

(1275) Early Eisenbeiß Names and Origins

Dennis Eisenbeis found a book in the LDS (Church of the Latter Day Saints) library, "Deutsches Namenlexikon Surhkamp Taschenbuch 65" by Hans Bahlow. The following information comes from that book:

Eisenbart (obd): ... Peter Ysenbart 1422, vgl, Eisenkopf, Eisenhaupt, Eisenbeiß, Eisenesser (Eisenfresser), oder einfach den Eisenschmidt ...

Eisenbeiß: mhd. isenbiß >>Eisenfresser, Prahlhans, vgl. Isenesser 1275. Wernher Ysenbyß 1363 Baden. (Dazu Brech., >>Raufbold u. Eisenfresser<<, Görl. 1937).

Page 115 lists the earliest reference of an Eisenbeiß. The author of the book has found the name "Wernher Ysenbyß" in 1363 in Baden (this spelling is consistent with the mittelhochdeutsch spelling of this period).

The author points out that early German names described a person's physical characteristics, personality, or profession. Consequently, two people with the same last name may not be related even if their names are traced to the same area or period. Likewise, two people who are intimately related may have vastly different last names. The book contains information that, while not necessarily relevant, is interesting.

Lutz Eisenbeis of Gera, Germany has found a number of Eisenbeiß names dating back to the 1400's and 1500's. These names include:

- Heinz Eisenspeiß, 2 Oct 1499, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Heinz Eysenpeis, 1556, Eliasbrunn
- Ciriach Eisenbeis, 1592, Eliasbrunn
- Hans Eyssenpeiß, 1592, Eliasbrunn
- Hans Eyssenpeiß, 1595/1596, Eliasbrunn
- Hans Eyssenpeiß, 1596/1597, Eliasbrunn
- Hans Eyssenpeiß, 1599/1600, Eliasbrunn
- Hans Eyssenpeiß, 1600/1601, Eliasbrunn
- Hans Eyssenpeiß, 1605, Eliasbrunn
- Hans Eisenbeiß, 1622, Eliasbrunn
- Anna Eisenbeiß, Hans Scherf, 1636, Eliasbrunn
- Eva Eisenbeiß, Matthes Hertel, 1639, Eliasbrunn
- Hans Eißenpeis, 1541, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Clemen Eißenpeis, 1541, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Hans Eißenpeis, 1592, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Nikol Eißenbeis, 1592, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Jost Eißenbeis, 1592, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Simon Eißenbeiß, 1622, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Hanß Eisenbeiß, 1625, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Catharina Eisenbeiß, Georg Brueckner, 1662, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Eva Eisenbeiß, Adam Werner, 1656, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Margaretha Eisenbeiß, 1669, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Hanß Eisenbeiß, D.J., 1692, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Anna Elisabetha Eisenbeiß, Johann Heinrich Locker, 1767, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein
- Hanß Eisenbeiß, 1543, Oberlemnitz, Lobenstein

Many of the very early (1400's and 1500's) Eisenbeiß families lived in the Lobenstein (b:) area of Germany about 90 km (56 miles) northeast of Nürnberg near what is currently Czechoslovakia ... in that era near Bohemia. Towns in this area, within 20 km (12 miles) of each other, include Altengesees (b:), Eliasbrunn (b:), Friesau (y:), Gahma (b:), Unterlemnitz, Neubeutha (b:), Oberlemnitz, Ruppertsdorf (b:), Thierbach (b:). Within 60 km (37 miles) of these towns are Münchberg (k:), and Veitlam (k:). Very close to Nürnberg are Wilhelmsdorf (y:), Mettelaaurach (y:), Mark Erlbach (y:), Hain (k:) and Küps ... the Thuringe Forest separates Lobenstein from Hain and Küps.

A second area with early Eisenbeiß families is west of Stuttgart near the French border. The early a: families (1500's) have origins in the Black Forest (Schwarz Wald) area of Germany about 80 km (50 miles) southwest of Stuttgart. Towns in this area include Freudenstadt, Dietersweiler, Glatten, Dornhan, Reutin, Alpirsbach,

Necharweihingen, Grüntal, Tübingen, Lombach, Wittlensweiler, Effringen, and Kehl. The early b: families (1600's) have origins in the Saarbrücken area of Germany about 160 km (100 miles) northwest of Stuttgart . Towns in this area include Neunkirchen, Wellesweiler, Wiebelkirchen, Ottweiler, Spiesen, and Elvesberg. The Saarbrücken area and the Black Forest area are about 120 km (75 miles) from each other.

The old names for Eliasbrunn (Ehabrunn), Gahma (Gamen), Altengesees (Altengesass), Payreut (Bayreuth), Neunbeutha (Neunbeuta).

There is little doubt the b:, k:, and y: families are related as they originate in the Lobenstein area of Germany. The b: families relocated to the Saarbrücken area. As the origin of the Black Forest a: families is very close to the Saarbrücken b: families (within 75 miles), there is little doubt they are related to the b: families.