

Eisenbeiß Family History & Genealogy Acknowledgments

This book is dedicated to the record keepers who over the past centuries recorded the information that now holds our keen interest. Their insight and interest in documenting the footsteps of our ancestors has led to a fascinating chronicle of history for us to enjoy.

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Because of their continued, long-term commitment to gather and compile Eisenbeiß genealogy and history, Albert, Dennis, and Henri are listed as co-compilers.

Karl Stumpp compiled the book, "The Emigration from Germany to Russia in the years 1763 to 1862". This book, written over a period of 40 years, documents Germans who moved to Russia from 1763 through 1862. The information was extracted from emigration records found across Germany. Hundreds of thousands of us are indebted to him.

Werner Haussmann compiled much of the early Eisenbeiß history. In 1988, at age 72, he was still quite active in genealogy research, although most of his efforts were directed toward the records of the village of Freudenstadt.

Many of the Freudenstadt records exist because of Dr. Hans Rommel, Freudenstaedter Archivar. Even though he died circa 1978, his efforts are well recognized because of the extensive records he compiled. His records provided much information about the early Eisenbeiß families.

Another individual who has made significant contributions to the field of genealogy is Pfarrer Strobel. His Sippenatlas Glatten (family atlas of Glatten) also provided much information about the early Eisenbeiß families. Pfarrer Strobel died in August of 1987.

Albert Eisenbeiß of Waiblingen/Neustadt, Germany has provided extensive information about the a: Eisenbeiß family lineage. His insight and knowledge about the early Eisenbeiß families who lived in the Black Forest area and about those who lived in Russia has been invaluable. Albert was born in Hoffnungstal, Bessarabia and was forced to move to Germany when Russia reclaimed Bessarabia in 1940 during World War II.

Henri Eisenbeis, of Paris, France, provided extensive information about the b: Eisenbeiß family lineage. His research and knowledge give new insight into a very large family that originates in the Thuringia area. Henri has uncovered old articles, some of which are printed in this book.

Dennis Eisenbeis of California has scoured the Internet, learned to read the old German handwriting, continues to identify new information and new contacts, has written some of the articles in this book, and created a web page that displays images related to Eisenbeiß families and has links to other relevant web pages.

In 1995, the computerization of old records added a new dimension to the area of genealogy. Information from microfilms of old records from Russia is being entered into computers. Once in a computer, this information can be quickly searched by many people. In the past, people have had to spend many tedious hours at microfilm reader machines searching for information. Now, with the push of a few buttons, relevant information can be retrieved in seconds. The end result is that more time can be devoted to the fun part of genealogy ... making sense of what is found!

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