



Research in July 2012  
in  
Altensteig und Gundelbach  
for  
Karl Gottlieb Maier, born February 23, 1841

What did we know?

*Karl Gottlieb's father was Johan Georg Maier, born 1805.*

*Karl Gottlieb emigrated to America in 1869. He had several brothers and sisters. His father's name was Johann Georg and he was a butcher*

*The grandfather's name was also Johann Georg, born 1771. He was a tanner.*

*Karl Gottlieb Maier had married Wilhelmine Schittler in America. Wilhelmine was also born in Altensteig*

*Wilhelmine was his second wife*

What did we find?

The great grandfather was Michael Maier (1726-1812)

GG Grandfather Johann Friedrich (1697-1733)

This info is from the family register [Maier/Schittler \(Band I, Bl. 488 und 489, Altensteig\)](#).

In the church archive we found the confirmation that Wilhelmine Schittler was born in Altensteig

There are no records about her marriage or date of death.

We found records about her brother's family, August Nikolaus. There are no siblings from this family.

The last family member had passed away in 1960. They had owned a book printer shop.

What else?

Siblings of the family visited Altensteig in July 2012.

We were taken along the picturesque streets of Altensteig by Mr. Wössner who knew a lot about the little town's history. Life must have been extremely hard in the 18 and 19ths in Altensteig. Most people died of consumptiveness.

By the help of Mr. Wössner and the information from the archives we could trace back to 10 generations and found MANY marriages and VERY MANY children who died early due to poverty.

What had impressed us most?

Our visitor's reaction to all the information that we had digged out. Y.Y. told me that her great grandmother had always peeled the last drop of egg-white out of an egg as she could never waste food.

Once her sons and great-sons went hunting and shoot more than they would normally eat.

The grandmother had forced them to eat everything up so that next time they would think twice.









