

**About some Kastlers, Beginning of the 17th century  
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Incomplete compilation of Kastlers in Bächingen, Brenz and Niederstotzingen (beginning of the 17th century) from official documents of the castle archives of Bächingen an der Brenz 1360 - 1840 (the originals are in the Public Records Office in Augsburg), and the church registers of Brenz.

July 7, 1621

Leopold Carl Baron von Stein grants Marten (Michael ?) Castler, citizen of Bechenhaim, a farmstead (formerly owned by Marten Waldenmair) with a life contract.

July 7, 1621

Above mentioned Michael Kastler, resident of Bechenheim, submits to Leopold Carl Baron von Stein a receipt for the grant of a farmstead with a life contract.

July 5, 1622

Adjoining owners of said farmstead are Peter and Michael Castler.

November 11, 1628

Peter Kastler, farmer in Bechenheim, swears obeisance to Friedrich Baron vom Stein (farmers and tenants 13, mercenaries 49, cottagers 11, nubile youngsters 7 - including a total of 9 Nussers). Above mentioned Michael Kastler is not listed (deceased ?)

Pledge of Allegiance and Bondage:

The subjects pledge allegiance to their liege lord "with mouth and hand" by lifting their hand and swearing an oath. The subjects are admonished to remain true to the pure protestant church, the unaltered religious denomination auf Augsburg.

November 11, 1628 - that very same day 8 Kastlers pledge their allegiance in Niederstotzingen.

In Brenz there were Kastlers even before Michael Kastler (b. 1623 in Asselfingen) married the widow Barbara Bloß (née Steck) on November 15, 1653. (She lived on the Bloßenhof, today Osianderweg 5). They had 3 children: Peter (b. 1654, d. 1656), Elisabeth (b. 1658)

Michael Kastler, on October 18, 1659, married in second marriage Ursula Werner, born on January 4, 1627, in Asselfingen. She gave birth to Christianus Kastler on August 18, 1661, who, in 1693, married Apollonia Köllin, widow of the deceased farmer Fritz Keckh, in Bissingen. (Christian, therefore, is Michael's son from his second marriage). Their son Michael, born September 6, 1694 in Bissingen married Anna Maria Roth of the Paulus farmstead in Sachsenhausen; her grandfather had been a miner in Sandberg in the archdiocese of Salzburg, and he had moved here to this protestant area because of his faith. Michael was appointed village mayor of Bissingen, and the gold-plated chalice, that was presented at the Kastlertreffen, was probably endowed by him on his deathbed. (died March 30, 1764)

Michael Kastler, born May 29, 1665, Bloßenbauer of Brenz, was Halbbauer [a farmer with less than 8.35 hectares of land; Harald Kastler] and held a position at a court of law [the German sentence is truncated; it is not clear what position that was; Harald Kastler]. On October 8, 1698, he married Anna Barbara Schatzmann (first marriage), daughter of ropemaker Georg Matthäus Schatzmann. (Schatzmeier is probably a misspelling). Their son Matthias Kastler got married on October 5, 1725, in Hermaringen.

Daughter Anna Barbara (b. 1724) from the second marriage of Michael (b. 1665) with Anna Barbara Keller is the ancestor of our lineage. The Kastlers of Asselfingen are ancestors of business tycoon August Robert Bosch of Stuttgart.

Maybe this helped shed some light on the genealogy of our ancestors.

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