

MARGARETHA KIEFFER GUIDINGER
AND HER ANCESTORS

Margaretha (Marguente) Kieffer (various spellings) was born 3 February 1766 in Leymullen in the Dalheim Commune of Remich Canton of Luxembourg. Her parents were Henry Kieffer and Maria Biver. Both of her parents were from families of millers. Henry was the son of Peter Kieffer, who was a miller at Castle Molendina, and Elisabeth Linster. Henry's grandfather Nicholas Kieffer had been a miller at Puttlingen (Puttelange) which is now in France. Margaretha's great grandparents on her mother's side, Mathias Bourens and Catharina Neubecker, leased the mill at Leymullen in the early 1700's. Catharina's father Dieterich had been an even earlier miller at Leymullen. The mill at Leymullen was first mentioned in 1472 in connection with the Benedictine abbey of St. Maxim in Trier in Volume 2 of a book called *Die Weistumer* by Nicolas Majerus. Margaretha's grandparents, Mathias Biver and Maria Bourens, followed her great grandparents in running the mill. All lived in H 89 Kat.1396 at Leymullen. Margaretha's parents lived there from 1763 to 1797 and Margaretha grew up and lived there too until she married at age 24. Her parents built a new mill but it was taken over by others. Could they have lost it due to construction debt? Fire totally destroyed the mill sometime in the 1900's when a Eugenie Traush was its last lease holder.

Margaretha married Nicolas Guidinger, the son of Bernard Guidinger and Marguerite Steysel, on 16 June 1790 in Altwies. Marriage meant changes in her life. There was farming rather than milling as Nicolas was a farmer and a landowner. His first two wives had died and he had two living children from his first wife: Jacques age ten and Helena age eight. Margaretha would bear ten children in less than nineteen years: six sons and four daughters. Two of the sons died in early childhood and her last child, a daughter, died at two days of age. Margaretha herself died 10 April 1809 just three weeks after her daughter. Perhaps she died from complications from giving birth. Pierre, her youngest living child, wouldn't have been quite two years old. She would have been forty-three although her death record has forty-two.

The ancestors of Marguerite Kieffer, wife of Nicolas Guidinger I, with lists of their children:

Parents:

Henry Kieffer b. 26 Feb.1727 Molendino Castel d. 14 Nov.1799 Leymullen m. 10 Feb. 1755 Dalheim, Lux.
Maria Biver b. 1733 Leymullen - d. 2 April 1803 Altwies
Mathias Kieffer b. 9 Feb 1756 d. 2 Sep 1756
Johann Petrus b. 3 July 1757
Marguerite b. 3 Feb 1766 d. 10 Apr 1809 m. 16 June 1790 Nicolas Guidinger
Anna Marie b. 12 Nov. 1759
Nicolas b. 7 Oct. 1761
Catharina b. 26 Oct. 1763
Maria b. 18 Jul 1768
Magdalena b. 24 Jan 1774 d. 30 Jul 1774