

# The Roots of the Kaisers

**Interesting Tidbit:** Lee Kaiser has a medal awarded to Henry F. Kaiser when he enlisted for the US civil war. It was for being in the first units to enlist, and the 1<sup>st</sup> defenders to get to Washington DC. Photos & details of his Civil War service on wilk4.com

**Interesting Tidbit:** Henry F. Kaiser served in the US civil war and became blind during & after his service. He went through a lengthy process to qualify for disability benefits, asserting that the blindness was a result of his service. As a result, there is now a large file of info about HFK and his family in the National Archives.

**Henry F. Kaiser** was born 1835 in Allegheny City, PA, (maybe) 3 days after his parents arrived in the US (probably from Germany)

**Interesting Tidbit:** Henry played an accordion on the street at times after he became blind and Harry would go along to guide him and to hold the cup. We still have the accordion and a song he wrote & used to sing.

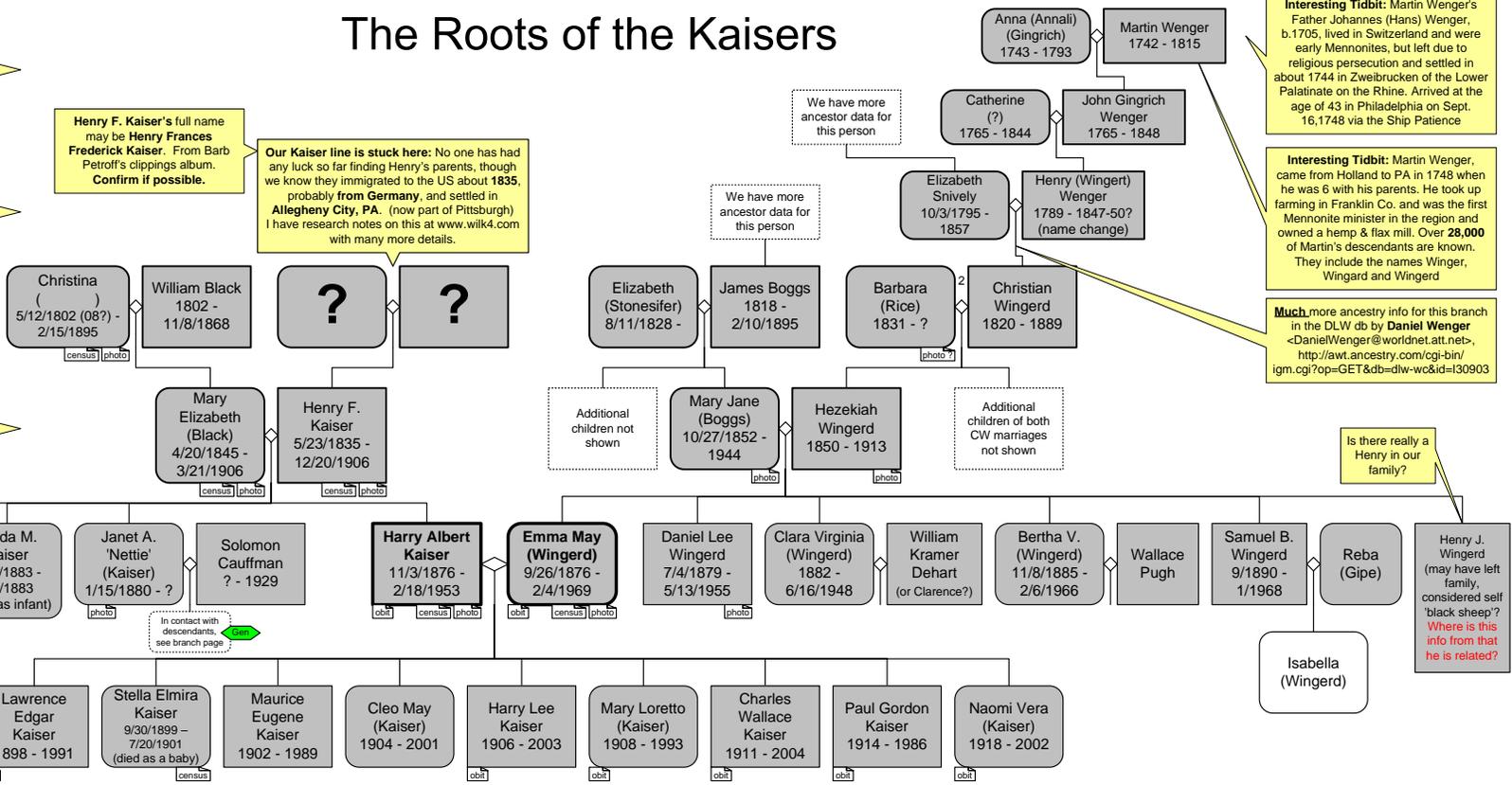
**Henry F. Kaiser's full name** may be **Henry Frances Frederick Kaiser**. From Barb Petroff's clippings album. **Confirm if possible.**

**Our Kaiser line is stuck here:** No one has had any luck so far finding Henry's parents, though we know they immigrated to the US about 1835, probably from **Germany**, and settled in **Allegheny City, PA**. (now part of Pittsburgh) I have research notes on this at [www.wilk4.com](http://www.wilk4.com) with many more details.

**Interesting Tidbit:** Martin Wenger's Father Johannes (Hans) Wenger, b.1705, lived in Switzerland and were early Mennonites, but left due to religious persecution and settled in about 1744 in Zweibrucken of the Lower Palatinate on the Rhine. Arrived at the age of 43 in Philadelphia on Sept. 16, 1748 via the Ship Patience

**Interesting Tidbit:** Martin Wenger, came from Holland to PA in 1748 when he was 6 with his parents. He took up farming in Franklin Co. and was the first Mennonite minister in the region and owned a hemp & flax mill. Over **28,000** of Martin's descendants are known. They include the names Winger, Wingard and Wingerd

**Much** more ancestry info for this branch in the DLW db by **Daniel Wenger** <DanielWenger@worldnet.att.net>, <http://awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=dw-wc&id=I30903>



Is there really a Henry in our family?

Henry J. Wingerd (may have left family, considered self 'black sheep'? Where is this info from that he is related?

In contact with descendants, see branch page

Does anyone have a copy of obits for Eugene or Cleo? Or any others I'm missing?

**Key**

- Married
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage
- Divorced
- Male
- Female
- deceased (shading)
- Child of this marriage
- unwed, child born out-of-wedlock
- I have copy of their obituary
- Family genealogy resource/contact

- Please check:**
- full names (many middle and maiden names are unknown)
  - birth and death dates
  - that all kids are included
  - that all spouses are included
  - any ancestor info you know that might not be shown, **for spouses too**

**This is available from my website (www.wilk4.com)** (with access control, living persons' info is not public)

**Disclaimer: Please do not be offended** if you or other members of your family are missing, names are incorrect, dates are wrong or missing. We've done our best to build it up to include everyone but still have missing info. If you can help us add or correct info, it'll help a lot.

**Updates and corrections, missing middle or maiden names, birthdates, obits, etc are always very welcome.** If you see a block that doesn't have a full name & dates, then it's something that needs your help filling it in. :-)

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