

**Baptism  
(Christening)  
Pillow  
von Schweinitz  
family  
Compendium**

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## Introduction

This little booklet is just a collection of information about the Baptism (Christening) Pillow that has been in the Alt Raudten branch of the von Schweinitz since 1872. Helga collected enough information to create a tree of everybody who has been baptized in the pillow.

The Christening Pillow actually consists of a pillow and an outfit. Both boys and girls use the same outfit during the baptism.

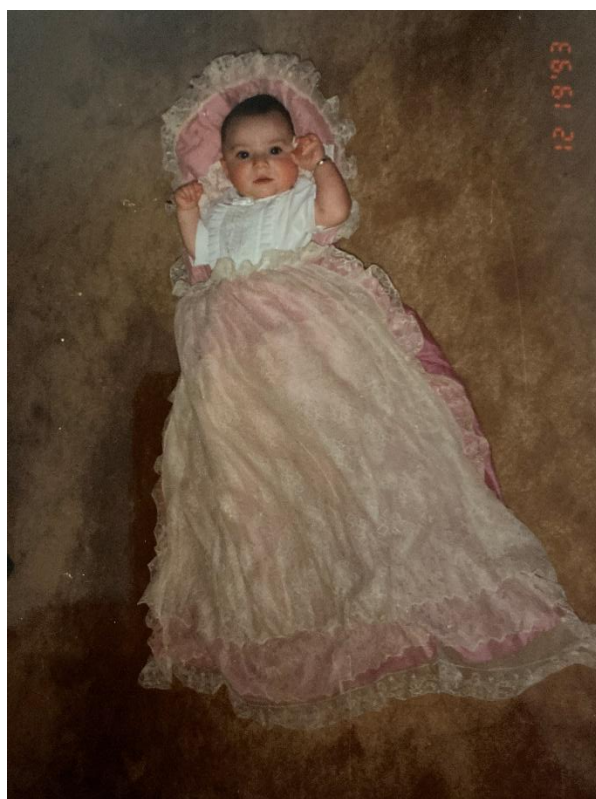
Hans and his older sister, Ingrid, had been baptized in the pillow while still in Silesia. Probably in the family church in Alt Raudten.

The Christening Pillow survived the flight out of Silesia because it was already in Wiesbaden with the Börsch family. Dodi Börsch was using the Pillow for her children because she was the daughter of Dora von Schweinitz. When Hans' family arrived in Wiesbaden, the Pillow was returned to the von Schweinitz family. Hans' father, Hans Wilhelm, used the Pillow to baptize his younger children. When Hans Ludwig married Helga and had their daughter Bettina, she was baptized in Wiesbaden. The Pillow stayed with Hans Ludwig and Helga, and made the trip to United States. So when their son, Christopher, born and baptized in Roswell New Mexico, that was the first time the pillow was used outside of Germany. The Pillow made the trip back to Germany so that Hans' younger brother Michael could baptize his children. Then the Pillow returned to United States again so that Christopher's (and Jill's) first child, Matthew could be baptized in Santa Fe New Mexico.

In 2008, the Christening Pillow returned to Germany again to younger brother of Hans, Michael, so that his first grandchild could be baptized.



Bettina von Schweinitz 1959

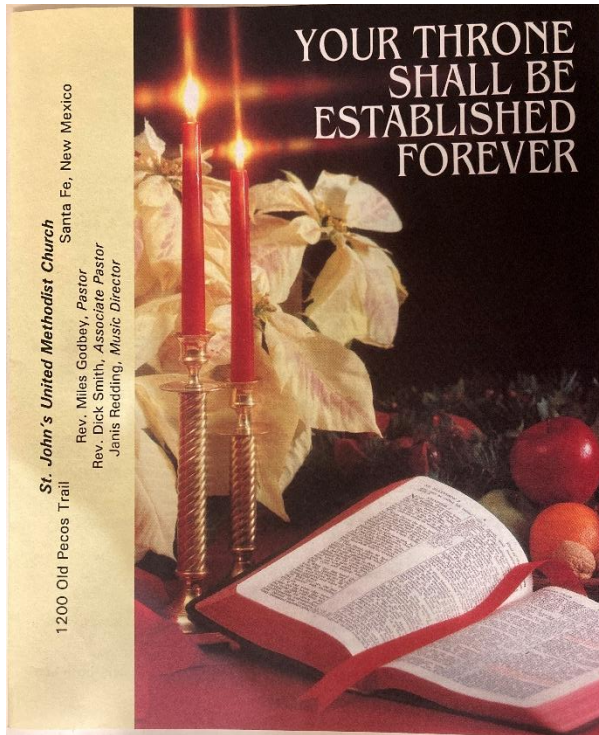


Matthew von Schweinitz 19 December  
1993



Christopher von Schweinitz 1964

More Photos of Matthew's Baptism on  
19 December 1993



Church

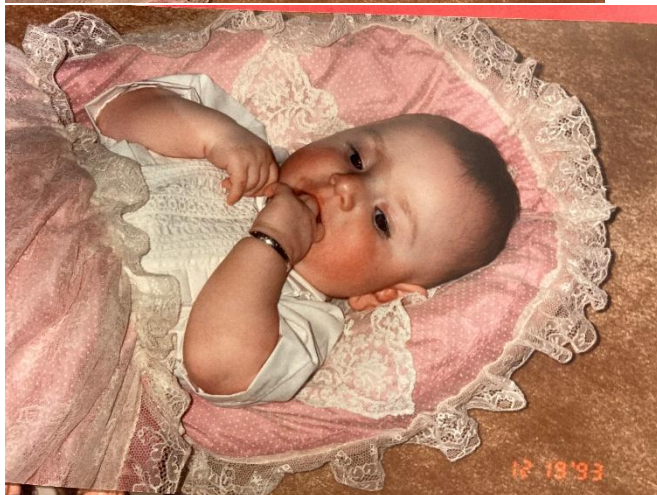


Chris (father), Bettina (Aunt-Chris' sister), Jill (mother) in front of church.





Jill and Chris with Matthew





All three generations, Helga, Chris, Bettina, Jill, Hans, Matthew

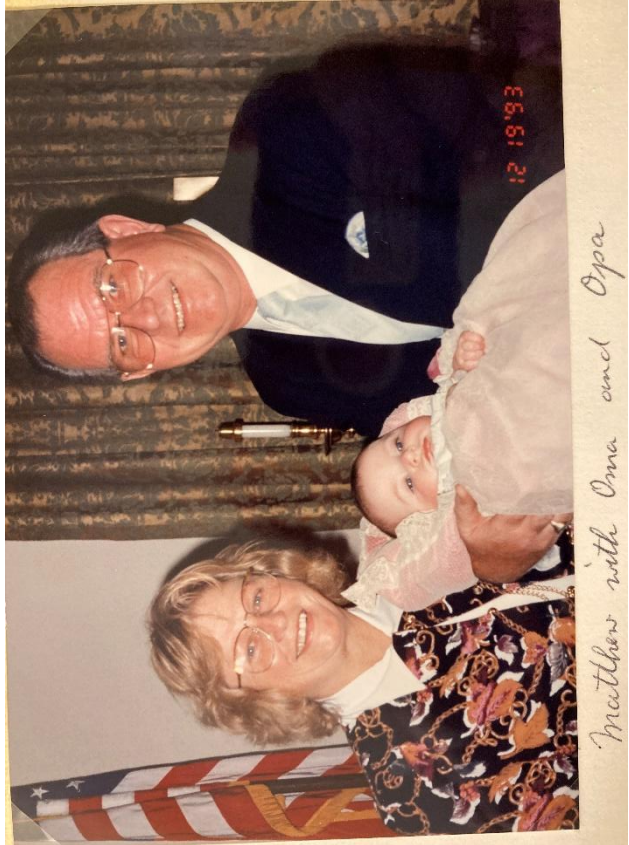






Opa – Hans with Matthew





Three generations, Christopher,  
Matthew, Hans



Oma – Helga with Matthew



Bettina

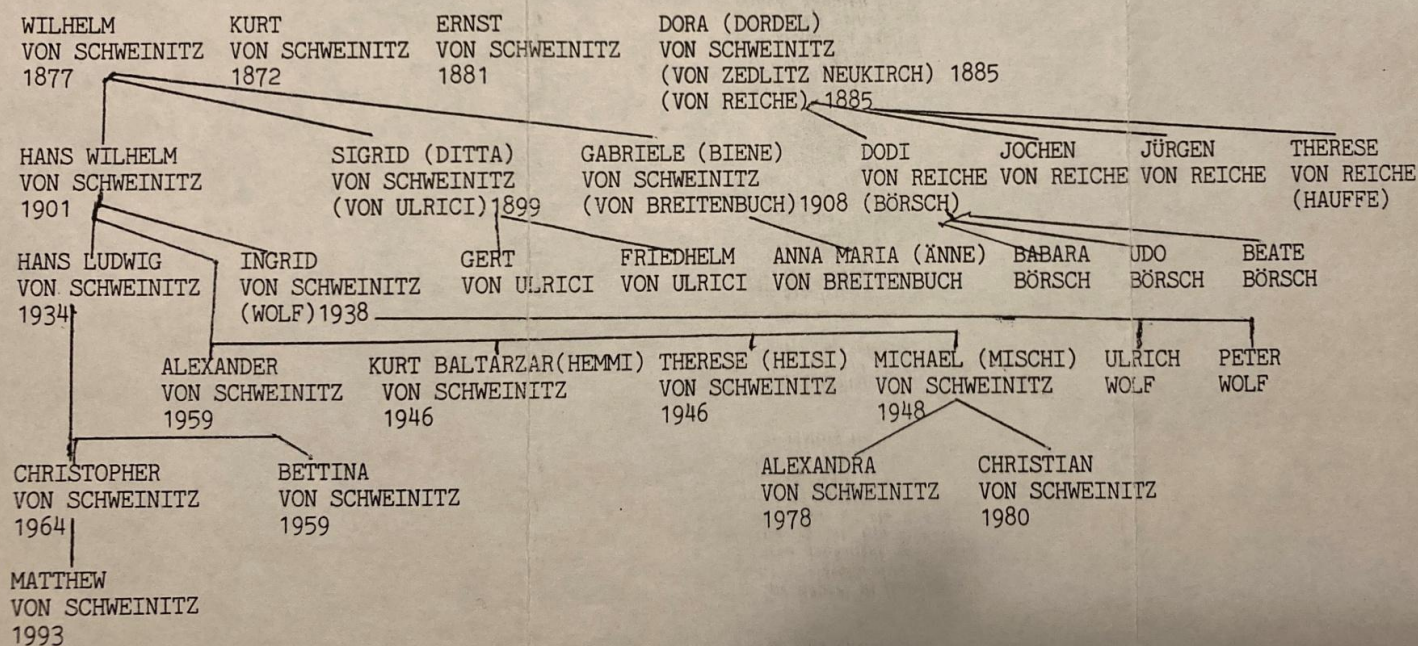
TAUFGISSEN  
VON SCHWEINITZ FAMILY  
HISTORY

DATE. 14 JANUARY 1994, AUSTIN TEXAS USA

THE KNOWN FIRST USE WAS IN ALTRAUDTEN SILECIA 1872

THE TAUFGISSEN WAS IN WIESBADEN WEST GERMANY WITH THE BÖRSCH FAMILY AFTER THE WAR IN 1945.

THE SMALL CLOTH AND TOP CLOTH WERE ADDED BY INGRID VON SCHWEINITZ MARRIED TO GÜNTHER WOLF. THE SMALL CLOTH IS THE BRIDAL HANKERCHIEF AND THE TOP CLOTH IS THE BRIDAL VAIL OF IDA WOLF(HENKEL) THE MOTHER OF GÜNTHER WOLF.



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