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Descendants of Heinrich Schilling from Lahnstein Castle, dead since 1221

News from the Association of the Schilling family

Trumpets welcoming the Schillings

The family reunion in Freiburg and Heitersheim in 2002 was a great success

With the arrival of the Schillings a group of trumpeters in historical costumes started playing. Our family reunion in Freiburg, Heitersheim and finally Strassburg/France from June 7th till June 12th, 2002 was a great success. 97 Schillings had come from 9 countries, the youngest 6 weeks, the eldest 87 years old. The family met in honour of their famous son Georg Schilling v. Canstatt (southern branch). From 1534 to 1554 he was German Grand Prior of the Order of St. John in Heitersheim. On

June 7th many members of the family met on the Kupferberg terrace in Mainz, where we have had seven family reunions already. After cousin Heinz had offered a delicious soup, with a little delay the bus left for Hohenwettersbach castle (Karlsruhe), one of the ancestral homes of the Schilling von Canstatt family.

The owner, Ilona Edle von Maffei, née Freiin Schilling von Canstatt, had prepared the rooms for a marvellous

Heitersheim welcoming the Schillings: Mayor Juergen Ehret (2. right) presenting the chairman of the Schilling association Helmuth Baron von Schilling with the glass crest of the city of Heitersheim, showing the cross of the Order of St. John.



reception of the family. Since unfortunately it was raining, the guests were offered coffee and cakes in tents. Among the guests were the councillors of Hohenwettersbach, a suburb of Karlsruhe. They had a lively conversation with the Schillings. After a tour of the castle the bus drove on to the Kolping Hotel in Freiburg. The next morning started with a tour of the city.

The Schillings were very enthusiastic about the beautiful town on the edge of the Black Forest. The highlight of the family reunion was the ceremony in honour of the Schillings in the afternoon under the 400-year-old linden tree – in former times the lawcourt of Heitersheim held its sessions under this tree - in the courtyard of the castle of the Order of St. John in Heitersheim, where Georg Schilling von Canstatt had resided centuries ago. The weather was absolutely gorgeous. After the trumpets had finished playing, Mayor Juergen Ehret welcomed the family with a glass of the delicious “Heitersheimer Maltesergarten” wine.

In his speech the mayor especially mentioned, that the Schillings had come to Heitersheim from so many different countries. The chairman Helmuth Baron von Schilling asked us to remember, that Georg, on whom Karl V had bestowed the title of Imperial Prince, had been one of the most important personalities of the family.

There is a group of people in Heitersheim, who in an exemplary way have committed themselves to support historic buildings and memorials in order to keep up history. In gratitude to their commitment he presented their spokesman, Mr. Hoefler, with 500 € for the museum in memory of the Order of St. John. Mr. Hoefler thanked the family and gave them the glass crest of the city, showing the cross of the Order of St. John. Later on the mayor showed his

guests round the castle, the museum and the old Roman villa, presumably built around the year 100 AC, the remains of which can be admired in a nice museum, that was opened up two years ago. The family ended this perfect day with an excellent and festive dinner in the beautiful “Krone” restaurant. On the next morning the family had their board meeting. Remember, our manager, cousin Hans, gave you the necessary information by the end of last year. The most important decisions:

Election of chairman and committee members

All members of the board were confirmed in their positions. Reinhard Schilling, whose work in the committee had been only temporary, was elected to be permanent board member.

Chairman: Helmuth Baron v. Schilling
Deputy: Frank Schilling
Manager and treasurer: Hans Baron von Schilling

Board members:
Elisabeth Reinicke
Christian Freiherr Schilling v. Canstatt
Ralph Freiherr Schilling v. Canstatt
Reinhard Schilling

Juniors` representative:
Hubertus Baron v. Schilling
Honorary chairman:
Heinz Freiherr Schilling v. Canstatt

New statutes:

The changed statutes were accepted. In future female members of the family, whose grandmothers gave up the name by marriage, can become full members.

Donations for the Schilling catalogue

By the end of the meeting the chairman asked the assembly for donations for the

extensive catalogue in memory of the famous sculptor Johannes Schilling from Dresden. The result was overwhelming: more than 1100 €. The catalogue, containing information of his great work, is going to be presented in May. There are still copies of the representative and interesting book of Johannes Schilling by Baerbel Stephan about the sculptor's life and work available. Remember, that the family sponsored the costs of printing. The copies are sold now for 25 € instead of 65 € now.

Strassburg and Weissenburg



On Sunday afternoon, the family, like real tourists, made a trip to the "Titisee" (Lake Titi) in the Black Forest. Unfortunately it was raining, when we passed by the statue of the leaping deer, so that we were just able to make out its outlines. The statue was put up by Ferdinand Freiherr Schilling von Canstatt, the Grand Duke's chief hunter.

Young members' meeting this year

Frank and Reinhard's invitation to a meeting in Heilbronn

It is most important, that the family association considers the young members' wishes. So eventually cousin

The next day saw the Schillings on their way to Strassburg. The weather was fantastic. After a tour of the city in Alsace on June 11th the Schillings visited the European Parliament. We attended a meeting and had a lively discussion with Christian v. Boetticher, one of the deputies. After lunch in the canteen we went to Weissenburg (Wissembourg), where a couple of centuries ago some members of the family had lived. In 1507 Jost Schilling (western branch) donated the chapel to the St. Johannis Church (St. John). On two keystones in the left aisle and on a tombstone next to the church you can still see the Schilling crest. We all said good-bye on the next day, looking forward to our next reunion in 2005. Where? Nothing has been decided as yet.

Family reunion in 2005 The vote goes on

At the board meeting the chairman suggested to have the next family reunion in the States. Since the suggestion was heavily discussed by the assembly we eventually decided to let each member vote on the region either by post or via internet. These are the places suggested: USA and Canada (east or west) or Mittweida Germany. Since not all members have voted yet, we ask you to do so. It is not just the question of Germany or the States, but one of the five places has to have the majority. We enclose the formula for your vote, please return it soon. Each member has the right to vote, i.e. married couples have two votes. In case we decide to go to the States four members of the family are willing to pay for one of our young members.

of the young members from October 3rd till October 5th, 2003 in the region of Heilbronn/Weinsheim. Each participant will be sponsored with 50 € by the



association, Frank and Reinhard pay for the rest. Programme and accommo-

modation are getting organized, the invitations will be issued within the next days.

The meeting is going to start on Friday with a walk in the vineyards. On Saturday they are planning a visit of Frank's printing firm, a cycling tour and a bonfire in the vineyards in the evening. On Sunday they are going to visit "Weibertreu" Castle. Please put the date of the meeting down in your diary. Anyone knowing young members of the Schilling family not belonging to the association should give us their addresses. (Frank: phone: 07134 – 21222, Hubertus: phone: 0175 – 6636141 or 05121 - 131542). We would appreciate any kind of publicity for this meeting.

By the way: Our juniors' representative Hubertus (see photo) is German archery champion of the forest section. Congratulations

News from the various branches of the family: western branch

Restoration of the Adelsheim obelisks in the near future

The western branch is heavily engaged in research. Cousin Werner (Ampfing) and cousin Helene (Hamburg) have been busy collecting material for a booklet about the western branch. Now a new member of our family, Gretel Baumann (Solingen) and cousin Uta Mühlberg (Berlin) have committed themselves to renewing family connections, recruiting new members to the family association and saving endless numbers of data in the computer. Gretel Baumann eventually copied a register of the Schillings from Suhlingen from two books that Heinar had written on an old typewriter right after the war (410 pages with 3700 names). They were hardly decipherable and falling to pieces. Gretel Baumann:

"We found many names and lines we were able to connect, there are 7403 persons on the whole. We also started a Schilling data bank, basing on names we either got or will get from all kinds of researchers, funeral speeches, parish registers, from the books of family events and from old chronicles."

Reinhard and Frank, descending from the Adelsheim branch were busy too. Last year they went on a research trip:

Cousin Sybille Eberhardt, Frank and Reinhard Schilling had the greatest problems in fixing a date for their trip to Adelsheim, their ancestors' home. Finally they agreed on the beginning of December 2002. Cousin Anne-Helene (Hamburg), like Werner (Ampfing) very

energetically researching for the western branch, had contacted the city council of



Adelsheim long ago. She got the information, that on the district cemetery there were graves of the Schilling family, but that due to a reorganisation they would soon be abandoned.

Adelsheim is situated between the Odenwald forest and the valley of the river Jagst. In the centre of the town the rivers Seckach and Kirnauh meet and the wooden hills, rising on both sides of the valley, give the landscape a cosy character.

The former district town has more than 1200 years of tradition, since 1696 the Schilling family belonged to its population. Johann Gottfried VII Schilling from the Martiniden branch emigrated from Saxonia and was appointed protector of the lords of Adelsheim. Being located on the old trade route leading from Thuringia and Saxonia to Strassburg via Wuerzburg and Worms/Heidelberg, in 1374 Karl V endowed the place with the rights of a

town. The pilgrims on their way from Frankonia to Spain via Adelsheim left their traces too, when in 1489 they built the Jakobs Church in late Gothic style on the foundations of a Roman chapel. The church was a station on their pilgrimage.

In the area along the market street many houses were built in the Frankonian half-timbered style. They were not only used for housing the citizens of Adelsheim, but also for accommodating travellers and pilgrims. Between 1619 and 1839 the town hall of Adelsheim was imperial and royal post office and inn in one. When the city council and a school moved into the buildings, the inn "Zur Linde", at that time run by Georg Albrecht Schilling in the 2nd generation, accommodated the travellers and took over the post office. His father had started the inn and presumably named it after the linden leaf in the family crest.

The Schilling family reached the summit of their economic career, when our great grandfather Christoph XIV Schilling turned the "Linde" into a highly recommended farming, beer and wine merchandising and hotel business. The brewery was said to be very modern, since Christoph Heinrich, realizing the importance of cold storage of beer, but naturally ignorant of modern refrigerating systems, had driven a tunnel into the hill, where he could store the beer and keep it cold throughout the year. Sometimes the demand for the delicious beer was higher than the supply.

The city council seemed informed about our ancestors and willing to help us keep up the memory of the Schilling family.

Since we heard, that the graves were to be abandoned, we suggested to put up the tombstones near the entrance of the cemetery as impressing ornaments in memory to the Schilling family in Adelsheim. A couple of days later cousin

Frank was informed that the administration agreed. After a complete restoration the stones will be moved to their new position as longstanding documents of our family's connection with Adelsheim. We visited the cemetery, situated on the slope of a hill, and found two graves, contrasting with the others by their remarkable tombstones and the railings. On one of the graves, visible from a long distance, we found a sandstone obelisk bearing the inscription of our great great grandparents from the XXVIIIth generation:

*Georg Albrecht Schilling born 24 – 3 – 1800 in Adelsheim, Schwaben
died 16 – 09 – 1854 in Adelsheim, Baden*

*(Anna) Christina Schilling, née Hirsch
born 24 – 4 – 1800 in Niedersteten
died 26 – 01 – 1866 in Adelsheim*

Their son Ernst Gottlieb Schilling, born 2 – 4 – 1825, deceased in February 1852, was buried in the same grave. Belonging to the voluntary fire brigade, he died in the act of trying to extinguish a fire in the village. Two of their grandchildren died before their parents even:

(Friedrich) Albert Schilling

born 18 – 06 – 1865

died 12 – 07 – 1865

(Heinrich) Wilhelm Schilling

born in January 1864

died in February 1869

The sons of Christoph XIV Heinrich and Katharina Sophia Schilling, née Hermann were buried in this grave too, showing the high rate of infant mortality.

There was a second ornamented sandstone tombstone with the inscription of our great grandparents from the XXIXth Generation:

*(Christoph) Heinrich Schilling
born 09 – 07 – 1828 in Adelsheim*

died 27 – 03 – 1869 in Adelsheim and his wife

Katharina (Sophia Schilling, née Hermann

born 17 – 04 – 1830 in Reichartshausen

died 22 – 09 – 1871 in Adelsheim, Baden

Within a couple of years only Katharina gave birth to ten children (seven sons and three daughters). The youngest – Gustav Adolf (born 31 – 10 – 1867) – died in 1869, only two years old, a few weeks after his father's death. He was the only child, that was buried with his parents, two of his brothers were buried in their grandparents' grave.

We noticed, that in the documents Adelsheim was either situated in Bavaria or in Baden. In the first place the estates of the lords of Adelsheim were under the feudal law of the bishops of Wuerzburg. In 1803 Adelsheim came to Bavaria. In 1806, when Napoleon founded the "Rhein-Bund" (federation of the countries along the river Rhine) Adelsheim came to Baden. When the Federal Republic of Germany was reorganised, it came to Baden-Wuerttemberg.

So why did the Schilling family leave Adelsheim in 1871 (foundation of the Prussian Empire), though their business was so extremely successful? Our great grandparents had lost so much of their strength by increasing their business, that 41-year-old Christoph Heinrich died in 1869, his very efficient wife Katharina Schilling died two years later at the same age.

Their three remaining children Hermann, Karl and Karoline were taken care of by their mother's family. This was the end of the family's almost 200 years' stay in Adelsheim. The two brothers Hermann and Karl, very close, met in Heilbronn in 1880, after their training for different professions. Hermann held shares in a

factory for vegetable oils, whereas Karl in 1902 opened up a printing firm for lithographic art under the name of Karl W. Schilling, a firm, enjoying a good reputation in the trade. Years later his technically skilled son-in-law, Kurt Eberhard, took over, after World War II his daughter Sybille Eberhard.

Hermann, married to his business partner's daughter and living in Heilbronn, carried on the male line of the Adelsheim Schillings. He belonged to the liberal circles of southern Germany, who by the help of the majority vote system elected Friedrich Naumann, representing the ward of Heilbronn and member of the "Fortschrittliche Volkspartei" (Progressive People's Party) to the Reichstag (German Parliament before World War II) in Berlin.

Theodor Heuss also belonged to this circle, that after World War I founded the Democratic German Party. Their political aim was the democratisation of the German State. I remember being told,

that my grandmother, Klara Schilling, née Reibel, was a friend of Ella Heuss Knapp's, whose husband was the first President of the Federal Republic of Germany. Between 1924 and 1928, 1930 and 1933 Heuss was representative of the German Democratic Party in the Reichstag. When after 1948 the German FDP (liberal party of Germany) was founded, they recruited many of their members from this party. This liberal attitude and social responsibility were always present in our home.

Dr. Hermann, my father, and Walter Schilling, Frank's father carried on the Adelsheim line in the 31st generation. By the help of Heinar Frank's father contacted the family association and so eventually started their connection with the house of Adelsheim. The Adelsheim branch will definitely be carried on, though in a different place, since there are three male descendants in the 32nd generation, two in the 33rd generation and one baby is on the way in the 34th generation."

Southern branch:

Golden "Georgsmedaille" for Jean v. S.

Cousin Dr. Jean von Schilling from Richmond/Virginia (USA) had her 70th birthday on November 23rd last year. In grateful appreciation of her continual assistance in matters of organisation for the family association we sent her a certificate and our highest award, the golden "Georgsmedaille". For many years Jean has been our deputy in the States, unfortunately she decided to resign this year.

Jean: "I had the wonderful certificate framed in black and gold, it is hanging in my office now, where I can see it while I am at work."

Jean is writing a book about the American southern branch of our family.

The history of this part of the family is very interesting. In 2001 the Schilling courier already wrote about Jean's great grandfather, Freiherr Franz Wilhelm Schilling v. Canstatt (born in 1832), who in 1861 emigrated to America.

During the War of Secession he fought in several battles and was promoted major. In 1869 he married Molly Booker, a farmer's daughter. When the farm had to be sold and he became sick, in 1890 Franz went back to Germany, leaving his wife and sons behind.

They carried on the flourishing branch of the family in Virginia.

Bill says thank you to the association

In 1787, many years before Jean`s great grandfather, Georg Friedrich Schilling v. Canstatt had already emigrated to America. This branch of the family is mainly living in California. One of the descendants, Bill Schilling v. Canstatt-Lutz, who on the day of his 80th birthday had been honoured because of his services for the association, sent a letter enclosing a photo. Mary Loar, the niece of Bill`s wife Evelyn, came to the last family reunion and handed over her letter. Bill says thank you for all the family meetings he was able to attend.



Bill with his family: left: his wife Evelyn. Right: Evelyn`s niece Mary Loar and her husband Ron

Eastern branch:

Bundesverdienstkreuz for Juergen v.S. (Order of the Federal Republic of Germany)



Dr. Juergen Baron von Schilling (centre) during the presenting ceremony of the "Bundesverdienstkreuz" on the isle of Langeoog (North Sea) with Mayor Manfred Schreiber (left) and the head of the administration of Wittmund, Henning Schultz. H. S. in his speech: "He is a living example of reconciliation."

Our 93-year-old cousin Dr. Juergen Baron von Schilling (Wilhelmshaven) was highly honoured by Bundespraesident Johannes Rau (President of the Federal Republic of Germany). At a New Year reception on the isle of Langeoog on January 11th, where the chairman was invited too, the head of the administration of Wittmund presented Juergen with the order, acknowledging all the good things he has done. Right after the war he arranged a trip to Switzerland for 200 almost starving children from Wilhelmshaven. In addition to that he donated two houses to SOS childrens` villages, one in Tijuana/Mexico on his 80th birthday, the other in Bauske/Latvia on his 90th birthday in gratitude to a Latvian man, who in 1919 rescued his father from being executed by the Bolsheviks (see Schilling Courier 2002). Since 1959 he has been working in the cemetery in the dunes of the isle of Langeoog, transforming the barren ground into a fertile gem. Except the graves of many German Baltic people from an old people`s home (among them Juergen`s father) there are the graves of 113 Russian prisoners, who died of typhus and exhaustion during the war. This year, on the occasion of a reunion of the eastern branch, Juergen is going to unveil a memorial stone, symbolising a bridge between the deceased German Baltic people and the Russians. After all Karl Gebhard, ancestor of the Schillings from Estonia, served as major general in the Russian army. In spite of his 93 years of age the "lord of the isle" has still an active part in his project with spade and pick axe.

So eventually the head of the administration Schultz welcomed him in an unusual way: "Show me your passport:" After reading the document he was satisfied: "Right, you are really and truly 93 years old." The lively man,

who has the freedom of the isle, does not look his age.

In his speech Mr. Schultz stated, that Juergen von Schilling`s longstanding commitment was "a living example of reconciliation". The cemetery chapel was built on his initiative and he had donated the bronze memorial tablets, on which the names of the dead Russian soldiers are written. "The Baron turned the cemetery in the dunes with the chapel into a memorial of international significance."

Finally Mr. Schultz said: " There are two things people argue about: taxes and orders. Taxes are supposed to be wrongly taken, orders wrongly given. I think, ladies and gentlemen, that today we all agree: Baron von Schilling is rightly presented with the "Bundesverdienstkreuz", since his personal commitment is deserving praise."

The people from Langeoog hope that their "Baron" will keep his energies for quite a long time still. So eventually Mayor Manfred Schreiber and the head of the district council, Frerich Goeken, brought some "sports equipment: a spade and "medicine from the medicine box", a bottle of vodka. You bet, many people on the isle drank to his health that day.

Memorials in Estonia

Juergen`s father, Hermann Baron v. Schilling, was born on the estate of Orgena/Jaerva-Jaani (St. Johannis), Estonia. Many things seem to be happening there at last: The small Schilling-Museum in the manor house is improving considerably. The pillars on the front terrace are being taken care of in order to prevent them from collapsing. The back terrace will be reconstructed.

At the edge of the village they put up a sign showing the way to the burial place of the estate of Juergensberg. This burial place being a protected area now, has to be kept in order by the local authority. Since both sides of the alleyway were cleared of the brushwood, the old trees of the former park show beautifully again.



Website

Here our web addresses again:

For public use:

<http://www.schilling-association.org>

For members of the family association only:

<http://www.schilling-association.org/mitglieder/indexframes/frameseite.htm>

(please remember to write the address in small letters, unix server!) or via links in the public area.

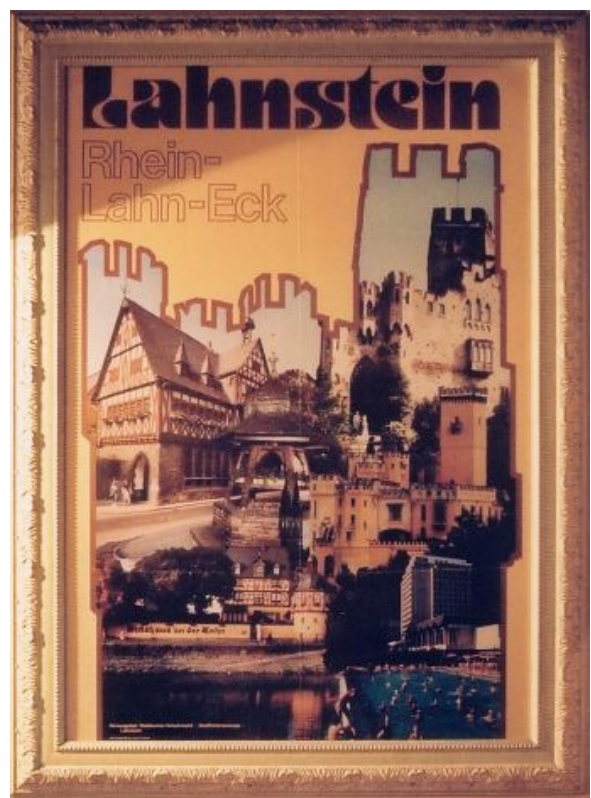
Members without an access code and a password can call these up via webmaster1@schilling-association.org.

Please leave your fax number, because for safety reasons transmission is possible by fax or phone only.

Lahnstein Castle in Brasilia

Last not least something rather peculiar: On a tour of Brasil cousin Frank found a German pub in the poor region of the North-East.

You would not believe it, there was a poster of Lahnstein Castle on the wall. The Schillings leave their traces all over the world.



Schillings in Chile

In South America there is only one married couple member of the family association: Oscar Schilling and his wife Helge from Santiago/Chile. Oscar's great grandfather Carl Philipp Schilling was born in Oedelsheim on the river Oberweser in 1831. In 1850 he boarded the ship "Susanne" in Hamburg in order to emigrate to Chile.

We are still not able to say for sure whether Oscar's family really descended from our ancestor Heinrich Schilling from Lahnstein. It seems very likely though, that one of the Schillings from Suhl/Thuringia moved over to the adjoining Hesse. Unfortunately not even enquiries in the parish office of Oedelsheim gave further information.

By the way, between 1851 and 1925 five Schilling families emigrated to Chile. We do not know, whether they are related or not. On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his grandfather's emigration to Chile in 2000 Oscar wrote a "Genealogical Record Of The Name Of Schilling In Chile". There are 175 descendants from the emigrated Schillings living in Chile, a remarkable number. Only the 1st and the 5th branch of these emigrants though are speaking German still, the others speak the Spanish language only.