

Genealogy - Kurzweil

You and your ancestor CHARLEMAGNE

CHARLEMAGNE lived in the year 800, 1200 years ago. We genealogists say, that one generation in average takes 30 years, thus he lived 40 generations ago. Each of us has two parents, four grandparents, eight greatgrandparents, and 16 Greatgreatgrandparents. That means our parents are 2^1 , our grandparents 2^2 , our greatgrandparents 2^3 , our Greatgreatgrandparents 2^4 etc..

40 generations backwards, i.e. at the level of the year 800, we have 2^{39} ancestors. This is nearly 550 billions. But at that time only about 50 million humans lived in Central Europe. Thus in our ancestor tree, each one of us, finds everyone living in the year 800 ca.10000 times as ancestor. The probability that CHARLEMAGNE is our ancestor only ten times instead of 10000 times, is far less than 1 per thousand. The probability that CHARLEMAGNE is not at all an ancestor of each of us, in fact is zero.



So we can assume that each one of us is a descendant of CHARLEMAGNE. The only question that has to be solved, is which one of the 500 billion lines to the ancestors is a line to CHARLEMAGNE. To find such a line, is your task for the next years.

I apologize, if I destroyed the romantic idea that some of you (as well as my own wife) may have had, to be special because of your descent from CHARLEMAGNE.

Some people think that ca. 50 percent of us don't have CHARLEMAGNE as an ancestor, and the others on average have him 20000 times, because there was strict separation of people into nobility and commoners. But looking at the ancestors of my wife, 40 generations back she had CHARLEMAGNE manifold, but at the same time she had hundreds of ancestors, who were day-labourers, maids etc.. I find many marriages of a day-labourer's daughter and a farmer, then of their grandchild with a person of the nobility, etc. From these data I strongly contradict the idea that anyone of us could **not** have CHARLEMAGNE in his ancestry.

Other people think that CHARLEMAGNE instead of having 21 grandchildren only had two and consequently had a below average number of descendants. Even in this case CHARLEMAGNE is everyone's ancestor still 1000 times, and the probability that CHARLEMAGNE is not at all an ancestor of each of us, in fact still is zero.

"Ancestor loss" and intermarriages

The fact, that, looking backwards from today, instead of 500 billion ancestors there are only 50 million different individuals, is sometimes called "ancestor loss" (Ahnenschwund).

Vice versa, with the view from the year 800 towards today, only 50 million represented 500 billion ancestors, thus they had to have children with each other throughout many generations again and again, many intermarriages. The less nice term is incest. We are the result.



“Meeeeeklenburg”, with long “eeeeee” [me:klənburk]

If you ignore the stretched “e” in Soest or Coesfeld and in one of these towns say “Söst” [zø:st] or “Cösfeld” [kø:sfɛlt], you will be executed immediately. Please notice that in a similar way the “c” in Mecklenburg linguistically is a stretch “c”. Thus our state (Bundesland) is called “Meeeeeklenburg”.

Mecklenburg never was Prussian

The structures of this conference seem to be actually clear and easy. But Mecklenburg was never Prussian. (It was subservient directly only to the German Emperor; the fact that he was coincidentally also a king of Prussia doesn't matter.) It wouldn't be apt for Mecklenburg, if everything would run in a Prussian and correct way without breakdowns. Some of you did already notice this in our months of preparation. Others will observe this in the course of this conference. Please accept each management error and each instance of chaos as indications of aliveness and of the non-Prussian Mecklenburg. In this sense we pray for at least 3 breakdowns daily. Otherwise we, as the preparatory team of a non-Prussian conference, will be sad indeed.

Mecklenburg



Websurfing

All of you know, that on the web the genealogy pages are the 2nd most frequented sites, after the sex pages. Let's all work for becoming the first.

Vertical versus horizontal research

You can do genealogy as a vertical research only for dead ancestors. Or you are a horizontal researcher, interested to find alive 3rd, 4th, and 5th cousins. Of course the horizontal researchers also need a few generations of ancestors backwards, as a vehicle to go down towards today again.

Genealogy versus "Ahnenforschung"

The terms "genealogy" and "family research" include vertical and horizontal research. The German term "Ahnenforschung" - ancestor research - does not include horizontal research (Ahne =VOR-fahr). No Anglo American would use the term ancestor research instead of "family research", except when he indeed means only the backwards-turned dead-research without looking for alive relatives. Nevertheless today 90% of all German genealogists look for the term "Ahnenforschung" on the web, even if they mean "family research". This is one of the persisting successes of Hitler - he wanted to reduce genealogy to ancestor research because the aim was to find the people with "bad ancestors" in order to eliminate them.

Auszüge zum Nachweis der arischen Abstammung aus den Kirchenbüchern der Evangelischen Pfarrei II. Stiftspfarrrei Lahr (Baden).

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Frühler	
Wilhelmine	
Dem.	
geb. 13.5.1876 in Lahr	
gest. 16.3.1876 in Lahr	
a Taufregister	b Totenregister
227/82	297/39

2

Zieler	
Carl Wilhelm	
Dem.	7. Juni 1881 in Lahr
geb. 15.1.1883 in Lahr	
gest.	
a Taufregister	b Totenregister

3

Gebrauch	
Barbara Christine	
Dem.	
geb. 17.5.1868 in Lahr	
gest. 2.8.1814 in Lahr	
a Taufregister	b Totenregister

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Vertraut:	
in Lahr	
am 10.6.1875	
c Trauregister	

Für Treue der registernäßig belegten Kurzauszüge Nr.

Jahr, den _____

Eg. Nr. _____ Der Pfarrei _____

(Another persisting success of HITLER is the elimination of the real gasoline car inventor Siegfried MARCUS 1865/1867 from current knowledge and the replacement of him by DAIMLER, BENZ and OTTO, who invented it only 20 years later. Siegfried MARCUS, a Mecklenburg Jew, is related to me.)

Disseminating versus hiding data

The same old story: Someone falls in love with his compiled data, thus he can't give anyone a copy, but rather sits on his data. And after his death, some descendant thoughtlessly throws the data away. So his life-work has vanished - like someone taking his own children into the grave. Thus don't sit on your data, but give copies to as many people as possible!

Home feeling and speech dialect

Usually speech dialect is determined in secondary school years, homeland feeling in puberty.

Mecklenburg and BISMARCK

Germany's chancellor BISMARCK stated (1885), that on Doomsday he would go to Mecklenburg, because there everything happens after a delay of a hundred years. The historical background was, that Mecklenburg still had a constitution of 1755 ("Landesgrundgesetzlicher Erbvergleich"), and moreover this constitution was not up-to-date already in 1755, e.g. specifying complete exemption from taxes for nobles and knights. Mecklenburg today, as e.g. the active tourism shows, obviously is rather in advance of the rest of the world.

BISMARCK and EMPEROR WILHELM I
A Mecklenburg anecdote

The TZAR OF RUSSIA once visited EMPEROR WILHELM II. They both were guests of the GRAND DUKE OF MECKLENBURG in Schwerin. When they were tired of discussions, they went for a stroll through the fields. It was hot and after some time they became very tired, these gentlemen, who normally were driven in a carriage. They began looking for any possibility of being transported, but there was none.

Suddenly there came a farmer with his horses and an open carriage. The GRAND DUKE simply held the horse at its halter and stopped the farmer.

The farmer got very angry: "These are my horses. Don't touch them! Who in hell are you?" The GRAND DUKE was frightened: "You should know me. I am your GRAND DUKE!"

The farmer was not impressed at all, he was just smiling a bit. He pointed with his whip to the EMPEROR: "And who is that??" The GRAND DUKE: "This is your EMPEROR - O u r EMPEROR!"

The farmer was not impressed yet. He only smiled more: "And who is the third one???" The GRAND DUKE: "That is the TZAR OF RUSSIA!!!"

Now the farmer began laughing very hard: "I like you three very much. Then I am the SHAH OF PERSIA. Please jump in my carriage."



I thank you for your attention.

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