

## **Chapter 8.0**

# **Walter Family – Early Generations**

Cheryl “Li” Walter and Ronald Neil Walter

Cheryl and her father Ron Walter have done research into the earliest members of our Walter Family. They have found the history as well as the name differences that have occurred through the years.

Cheryl: I love that my father and I seem to be the ones making the link to how our family got here and now the fuller story of where they came from and several generations back! This is a great addition to the fantastic work that you, Dorrell, and Phil Silcox have done!! We are all a credit to our family through our dedication to searching, remembering, and honouring them.

## **Name Difference in Records**

As sometimes happens as we search historical documents we find differences in the names our ancestors went by during the different periods of their lives we are looking at. In some cases the name change occurs when a clerk or agent at the immigration office / dock writes the name as they believe they hear it and how that would be spelled or they just make up a name because they can't understand what is being said. Fortunately we find many of the surnames carry through with consistent spelling if not pronunciation.

The name that you will see change in the document we have here is Johann Peter Walter who was born on 2 Aug 1810 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany. In the records we have in Canada, Census and Grave records, he is referred to as Peter or Johann Peter Walter, Senior or John Peter Walter, Senior. He was called Peter by his friends and family here.

In Germany his name in the birth, baptism and marriage records is George Peter Walter.

Cheryl: I too was surprised to find the records listing Peter Senior as George Peter Walter, but there are many and they are consistent. I think we assume a Junior and Senior would have the same entire names, but this does not seem to be the case. Also, Johann Gottfried Walter is a solid and confirmed father of Peter Senior.

We've always thought his name was Johann Peter like his son Peter Junior, but all the records say George Peter. I think the Junior is due to the convention of using the "middle" name as the referred to name. The first name was not generally used. There are birth certificates and a marriage certificate even!

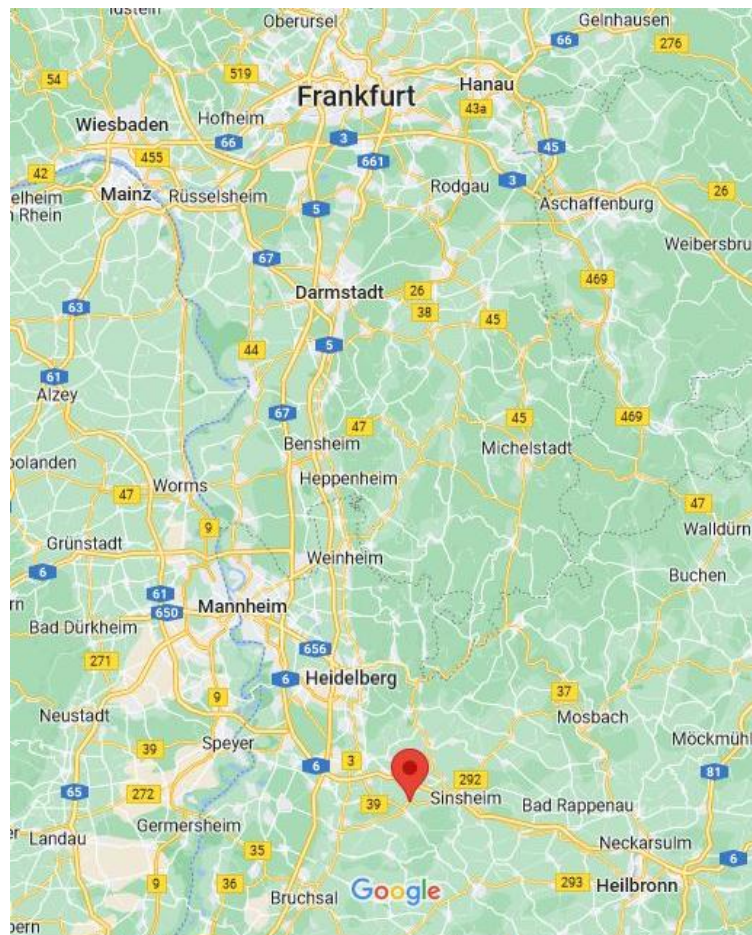
In addition to the transcribed records I have linked to in Ancestry, I have seen the actual German Church records on a computer at a local Family History Library. If you have an Ancestry account you can see the Profile page for Johann Peter Walter Jr. at;

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262446/facts>

The records are available and plentiful and list all the expected children at the right ages and with the right names, and they go back on the Walter side another couple generations in and around Michelfeld (which is just a few miles from Eschelbach, in the lower part of the map on the right at the red dot), and on the Katharina (Bender) Walter side (Peter Senior's wife), they go back MANY generations, all the way to the early 1600s.

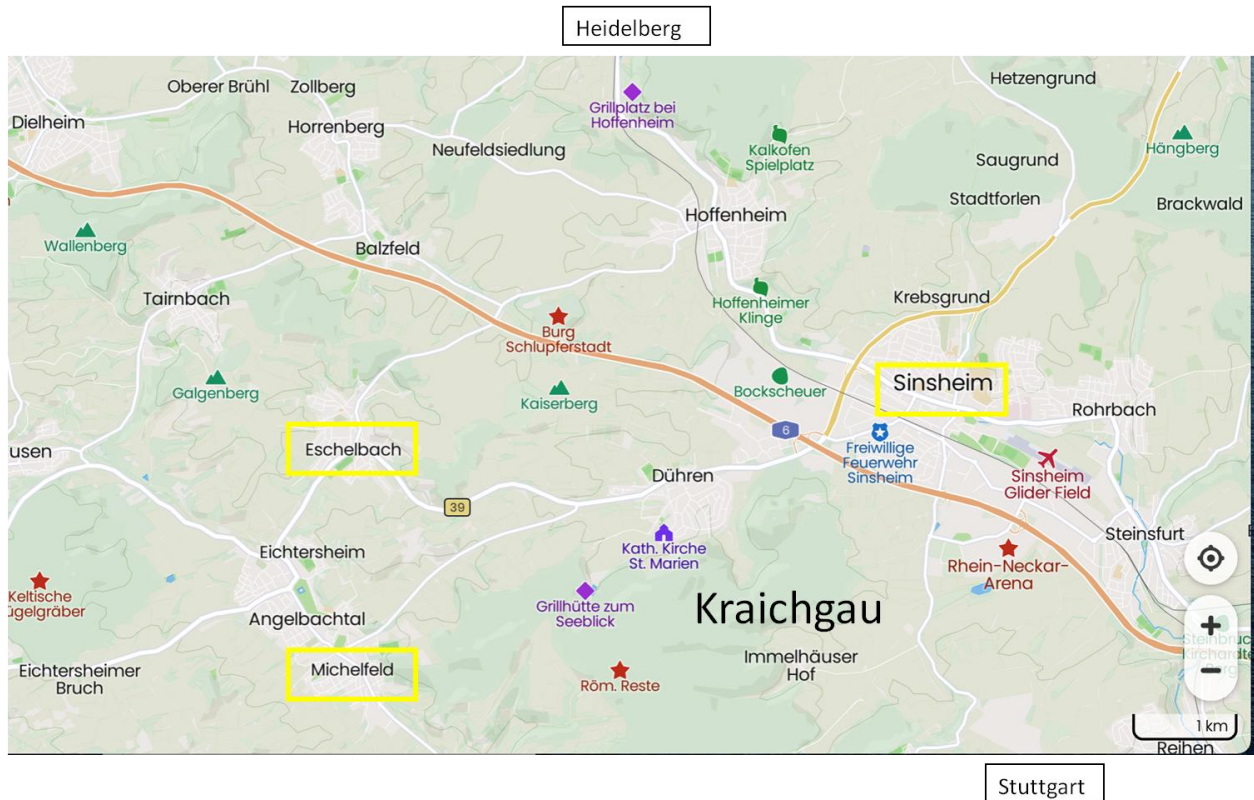
## Geography

The Walter and Bender families, and others that are connected with us, came from the region south of Heidelberg that includes towns and villages such as Sinsheim, Eschelbach, Michelfeld, Baden-Baden, Stuttgart – all part of the “Kraichgau”.



The Kraichgau is a hilly region in [Baden-Württemberg](#), southwestern [Germany](#). It is bordered by the [Odenwald](#) and the [Neckar](#) to the North, the [Black Forest](#) to the South, and the Upper Rhine Plain to the West.

This general area was called the Kraichgau, the bread basket where much grain and produce was grown. They were in the heart of this area. Thus, they were greatly impacted during the Thirty Years War by troops coming through and taking what they grew. Year after year...



The Immigration ship's records also show that Peter Sr. and Katharina with their children came over on the same ship at the same time as her brother Johan Burkhardt Bender and his family, who also settled in Ontario. So many threads braiding together.

In this document covering the families before Johann Peter Walter Sr. you will see here that his name is George Peter Walter.

## Early History

We can see generations reaching back to the Thirty Years War in the 1600s. Starting with George Peter Walter - he was born on 2 Aug 1810 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany. His wife, Katharina Margareta Bender's line goes way back to the earliest Eschelbach records from after the Thirty Years War. This is all very well documented.

And, we're solid back to Peter's father being Johann Gottfried Walter (known as Gottfried) who was born in nearby Michelfeld. He was a gentleman Sheppard (meaning he owned his own sheep). From a marriage certificate, his father was Conrad Walter, but which Conrad is speculative.

### G. Johann Gottfried Walter

Johann Gottfried Walter<sup>1-2</sup> was born in 1771 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany.

(Source: from Death record and Family Search ancestral file; see comments as there were Walters in the area a generation or two before, so could be...) He died on 25 Mar 1834 at the age of 63 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany.

Note from StargazerLi - on Ancestry Family Tree - His father's name is Conrad, we know from his marriage record. Whether this is the right Conrad is in question, as the birth record would seem to be from earlier than the death record would indicate. This is the main lingering issue is the discrepancy in the birth date of the birth record and the birth date in the death record. However Mauer is only 7 miles from Eschelbach, so not far at all! Probably need to see the Michelfeld records. - 2018

StargazerLi – See the added as an alternate father Hans Conrad Walther, who would really have been a grandfather most likely if they are related. He was married in Duhren in 1730. So, he's the first Conrad Walter I've found in that very immediate area. - 2018

StargazerLi - Now I found a Conradt Walther in Duhren who died around when Gottfried was born. So, there were Walter's in that area! How could have been a grandfather? - 2018

Source - StargazerLi

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

Johann Gottfried Walter and Catharina Margaretha Mueller were married on 5 Nov 1797 in Eschelbach, Baden, Prussia.

Source - StargazerLi

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**Catharina Margaretha Mueller** was born in 1773 in Michelfeld, Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, Baden - Württemberg, Germany. Johann Gottfried Walter and Catharina Margaretha Mueller had the following children:

### **G.1. Susanna Regina Katherina Walter**

Susanna Regina Katherina Walter was born on 10 Jul 1799 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany. She died on 27 Nov 1827 at the age of 28.

Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

Susanna Regina Katherina Walter and Johannes Altstadt were married on 30 Aug 1821 in Rappenau, Baden, Prussia. **Johannes Altstadt** was born (date unknown).

Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

### **G.2. Son Walter**

Son Walter was born on 8 Jan 1801 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia.

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### **G.3. Johann Gottfried Walter**

Johann Gottfried Walter was born about 1802. He was baptized on 7 Mar 1802 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia. He died on 8 Apr 1807 at the age of 5. Johann was buried on 10 Apr 1807 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia.

Source - StargazerLi  
<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

### **G.4. George Peter Walter**

George Peter Walter was born on 18 May 1803. He was baptized on 19 May 1803 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia. He died on 25 Jun 1805 at the age of 2. George was buried on 27 Jun 1805 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia.

Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

### **G.5. Susanna Friedericka Margarethe Walter**

Susanna Friedericka Margarethe Walter was born on 28 Sep 1805 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany. She died on 17 Dec 1890 at the age of 85 in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. StargazerLi - This is questionable as her mother is listed as Katherina in the marriage record. But, she is the right age range, her father is Conrad, they are in the right town, and she marries a Bender as does one of her siblings. But, I have no birth record on her. - 2018

Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

Susanna Friedericka Margarethe Walter and Johann Friedrich Bender were married 8 June 1826 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia. **Johann Friedrich Bender** was born (date unknown).

### **G.6. Katharine Walter**

Katharine Walter was born about 1807. She died on 27 Nov 1827 at the age of 20. She was buried on 29 Nov 1827 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia.

Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

### **G.7. Anna Maria Walter**

Anna Maria Walter was born on 5 Aug 1809 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany. She died on 12 Aug 1809 at the age of 0 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany. She was buried on 14 Aug 1809 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia.

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### **G.8. George Peter "Peter" Walter**

George Peter "Peter" Walter (aka: Johann Peter Walter) was born on August 2, 1810 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany.<sup>1</sup> He died on December 4, 1880 at the age of 70 in Perth, Ontario, Canada. He was also known as Johann Peter "Peter" Walter.

George Peter "Peter" Walter and Katharina Margareta Bender were married on November 20, 1836 in Eschelbach, Heidelberg, Baden, Germany. **Katharina Margareta**

**Bender**, daughter of Johann Burkhardt Bender and Maria Kunigunda Muller, was born on December 8, 1810 in Eschelbach, Heidelberg, Baden, Germany. They migrated with their elder children to America, Buffalo, New York, about 1847. A son Gottfried was born in Buffalo. They moved to Waterloo County, Woolwich Township on 175 acres of land, Lot #61, north of Elmira. Their log house was 23' x 25'. She died on September 1, 1887 at the age of 76 in Wallace, Perth County, Ontario, Canada. She was also known as Mary Katherine Bender.

The family was listed in the Canadian Census of 1851: –

Peter Walter	aged 42
Katharine Walter	aged 42
Jacob	14
John Ehrenfried	12
Margaret	10
Peter	8
Catharine	6
Gottfried	4

A son Michael was born in Woolwich Township in 1855.

Peter bought the land in 1856, from a Mr. Diller. In late 1860 Peter sold: Jacob Walter 50 acres; Frederick Bender 60 acres; George Arnold 46 acres of this lot.

Gottfried is not included in the 1861 Census; it is believed he died as a young child before 1861, though no stone located.

Children of Johann Peter and his wife Katharine Walter: –

1. **Jacob** - born August 28, 1837. Died Nov. 23, 1914; married Julia Arnold born 1837. She died Apr. 12, 1920.

2. **John Ehrenfried**- born 1839 (Married three times so they say).

1st wife – Annie Drehmer

2nd wife – Carrie Krotz (a cousin)

3rd wife – Mrs. Margaret Miller, Kitchener (wife of Jake Miller)

3. **Margaret** - born September 22, 1841, died April 25, 1893; married Valentine Welker born February 3, 1833, died October 2, 1897.

4. **Peter Junior** - born December 7, 1843 in Baden Baden, Germany, died 1929; married Veronica Kimpel born 1844, died 1910.

5. **Katharine (Kate)** - born October 4, 1844 Eschelbach, Germany; married Ehrenfried Bender. It is said they had 14 children - seven sons and seven daughters.

6. **Gottfried** - born about 1847 – died before 1861.

7. **Michael** - born June 18, 1855, died September 27, 1932; married Barbara Heinmiller born November 28, 1853, died February 18, 1915.

Additional Note: Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

Children of George Peter Walter and Katharina Margareta Bender:

**G.8.1. Jacob Friederich Walter**<sup>1</sup> was born on 28 Aug 1837 in Alsace Lorraine, Germany. He died Fairview Cemetery on 25 Nov 1913 at the age of 76 at Wallace Township, Perth County, Ontario, Canada.

**G.8.2. John Ehrenfried Walter** was born on 1 Nov 1839 in Germany. He died on 15 Sep 1918 at the age of 78. John Ehrenfried Walter and Annie Drehmer were married on 28 May 1863. **Annie Drehmer** was born on 11 Aug 1845. She died on 9 Dec 1882 at the age of 37. She was buried at 6th Line Cemetery in Wallace Township, Ontario. John Ehrenfried Walter and Annie Drehmer had the following children:

**G.8.3. Margaretha "Margaret" Walter** was born on 22 Sep 1841 in Germany. She died on 25 Apr 1893 at the age of 51 in Ontario, Canada.

Margaretha "Margaret" Walter and Valentine Welker were married. **Valentine Welker** was born on 3 Feb 1833. He died on 2 Oct 1897 at the age of 64.

**G.8.4. Johann Peter Walter Junior** was born on 7 Dec 1843 in Baden Baden, Germany. He died on 3 Jun 1929 at the age of 85 in Perth, Ontario, Canada. Johann Peter Walter Junior and Veronika Kimpel were married in 1866 in Wilmot Township, Ontario, Canada. **Veronika Kimpel**, daughter of Casper Kimpel, was born on 20 Jun 1844 in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. She died on 17 Jul 1910 at the age of 66 in Wallace Township, Ontario, Canada. **Veronica or Franke Kimpel** – born June 20, 1844. She married Peter Walter Jr.

**G.8.5. Katharine "Kate" Walter** was born on 4 Oct 1844 in Eschelbach, Germany. Katharine "Kate" Walter and Ehrenfried Bender were married. It is said they had 14 children - seven sons and seven daughters.

**G.8.6. Gottfried Walter** was born about 1847 in Buffalo, New York, United States. He died before 1861 at the age of 14.



**G.8.7. Michael Walter** was born on 18 Jun 1855 in Woolwich Township, Ontario.

**G.9. Johann Gottsfried Walter**

Johann Gottsfried Walter was born on 16 Jul 1812 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany. He died on 19 Jul 1812 at the age of 0 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany. He was buried on 25 Jul 1812 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia. Johann was baptized 17 July 1812 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany.

Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

**G.10. Elisabeth Walter**

Elisabeth Walter was born on 12 Sep 1813 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany. Elisabeth Walter and Johannes Altstadt were married on 1 Nov 1832 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia.

Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

**G.11. George Balzar Walter**

George Balzar Walter was born on 22 Dec 1814. He was baptized on 23 Dec 1814 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia. He died on 21 May 1815 at the age of 0. George was buried on 23 May 1815 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia.

Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

**G.12. Johann Gottfried Walter**

Johann Gottfried Walter was born on 26 May 1816. He was baptized on 28 May 1816 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia. He died on 9 Jun 1816 at the age of 0. Johann was buried on 11 Jun 1816 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia.

Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

**G.13. Susanna Helene Walter**

Susanna Helene Walter was born on 29 Aug 1817 in Michelfeld, Baden, Germany. She died on 25 Feb 1901 at the age of 83 in Woolwich Twp, Waterloo,

Ontario, Canada. Susanna Helene Walter and Jacob Konrad Bender were married 31 May 1838 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia. **Jacob Konrad Bender** was born on 25 Aug 1811 in Baden-Württemberg, Germany. He died on 8 Jan 1897 at the age of 85 in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>

#### **G.14. Friedrika Eva Margareth Walter**

Friedrika Eva Margareth Walter was born about 1820 in Michelfeld, Baden, Prussia. She died on 21 Jun 1820 at the age of 0.

Source – StargazerLi <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75860368/person/46330262350/facts>


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Baptism Place:	Eschelbach, Baden (Baden-Württemberg), Preußen (Germany)
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Mother: [Margaretha Müller](#)

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Father: [Gottfried Walter](#)

Mother: [Margaretha Müller](#)

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Mother:	<a href="#">Kunigunda Müller</a>
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Father: [Johann Gottfried Walter](#)

Mother: [Margarethe Walter](#)

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Marriage Place: **Eschelbach, Baden (Baden-Württemberg), Preußen (Germany)**

Father: [Conrad Walter](#)

Spouse: [Magretha Müllerin](#)

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Birth Date: abt 1771

Death Date: 25 Mrz 1834 (25 Mar 1834)

Death Age: 63

Burial Date: 27 Mrz 1834 (27 Mar 1834)

Burial Place: Michelfeld, Baden (Baden-Württemberg), Preußen (Germany)

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