

(1940) Chas. W. Eisenbise Letter (b:2.1.1.5.7-6.6.7.2)

The following letter (typed) was originally sent by Chas W. Eisenbise (Atascadero, California) to Joseph J. Eisenbeis (Louisville, Kentucky) in 1940. I received a copy of this letter from Joseph in September of 1982. It is reprinted here in its entirety including the typos.

Atascadero, Calif., 66 San Gabriel Avenue, July 18, 1940.

Mr. Joseph J. Eisenbeis, 225 Frank Avenue, Louisville, Ky.

My dear Sir and maybe 'Cousin':

I cannot convey to you the thrill I received from reading your letter recently received. It gave me so much of interest as it relates to the family which doubtlessly, goes back to a common origion, whether they spell their name with a 'bise', beis, or beiss. I would be very much interested in building up your particular branch if I could secure the cooperation of some one to provide the data and perhaps you would be sufficiently interested to do this, perhaps as a 'hobby' which I am making of this work. It is quite a relief in these throubled days.

Yes there are Eisenbises in California, many of them, in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, South Dakota, Minnesota, Canada, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Ohio, so far as our record goes thus far. These appear under various names as of course all the gals that got married took other names. I have 15 pages, in single line outline with this style of type.

I have located the following 'Eisenbeis' families in St. Louis, Mo: Benj. and Amanda Eisenbeis, 1816 Utak Street: Bernard and Theresa Eisenbeis, 3631 Alberta Street: Percy O. Eisenbeis, Clayton, Mo., William Eisenbeis, 2855 Salena Street, St. Louis. There ia an Adolph and Zana L. Eisenbeiss at 5029 Vernon Avenue, St. Louis, as well.

Prior to writing you I had received from the Chief of Police of Pittsburgh the names of seven Eisenbise families and three single names. I have written some of them and perhaps they will answer as I always enclose a stamp for their convenience. However, not a few, are insufficiently interested to take time to answer. Perhaps it is an old German custom to be silent about family connections for we learned but little from my father who seldom spoke of his relatives either.

The Pittsburgh families are as follows: Albert and Ida Eisenbise, 235 Parker Drive, Mt. Lebanon, Pa.: Carl and Mildred Eisenbise, 3967 Kieber Street: Edwin and Irene Eisenbise, 400 Glenn Arden Drive: Louis R. and Rose Eisenbise, 426 Ruxton Street: Ralph and Emma Eisenbise, 1909 St Ives Street: Walter and Florence Eisenbise, 4103 Beechview Blvd.: Walton and Loucille Eisenbise, 727 Brookline Blvd.: Marie Eisenbise, 507 Longride Street: Emma Eisenbise, 2832 Perrysville Avenue and Florence Eisenbise, 308 Copeland Street. No doubt but that the George Eisenbise of whom you spoke was the father of at least some of these. I feel convinced that this branch is definitely connected with my great-grand-father's family who came over in 1820 from Prussia. I do not know if is was from the far East, either East or West Prussia or from Rhenish Prussia near Cologne. The latter is not far from Baravia.

I am going to enclose a section of my record to show the manner in which I list them. In this outline 6B and 7B are two of my father's sisters. Each generation is indicated by a succeeding letter of the alphabet.

Pardon for using the reverce side of this sheet but am closing with the statement that I thought that some of this information would be interesting to you and also to your Aunt when you visit her. I do hope she can give us some definitely information for these older ones are fast passing on and soon we will be unable to secure it.

One of our original family, Catharine, married a Mackey. Another sheet enclosed shows all we have thus far on this branch which is very incomplete and I am axnious to complete it.

Thanks for your most interesting letter and I shall be glad to hear from you at any time. If any of the Eisenbeis clan from Louisville ever travel through California, our latch-string is out to them as we live on Highway 101, midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Would be glad to make their acquaintance and extend our hospitality as wife and I are alone and we have at least six beds at our disposal.

Sincerely, Chas. W. Eisenbise