

# **THE AREY FAMILY**

## **DESCENDANTS OF GOTTLIEB (CUTLIP) IHRICH/AREY, SR. (DIED 1781) OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

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The recent discovery of the German emigration records of our ancestor **Gottlieb Ihrich/Arey** has been followed by the discovery and translation of the parish records of births, deaths, and marriages of the families of his parents and grandparents. Shirley Barr Dubuque of Minnesota, an **Ary/Arey** descendant, has examined films of numerous parish registers of the states of Hesse and Baden, Germany, in order to identify the **Irich/Ihrig** families in these areas. The magnitude and difficulty of this task cannot be overestimated. The historical script is often a semi-illegible scribble, and Latin and German terms are mixed erratically. Nevertheless, she has located, compiled and copied records to add generations of German maternal and paternal ancestors of our ancestor **Johann Gottlieb Ihrich/Ihrig** who came to America in the ship *St. Andrew* in 1751. She has also located other **Ihrich/Ihrig** families which seem to be related. In German, "ch" and "g" are interchangeable, and "ich" and "ig" are pronounced the same. Variant spellings of **Ihrich/Ihrig** (including **Irig** and **Ehrig**) frequently appear in the records for the same individuals and families. As far as possible, the spelling used in the original records is shown. These variant spellings are precursors of the many variants of the anglicized names of descendants of "**Cutlip Arey**" in America which include **Arey, Ary, Airy, Airey, Eary, Earrey, Earrich, Eariff, Ery** and others used by various branches of the family. This addendum presents maps, photocopies of selected entries in parish registers and a brief summary of the families of the newly discovered ancestors of our ancestor **Johann Gottlieb Ihrich/Ihrig (Cutlip Arey)** who died in Rockingham County, Virginia in 1781. Much current research of other families in Germany and America who are probably related to our ancestors is in progress, and will be presented in a subsequent manuscript. The new data is preliminary only, subject to correction, addition and revision as more information becomes available.

The home of the family of our ancestor **Cutlip Arey** of Virginia was in the State of Hesse in west central Germany, particularly in the southern part of **Odenwald District** in southern Hesse. See the maps which follow. The Lutheran Church parish registers for 1677-1802 for **Beerfelden, Hessen** (Beerfelden Parish, Odenwald District, State of Hesse) are found on LDS films FHC #1346437 and FHC #1346438. These registers for Beerfelden then included the present parishes of Beerfelden, Sensbachtal, Hesseneck and others in Odenwald District.

Beerfelden, Gammelsbach, Falcongesab & Hetzbach are in present Beerfelden Parish.

Hebstahl & Unter-Sensbach are in present Sensbachtal Parish.

Schöllensbach & Hohberg are in present Hesseneck Parish.

Erlebach and Erbach are in present Erbach Parish.

Eberbach is in the State of Baden, near the border with Odenwald, Hesse.

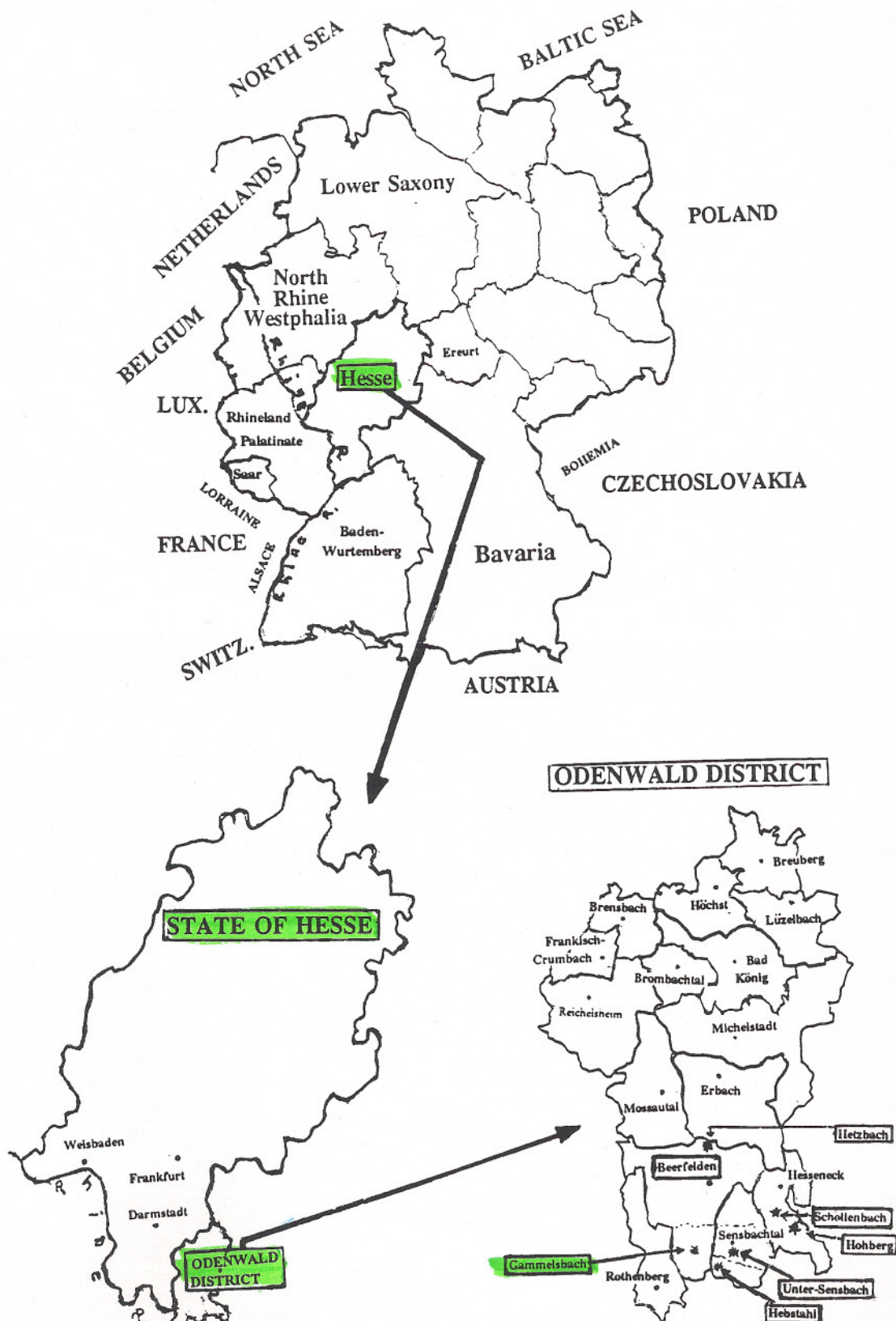
The new style (n.s) Gregorian calendar was adopted at various times by various pastors and parishes in Germany. Years n.s. began January 1. The old style (o.s.) Julian calendar had years which began March 25. It appears that most of the early Beerfelden registers used the new Gregorian calendar, but early dates, particularly those for the months of January, February and March, should be used with caution. For example, January 1, 1699 n.s. = January 1, 1698 o.s. (year ending March 1699).

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# GERMANY

Homeland of JOHANN GOTTLIEB IHRICH/IHRIG (1724-1781),  
American Immigrant 1751



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1, ¶ 1 and footnote 1:

We now have a record<sup>1</sup> of the German origin of our ancestor **Gottlieb Ihrich/Ihrig/Arey** and of a possible relative who also arrived in 1751 on the ship *St. Andrew*:

From [State of Hesse], Odenwaldkreis ~~Band 5~~, Gammelsbach:

**IHRIG, Johann Gottlieb**, born 16.2.1724<sup>2</sup>, auf Schiff "Andrew", SH Liste 165C, nach Amerika 1751.

From [State of Hesse], Odenwaldkreis ~~Band 5~~, Unter-Sensbach:

**IHRIG, Johann Konrad**, born 14.6.1732 1731, married 9.5.1751 at Beerfelden [Hesse, Odenwaldkreis ~~Band 5~~, Beerfelden] **Maria Elisabetha Papp (Bopp)**, K [child]: (vor der Ehe) 31.12.1750, am 10.5.1751 abgereist, auf Schiff "St. Andrew," SH Liste 165C, S. 457, als "Conrad Errich" nach Amerika 1751.

From [State of Hesse], Odenwaldkreis, Unter-Sensbach:

**IHRIG, Johannes**, born 2.9.1731, nach Amerika 1752.

Thus, for the first time, we have the specific home in Germany, the date of birth, and the full name of our ancestor **Johann Gottlieb Ihrig/Ihrich/Arey**. On the same ship, the **Conrad Errich** mentioned in footnote 1 on page 1 of the family history was **Johann Konrad Ihrig/Errich**, also from Odenwaldkreis. Gammelsbach and Unter-Sensbach are adjoining.

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<sup>1</sup> This newly-discovered information was supplied by researcher Harriet Arey Davidson, a descendant of Peter Ihrig/Arey, 1749 Immigrant whose family settled in North Carolina. His relationship, if any, to our ancestor **Gottlieb Ihrich/Ihrig/Arey** is still unknown, but he also arrived on the ship *St. Andrew* two years before our ancestor sailed on the same ship. However, that ship carried thousands of German immigrants to America, beginning at least by 1734. Mrs. Davidson located the record in a recent book by Ella Gieg, *Auswanderungen aus dem Odenwaldkreis*.

<sup>2</sup> ~~Probably 16 May according to the old style calendar when years ended March 25.~~



g-Maria Catharina Ihrich b 15 May 1717, Gammelsbach; d 23 Apr 1718 at 11m 8d, Gammelsbach.

h-male Ihrich b 13 Nov 1718, Gammelsbach; d 16 Nov 1718 at Gammelsbach.

i-Johann Wilhelm Ihrich b 25 Oct 1719, Gammelsbach; d 5 Feb 1787 at 68y 3m 12d, Beerfelden; m 28 Jan 1755 at Hohberg, Hesse Anna Sophia Christina Haberkorn, d/o Georg Friederich Haberkorn.

j-Johann Georg Ihrich b 25 Jul 1721, Gammelsbach; d 18 Feb 1722, Gammelsbach.

k-male Ihrich b 1 Dec 1722, Gammelsbach; d 3 Dec 1722, Gammelsbach.

**1-JOHANN GOTTLIEB IHRICH**, our ancestor, b 16 Feb 1724, Gammelsbach. He is the Gottlieb Ihrich, passenger on the ship *St. Andrew* which arrived in Philadelphia on 14 Sep 1751. He died in Rockingham Co, Virginia in 1781, leaving a widow MARY [--], his 2nd wife. He had 10 children, and their families are detailed in the main volume.

Gottlieb Ihrich was known in America as Cutlip Arey (Airy, Airey, Ary, Eary, Earrey, Earrich, Eariff, Ery, etc.). He was the 12th child of the 16 born to his parents who are named in his birth record, and is the only one of his immediate family who left for America. However, it is probable that the Conrad Errich who was also a passenger on the *St. Andrew* in 1751 is a close relative, most likely a cousin.<sup>1</sup> They may also be related to the 1752 Emigrant from Unter-Sensbach Johannes Ihrig.<sup>2</sup> Hans Peter Strein, also a 1751 *St. Andrew* passenger, was born in 1717, a first cousin of Georg Ihrich/Ihrig, father of our ancestor Gottlieb.

m-Anna Christina Ihrig b 27 Jan 1726 and d 28 Jan 1726, Gammelsbach.

n-Anna Christina Catharina Ihrig b 11 Feb 1727, Gammelsbach; d 20 Jan 1787 at 60y 12d, Gammelsbach; m 11 Feb 1745 at Gammelsbach Johann Georg Daum (b 1703; d 10 May 1782 at 78y 8m 21d, Gammelsbach), s/o Leonhard Daum.

o-Johann Matern Ihrig b 22 May 1729 and d 23 May 1729 at 24 hours, Gammelsbach.

p-Margretha Elisabetha Ihrig b 6 Jun 1730 and d 4 Jun 1732 at 2y 3d, Gammelsbach.

2-Catharina Ihrich b 3 May 1688, Schöllnbach; d 12 Jan 1694 at age 6, Schöllnbach.

3-Sebastian Ihrich b 29 Jun 1690, Schöllnbach; d 26 Feb 1739 at 48y 8m 3d, Schöllnbach; m 18 Jun 1721 at Schöllnbach Margaretha Kring, d/o Hans Jacob Kring; she m 2nd Johann Georg Scheurmann. On 26 Jan 1731 at Unter-Sensbach, Sebastian Ihrig of Schöllnbach was Godfather at the baptism of Johann Conrad Ihrig, son of Jacob & Anna [--] Ihrig. Since Sebastian's godson Johann Conrad died in 1731, he could not have been the Conrad on the *St. Andrew* in 1751 with Sebastian's nephew, our ancestor **JOHANN GOTTLIEB (CUTLIP AREY)** of Virginia.

4-Michael Ihrich b 8 Feb 1693, Schöllnbach.

5-Catharina Ihrich b 29 Mar 1695, Schöllnbach; d 1 Apr 1695 at 3 hours old, Schöllnbach.

<sup>1</sup> According to Ella Gieg's *Auswanderungen aus den Odenwaldkreis* (Vol 5, 1997), the 1751 *St. Andrew* passenger Johann Konrad Ihrig from Unter-Sensbach was b 14 Jun 1731; he had an illegitimate child born 31 Dec 1750; and he married on 9 May 1751 at Beerfelden Maria Elisabetha Papp/Bopp. The parish register shows that the Conrad Ihrig who was born on 14 Jun 1731 in Unter-Sensbach was the son of Michel & Eva [Helm] Ihrig; godfather at his baptism on 16 June was Johann Adam Seipp of Kailbach [Hesseneck]. There was also a Johann Conrad Ihrig b 26 Jan 1731 at Unter-Sensbach to Jacob & Anna [--] Ihrig; he d one week later, 2 Feb 1731; godfather at his christening was Sebastian Ihrig of Schöllnbach, uncle of our ancestor Johann Gottlieb Ihrich/Ihrig.

<sup>2</sup> On 2 Sep 1731, Johannes Ihrig was born in Airlenbach [Beerfelden], the [illegitimate] son of Michel Ihrig who was the son of Georg Ihrich of Unter-Sensbach; the mother was Eva Michaels, daughter of Hans Michaels. The parents Michael Ihrig and Eva Michaels were married 8 Oct 1731.