

Niclaus Stephan

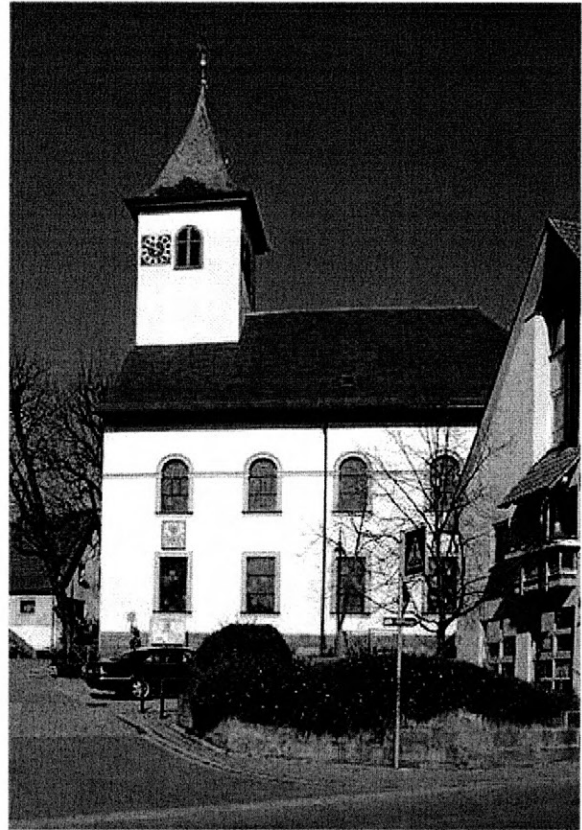
Birth: 1566
 Offenburg
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 Baden-Württemberg, Germany

Death: Jan. 3, 1631
 Offenburg
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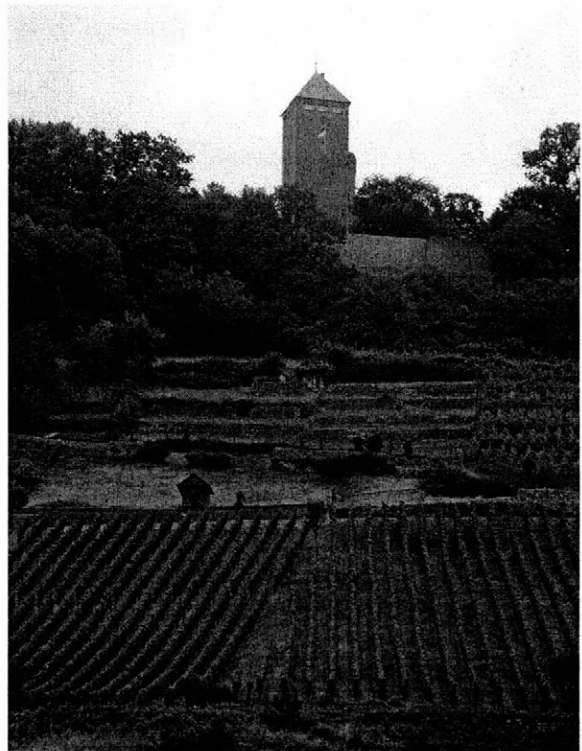
Niclaus Stephan was born about 1566 in the village of Diersheim, Offenburg, Baden-Wuerttemberg. We believe his father was a Georg Stephan b1520- 46 years old and his mother was 41. Diersheim in the mid 1500's was a village along the Rhine river across from Strasbourg, France. In 1590 Niclaus married Otilia Sanger daughter of Stephen Sanger b1534 and his wife. They would have been married in a church similar to the One shown to the right. Niclaus and Otilia had ten children together between the years 1590 and 1608. One of which was my 9x G/grandfather Nikolaus b1598. He would have been baptized in the Lutheran Church shown to the right also. Undoubtedly for the reasons listed below Nikolaus migrated some 90 miles north to Heppenheim, Starkenberg, Hessen sometime after his marriage in 1623. Pictured to the right is the Castle Starkenburg in Hessen near where the Stephan Families resided for generations. Below is a photo of the hilly area nearby, the Castle can be seen in the distance. It appears that his father Niclaus lived his entire life in and around Diersheim. He might have been a victim of the plague at his death in 1631. Niclaus passed away on January 3, 1631 in Diersheim, Baden-Württemberg at the age of 65 according to the German Lutheran Church records. He probably was buried in the Church graveyard very similar to the One shown to the right in Offenburg.

I found this Out about the area that Niclaus lived In. It seems there was a terrible war with the Swedes and others. They invaded many countries in the 1600s. Some of it is recorded in Swedish history. I think it is just fortunate that his son Michael Stephan b1593 even survived. His father was the only child out of 2 in that family to live into the 1600's. Several of his grandchildren died between 1632 & 1635.

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consequence of the war and of pestilence; Tuttlingen in the year 1635 had 546 deaths, Calw 772, and Freudenstadt 434 ; Neuenburg, Nagold, Sulz, and other places were also attacked. How terrible was the loss of human life in Wuerttemberg in consequence of the war and of pestilence is shown by the fact that the population of the city decreased from 444,800 in the year 1622 to 97,300 in the year 1639; the population in 1634 was 414,536. In the short period of five years (1634-9) in consequence of the invasion of the Imperialists after the battle of Nordlingen, and of the pestilence and famine caused thereby, the country lost 300,000 inhabitants, or about three-fourths of its population. The northern part of Baden suffered severely in the years 1634-6; Pforzheim lost at least one-third of its inhabitants in consequence of famine and pestilence, while Durlach and Mannheim are also reported to have been attacked. By Dr. FRIEDRICH PRINZING
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Family links:

Parents:

Georg Stephan (1520 - 1601)

Spouse:

Otilia Sanger (1562 - 1628)*

Children:

Michael Stephan (1593 - 1669)*

Nikolaus Mikel Stephan (1598 - 1669)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial:

Stadtfriedhof Weingarten

Offenburg

Ortenaukreis

Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany

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13th great grandfather.

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