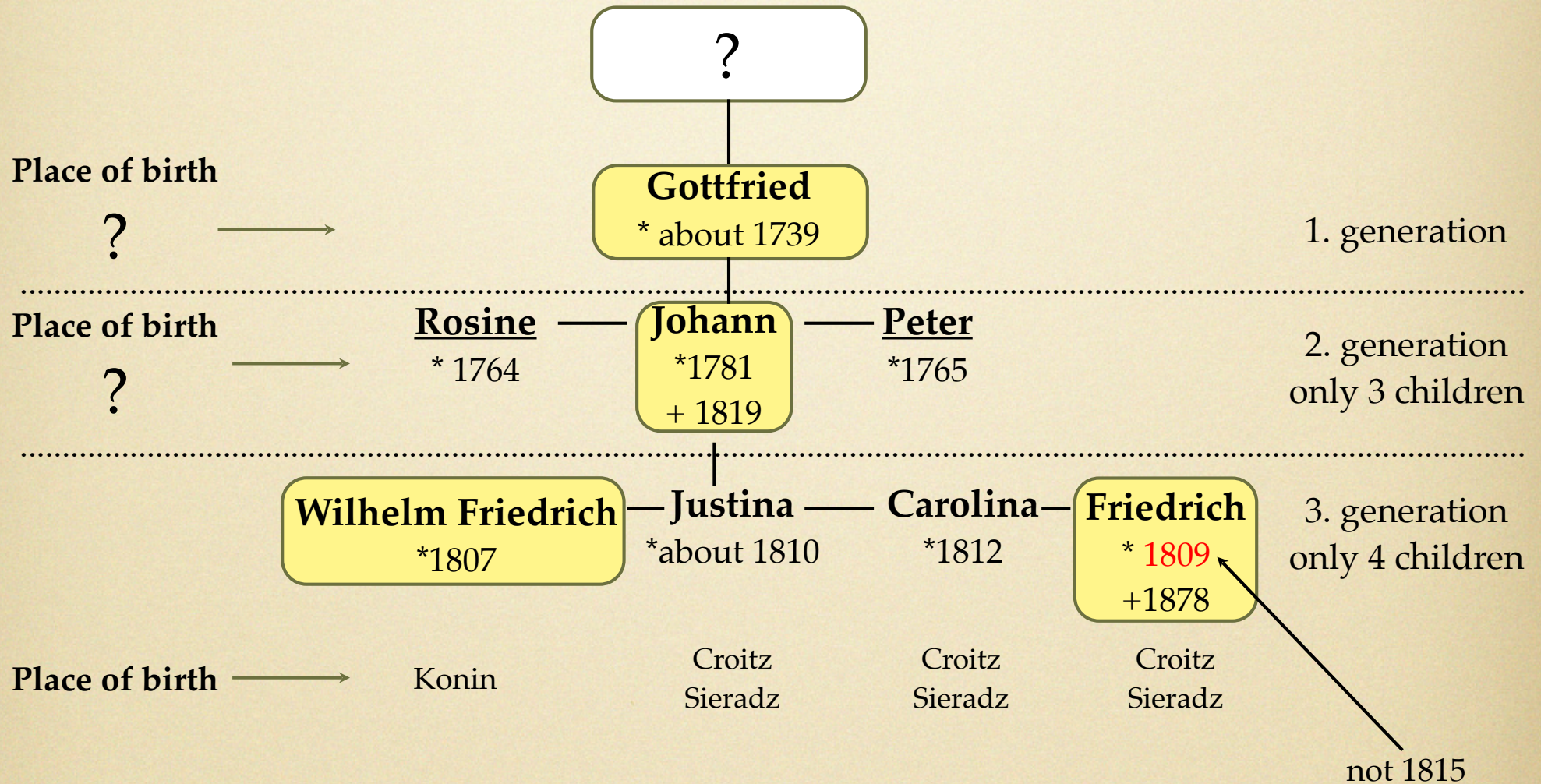


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- The Origin of the surname Koth
- Our forefather's emigration to Prussia-Poland
- Our forefather's emigration to Bessarabia
- Our forefather's emigration to the USA
- My forefather August Friedrich Koth

The Koth family's first 3 generations, we know about and what we don't know about



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Which questions aren't answered?

- Who were Gottfried's ancestors ?
- Where our Koth family originally, say in medieval time, came from ?

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We can conclude, where the Koth family
originally came from,
when we are asking,
where the surname Koth was created.

Origin of surnames

- Surnames for non-aristocratic people were introduced after 1000 A.D.
- They often referred to the location, where the persons lived or to their occupation.

Origin of surname Koth

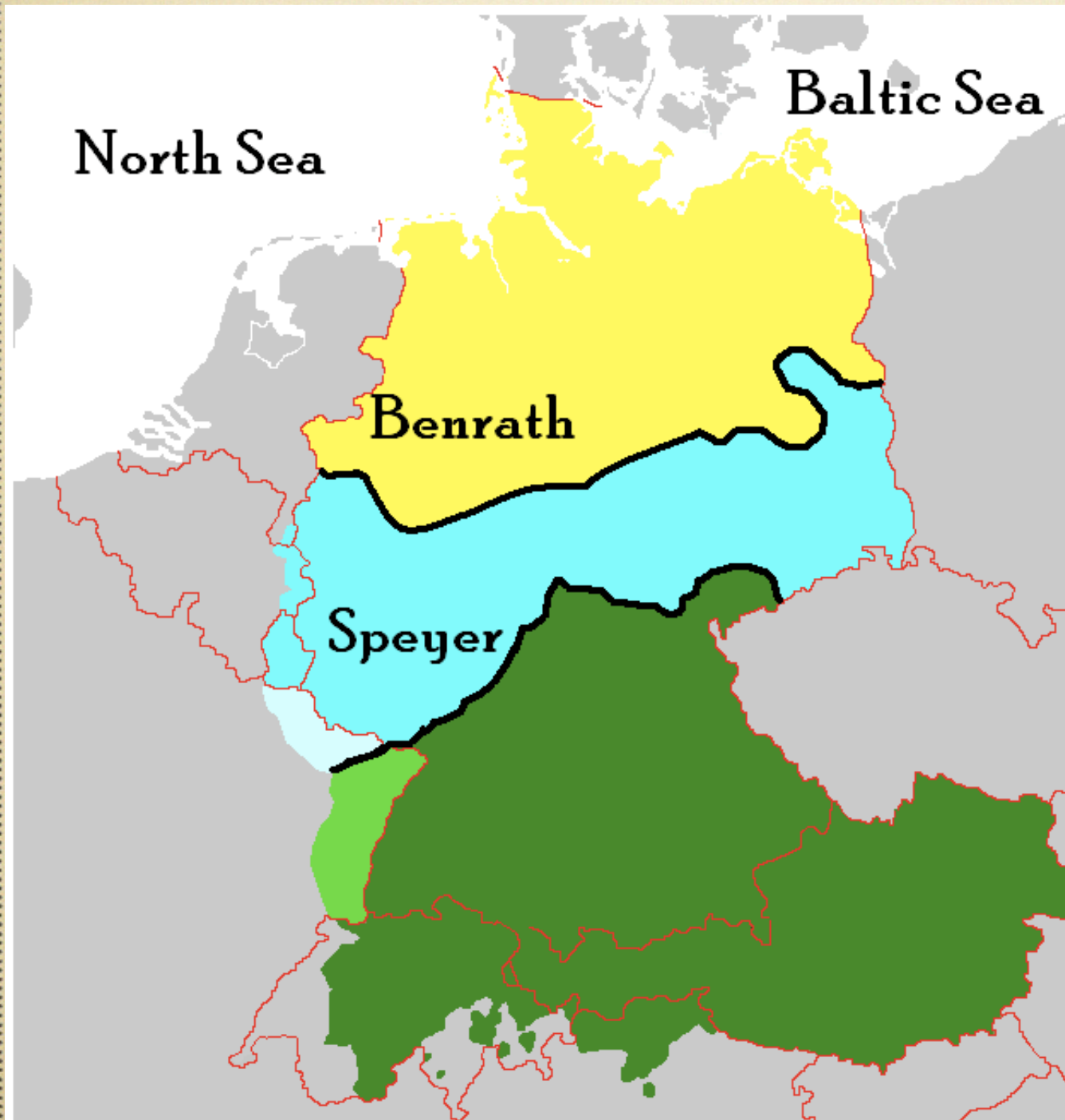
green: plains
spoken dialect:
Low German

brown: highlands
spoken dialect:
High German



Germany today
geographical map

Origin of surname Koth



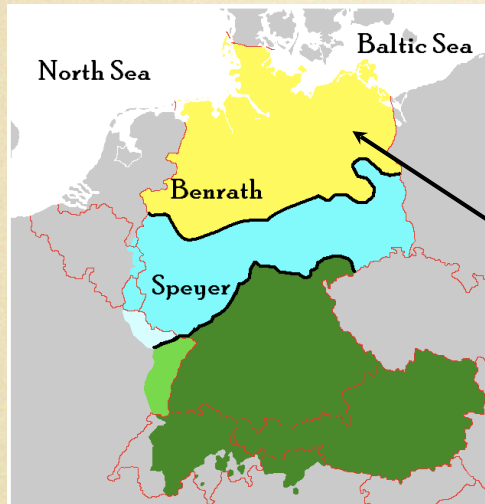
German dialect
borders

Low German

Middle German

High German

Origin of surname Koth



In 1100 A.D. there were many places in lower German aeras, which contained

„kothe“ or „kathe“

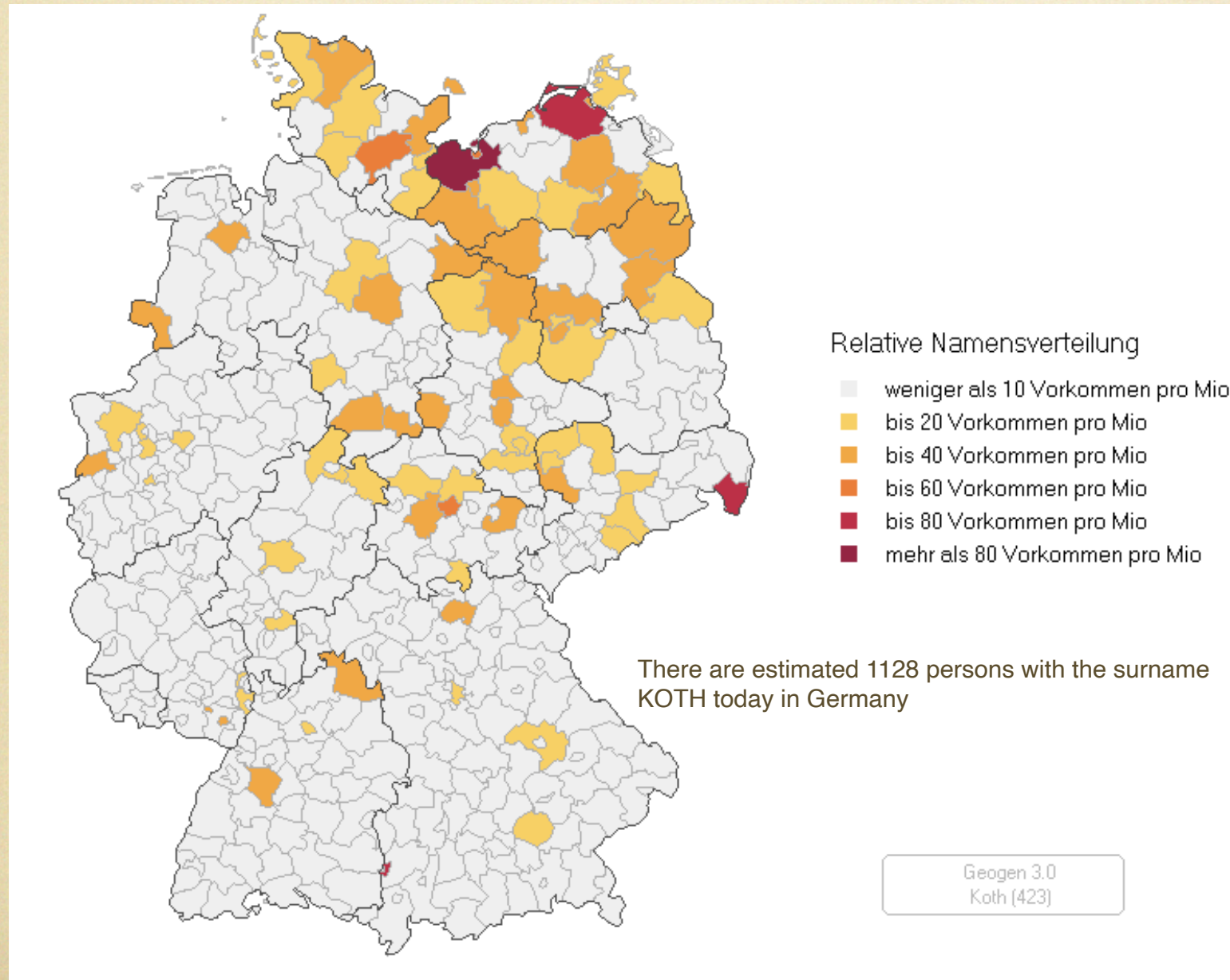
p.e. „Kremerskothen“

that means, the grocer's cottage

This name tells us where he lived and what he did

Origin of surname Koth

Distribution of Koth-Families in Germany today
(423 telephone connections)



Origin of the surname „Kothe“ and „Koth“

In the Lower German dialect „Kothe“ or „Kathe“
also „Kote“ and „Kate“
means a small isolated house.

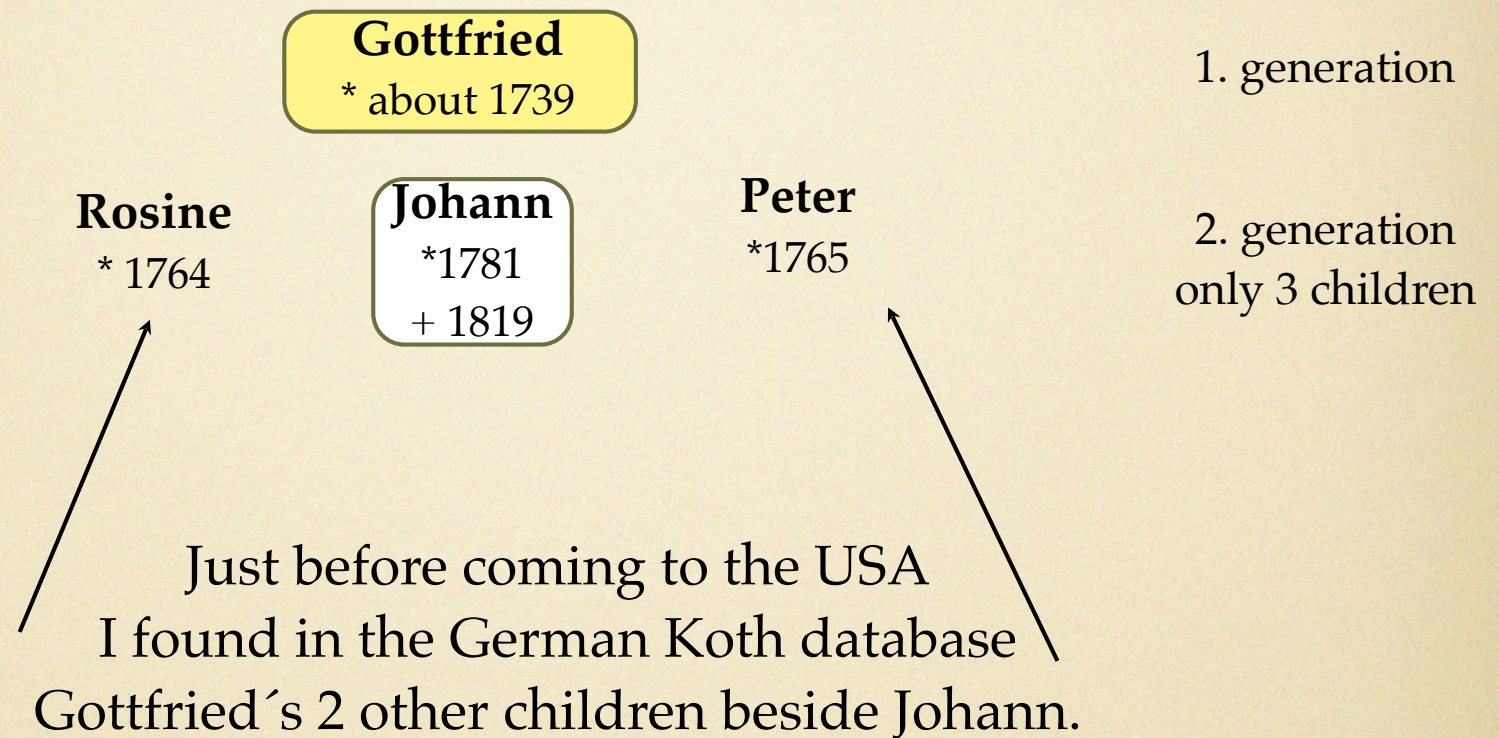


The word „Kothe“ is probably derived from the Indo-European Language

By the way:

Big parts of the English language are derived from Lower German dialect and so the German word „Kothe“ in English means

COTTAGE



Perhaps we can find out more about the Koth ancestors
studying these family trees and contacting their descendants

Our forefather's emigration to Pussia-Poland

In the 16th century
Prussian kings called farmers living in
westerly parts of German dutchies to
cultivate land lying fallow in their
easterly provinces.

Our forefather's emigration to Bessarabia

In 1813

Tsar Alexander I. called German farmers from

Prussia-Poland and Wuerttemberg

after he had beaten the Turkish and the French army
in 1812

to settle in Bessarabia

Our forefather's emigration ways to Prussia-Poland (18th century)
and to Bessarabia (19th century)



Gottfried Koth

*1739
in ?

Gottfried Kothe

Anna.Maria
Staeger

Johann

*1781
+ 1819
Kulm

Johann Koth.

Susanne born
Riethmueller

Peter Koth.

*1765
+ 1845
Alt-Danzig
Odessa

Friedrich + Christine

with 4 of her sons emigrated to the USA in 1878

Wilhelm Friedrich

*1807
Konin
(Kuhnau / Warthe)

Wilhelm
Friedrich Koth

Anna Maria born
Pelz

Justina
*1810

Johann

Carolina
*1812

*1809
Crujec / Sieradz
+1877 / 78
Rus.-turk. war

Friedrich Koth
USA
spring 1878

Christine born
Hensel

Koth

9 of 10 children stayed in Bessarabia

Martin
*1832

Anna Maria born
Brost

Johann
*1856
USA 1878
with Friedrich
Koth's family

*1837
Kulm
Wilhelmine

Louisee
1839

Justine
*1841

Karoline
*1844

Friedrich
*1846
Kulm
USA
Dec. 1878

*1849
Kulm
USA
1878
August

Johann
*1853

Gottlieb
*1856
USA
1878

Maria
*1858

?

David
*1865
USA:1878

Koth

David
*1857

Justine born
*1862 Gutsche

Koth

David
*1881

Emilie born
*1888 Heubach
starved in Kasachstan

Koth

Hertha
*1914

Wilhelm Schmidt born
1906
+1944

Schmidt

Ute Schmidt

Götz Schmidt

Some of our Koth ancestors
back to 1739

male
female

Schoettle

Rudolf
*1902

Hilde
*1904

Elfriede
*1908

Richard
*1912

Nelly
*1914

Artur
*1910

Anne-marie born
*1917 Nagy

Nathaniel

W. v. b. Schafer

Keith

Ivan

Curtis

Harlow

Clinton

Wilbert

Harald
*1940

Juergen
*1942

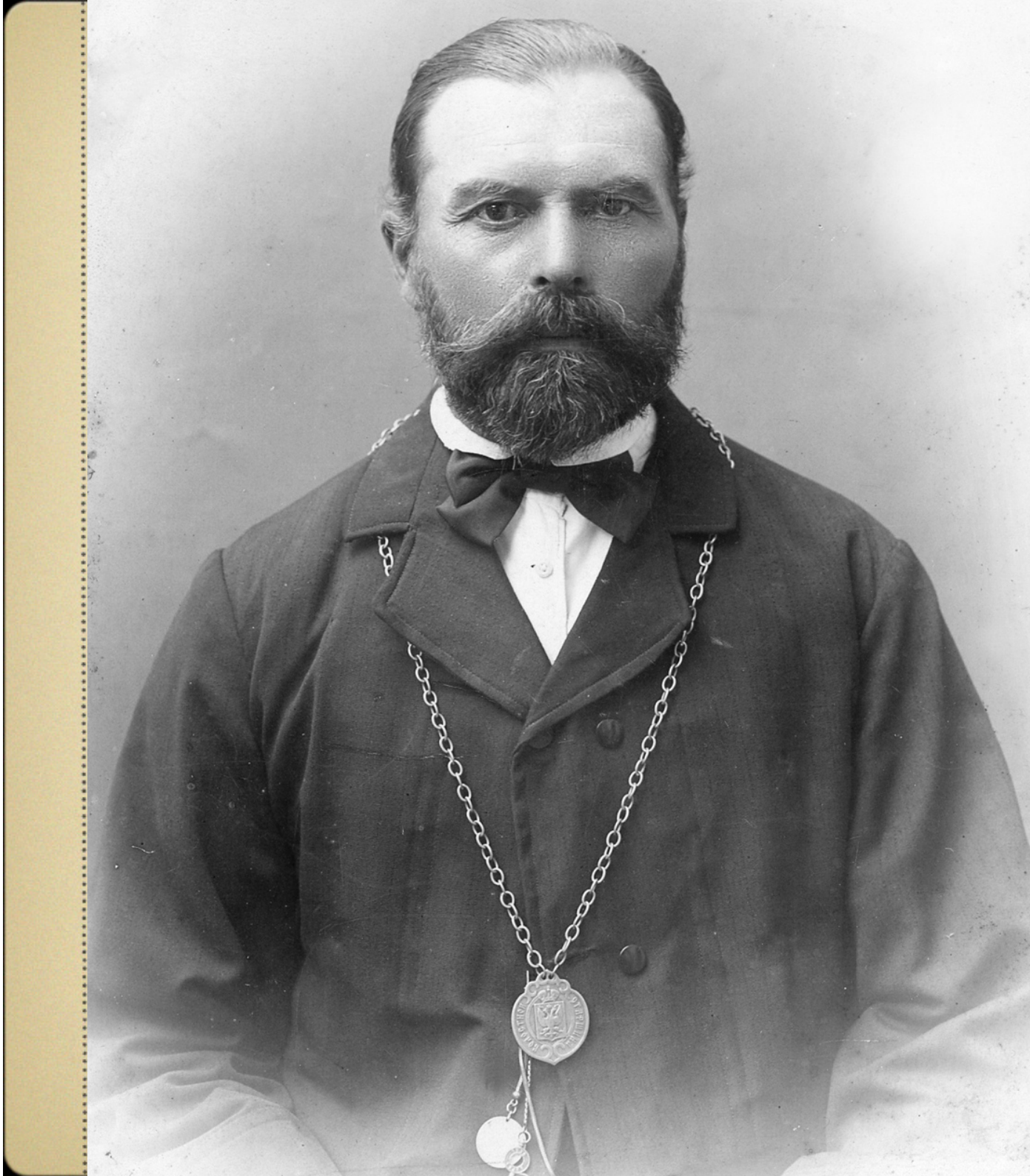
Eckard
*1943

In the last part of my presentation
I want to refer specially to my great-grandfather

August Friedrich Koth

* March, 27, 1851

+ May, 30, 1927



August Friedrich Koth

* March, 27, 1851 Kulm

+May, 30, 1930 Basyrjamka

Son of:

Friedrich Koth

*Jan., 1, 1809

and

Christine Hensel

*Apr, 19, 1813



August Friedrich Koth's
1. wife

Louise Koth

born: Rieker

* Aug, 16, 1840 + Jan, 27, 1910

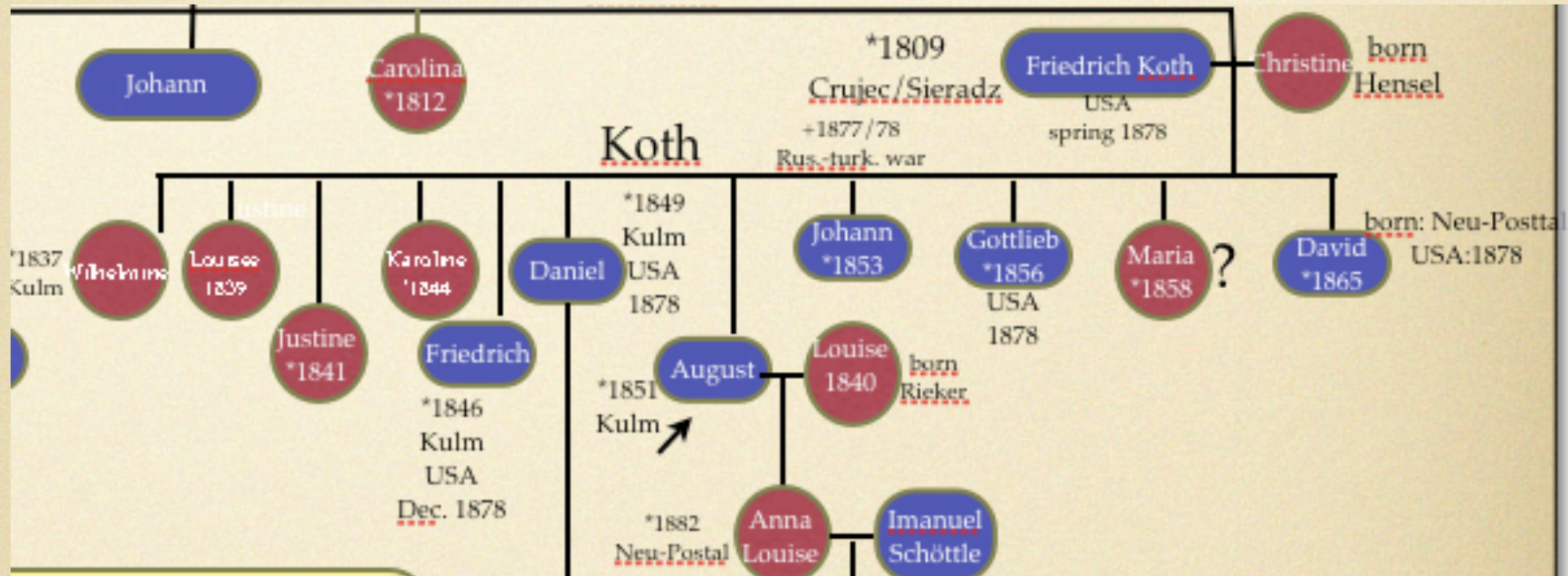
August Friedrich and Louise Rieker **married**
in 1872

he was 21 and she 32 years old



The reason of emigration to the USA in 1878

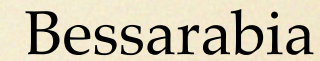
August Friedrich's parents and 4 of their sons emigrated to the USA after their son Johann has died in Russ.-turk. War



Also Wilhelm sent his son Johann b. 1856 along to the USA because he was of draft age.

The only son who stayed in Bessarabia was August Friedrich (36) who was married since 6 years.

The way Friedrich Koth's family moved



Ute Schmidt

BESSARABIEN

Deutsche Kolonisten
am Schwarzen Meer

P|B

August Koth's
home since
1910



August Friedrich's brother
and his family:

Friedrich Koth

* Dec, 20, 1846 in Kulm
and his wife Louise Koth, born
Hildebrand

Children:

from r. to l.

David * Febr, 17, 1868

Johannes * Apr, 24, 1872

Friedrich * Jan, 29, 1874

This picture was taken 1878

in Akkerman/ Bessarabia

just before their emigration to the
USA

In 1881 August Friedrich Koth bought the farm below in
Neu-Posttal / Bessarabia (175 acres),
that has been leased by Christian Geisler before



Already in 1883 August Friedrich Koth
was a wealthy farmer:

He owned:

- 230 acres farmland
- 8 horses
- 22 cows
- 52 sheep

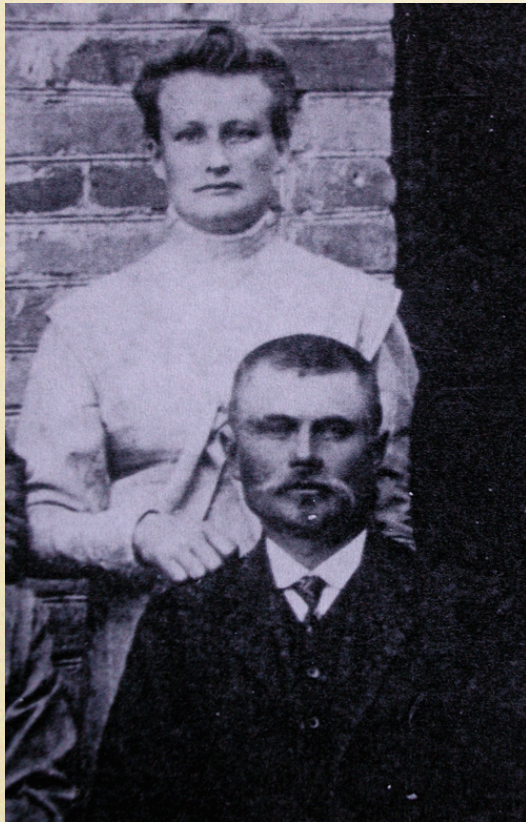
August Friedrich's family disaster:

- 4 of August's and Louise's daughters died in early childhood in Neu-Posttal.
- 2 of them, who died from diphtheria, were buried the same day (on Jan, 24, 1877)

August Friedrich's daughter and son in law

August's only child that got old was:

Anna Louise * Apr, 28, 1882



My grand-parents
Immanuel Schoettle
and Anna Louise,
born Koth,
at marriage in Sept, 1900

In 1900 she married my
grandfather Immanuel Schoettle

In 1900

after his daughter's marriage
August Friedrich has given 175 acres
of his farmland in Neu-Posttal to his
daughter Anna Louise as dowry
and the rest was bought by his son-in-
law (250 acres)



In 1901
August Friedrich Koth

bought another farm
in Basyrjamka

A supposition:
August bought Friedrich Hoefel's farm
who emigrated with his wife Theresia, born Gutsche,
to the USA the same year.
(as Wilbert Koth assumes)

August Friedrich's 2nd marriage

After his 1. wife had died in 1910, he married the widow Justine Schimke, born Hoefel, and moved definitively to Basryrjamka at the age of 60 years



August Friedrich Koth



She had 12 children with her 1. husband. 6 of them died in the early childhood

Justina Koth

born Hoefel, widowed Schimke

In 1910 he owned this house with 100 hectares farmland
in Basyrjamka, where he lived with his 2nd wife Justine



In about 1923: two daughters were visiting their mother Justina. They came from Neufall to Basyrjamka in August's house. The boy on the chair is the grandchild Willi, Maria's son.



- 1 August Friedrich Koth
- 2 his 2nd wife Justina
- 3 Willi Ziemann Justina's grandson, Maria's son,
- 4 Berta Schimke, Justina's daughter, later married Karl Schoettle
- 5 Maria Ziemann born Schimke, Justina's daughter

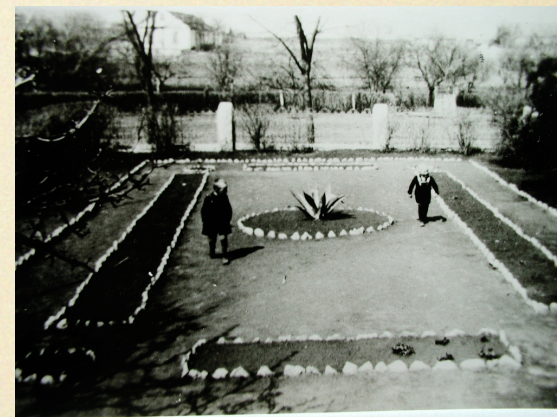
In Basyrjamka August F. also began to harvest salt, which the water left behind, as it went out of the „liman“.



August F. shipped the salt all over the
world and became a rich man



August Friedrich had no son.
That's why my uncle Rudolf, his nephew, got the farm,
when he died in 1927



Rudolf Schoettle ran the farm until
fall 1940, when Bessarabians were
resettled to the „Warthegau“ (today:
Poland)

The same house during the 2nd World War
after the Soviets had occupied Bessarabia



Picture taken by my grand-uncle Helmut Schoettle, who
passed there during the 2nd World War

August Friedrich's grandson

In 1964

when I was a student, I got money from his
estate(compensation payment from the German Government)
and could buy a VW Beagle



Northern Germany the region where I live



Hamburg

downtown

Springerhaus

Gänsemarkt

Esplanade

Dammtor

Hotel

Neuer Jungfernstieg

Jungfernstieg

Alstertor

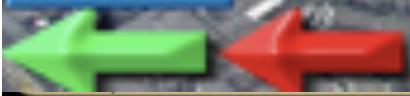
Brücke

Brücke

Ballindamm

Binnenalster

Luftbilder



Kunsthalle

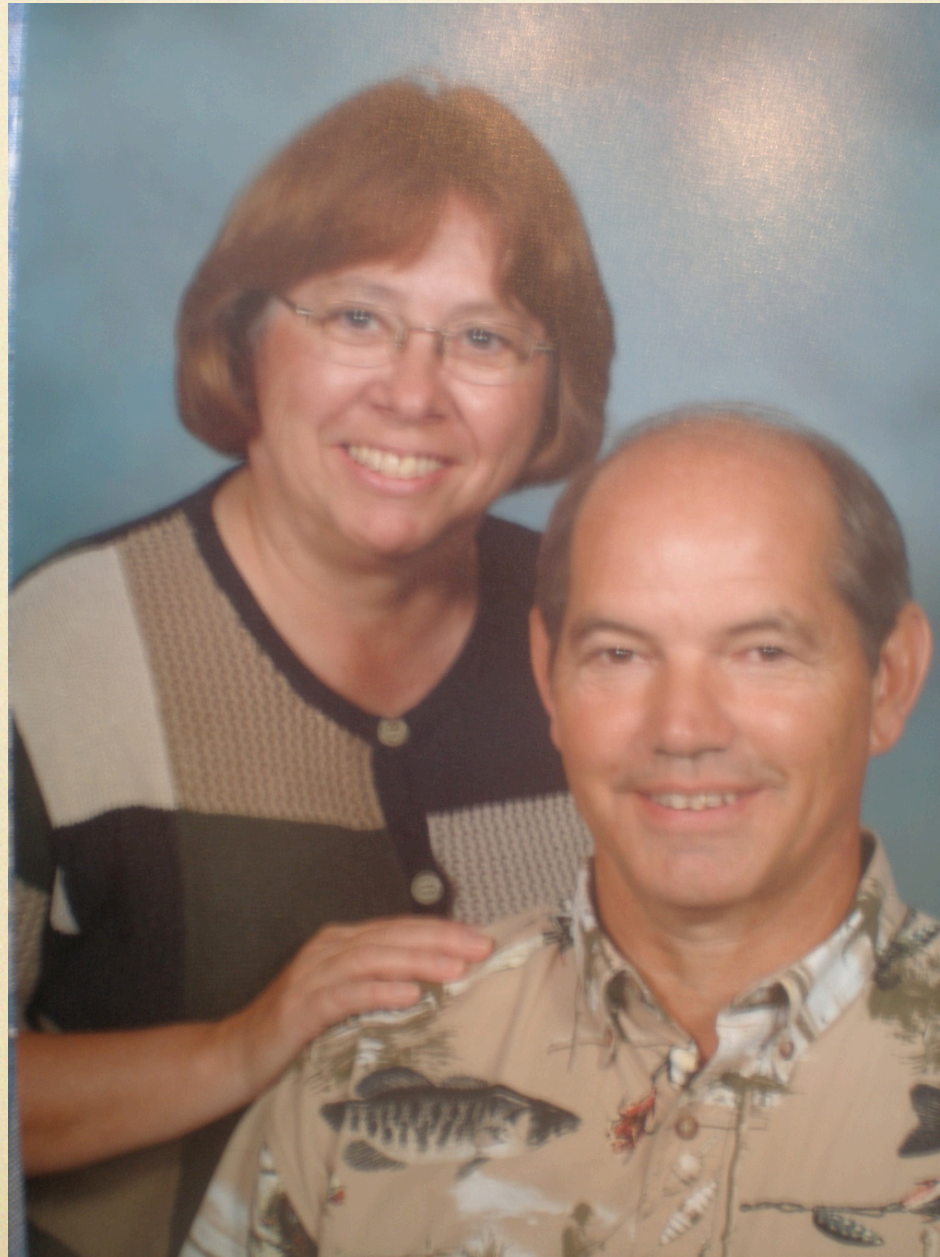




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