EBERSTADT'S

in

The Netherlands

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Eberstadt's in the Netherlands

Globally speaking there is at this moment in the world one big Eberstadt family. All the living Eberstadt-members descend from Löb (Joseph) Moses Eberstadt who lived from about 1687-1709 in Worms, Hessen (Germany).

The family name Eberstadt is probably derived from the little town Eberstadt near Darmstadt, from which Eberstadt he probably came before he settled in Worms. He is mentioned in Worms for the first time in 1687, but fled temporarily with his family to Bockenheim near Frankfurt.

After about 1850 the Eberstadt's began to spread out of Worms, first to other towns in Germany and to the United States, later to Great Britain and South America. They became known in the banking- and other business fields or as intellectuals. From origin a Jewish family, several of the family-members adopted later the Christian faith.

From about 1850 till 1960 there was in the Netherlands also an Eberstadt-family, which died out in straight line in 1966. About 1850 Carl August Eberstadt and his family settled down in Winterswijk in the east of the Netherlands near Germany. At that time he was an evangelist related to the Brüderverein in Germany and the Darbist and Baptist religious-groups in the Netherlands.

Carl August Eberstadt represented another, from origin Jewish, Eberstadt-family which had his origins in and near the Odenwald in Germany viz. the little towns of Eberstadt (near Buchen) and Hilsbach (near Sinsheim) in Baden-Württemberg (50 to 30 km east and south of Heidelberg).

There is no proven blood relationship between the Eberstadt's from Worms and the Dutch Eberstadt's from Eberstadt/Hilsbach.

Let us enter into detail in the "Dutch" Eberstadt's.
What we know about the origins is that all goes back to about 1740 when, according to the public administration, a Friedrich Eberstadt (appr 1740-1796), merchant, must have been born probably in Eberstadt near Buchen. His wife became Elisabeth Susmann, born about 1750 in Hilsbach near Sinsheim, Baden-Württemberg. According to protestant churchbooks of Hilsbach, his name was Issac Levi (Löb) and the name of his wife Bessle Babette Susmann, daughter of Levi Susmann, living in Hilsbach. Friedrich must have died about 1796; Elisabeth in 1834 and buried in Waibstadt, Jewish cemetery, near Hilsbach. On her tombstone is written in Hebrew that she was the wife of Jizchak Arje Eberstadt.

The family name Eberstadt turns up in the public administration for the first time in 1809 when the widow Bessle Isak Eberstadt in Hilsbach is mentioned with 2 sons and 3 daughters. In another list of 1813 from Hilsbach it is clear that the widow Issac Levi took the family name Eberstadt. Did she adopt the name Eberstadt because her husband came from Eberstadt? He was mentioned a Schutzbürger (protected civilian) of Eberstadt.¹

The Jewish records in the Hilsbach churchbooks tell us more. On 8 February 1834 died Babette=Elisabeth Eberstattin.. She was appr. 84 years old. (born about 1750). She was married to Issac Levi (Löb) in Eberstadt in about 1775 and moved with her 5 children in 1797 to Hilsbach, after the death of her husband in 1796.²

¹ Which meant of Freiherr Rüdt von Collenberg-Eberstadt, Schloss Eberstadt.
² Jewish men could have various Jewish names; Levi=Löb=Arje.
Isaac Levi and Bessle Sussmann had 5 children, born in Eberstadt near Buchen.

1. Elisabeth (abt 1778-1828), died in Hilsbach, buried in Waibstadt.
2. Moses Isaak Eberstadt (born abt 1779), lived in 1809 in Hilsbach and in 1810 outside. No trace found.
3. Lorchen (Lehe) (abt 1784-1840) married in Hainstadt near Buchen Mayer David Eisemann from Hainstadt. Both were buried in the Jewish cemetery Bödigheim. This branch died out.
4. Franziska (Fanny, Fratge), (1786-1862), buried in Bödigheim.
5. Victor (Jacob Daniel) Eberstadt (1790-1832), died in Oberhollenberg, Bergische Land.

No trace has been found of the ancestors of Isaac Levi. He must have been buried at the regional Jewish cemetery Bödigheim in the woods near Eberstadt.

Bessle Eberstadt, born Sussmann was from an old Jewish family which lived in Hilsbach. Her grandfather, Shlomo or Salman/Salomo Sussmann, born about 1700 in Hilsbach, is buried at the regional Jewish cemetery Waibstadt near Hilsbach in 1758 (see tombstone nr 1736) as is Bessle, born Sussmann in 1834 (see tombstone 1079). In this cemetery in the woods are 12 gravestones with inscriptions of the direct Sussmann family.

Summarized: Friedrich Eberstadt, Isaak Levi, Schutzbürger of Eberstadt bei Buchen and Elisabeth Susmann, both born about 1750 and living in Eberstadt and Hilsbach (Baden) had 5 children, viz. Victor = Jacob Daniel Eberstadt (see later), Liebet Eberstadt, Moses Isaak (no records), Lorchen = Lehe and Franziska/Fanny.

The marriage and death records of Jacob Daniel Eberstadt (1790-1832), merchant, show that he was the son of Friedrich Eberstadt and Elisabeth Susmann from Hilsbach. There is no birth certificate or birth record of Jacob Daniel, but from other sources it is clear that he was born in 1790 in Eberstadt near Buchen and lived later under the name of Victor Eberstadt in Hilsbach (Baden) in 1809 with his Jewish mother. In 1821 Victor Eberstadt was baptized Christianly in Bornheim near Frankfurt and adopted his new Christian names Jacob Daniel. On the 6th of April 1825 Jacob Daniel E. married in Ründeroth (Bergische Land) Wilhelmina Niebel, born in 1801 near Ründeroth. Jacob Daniel E. died near Ründeroth in 1832, 42 years old and Wilhelmina Niebel in Winterswijk (the Netherlands) in 1859. No particulars are known about them.

Johann Carl August Eberstadt (1829-1908), merchant and later evangelist was the only child of Jacob Daniel E. and Wilhelmina Niebel. He was born near Ründeroth on 17 February 1829 and he died in Winterswijk 29 January 1908. He married in Halver near Elberfeld/Wuppertal in the Protestant church on 13 May 1851 at the age of 22 with Helene Viebahn, who was then 27. In the Dutch publication "Een is uw Meester" by Dr W.J. Ouweneel, one chapter is dedicated to Carl August Eberstadt, an evangelist-pioneer of the Brother-movement (Brüderverein / Darbists / Baptist). As he was only 3 years old when his father died, Carl August was raised - according to family history - at coreligionists who gave him a severe education. Around 1850 he must have come into contact with the "Evangelische Brüderverein" founded in that year and which had its base in Elberfeld (about 30 km of Halver). With other brother-evangelists Carl August was arrested in 1853 in Dillenburg (Nassau) for preaching there and extradited to Hessen. In 1854 the authorities in Arnsberg allowed Eberstadt and his wife and daughter to emigrate to Winterswijk in the Netherlands, just over the border with Germany where a small group of the brothers existed. At that time there was no strict borderline between the Brothers (Darbist) and the Baptists and so we find Carl August in 1854/1855 several times in Amsterdam where he had discussions with the Baptist-group, which even lead to a split in Baptists and Darbists. He, as evangelist, even visited and worked under the Brothers in Silesia.

In anglo-saxon countries called the "Plymouth Brethren"
The Winterswijk-Brother community supported C.A. Eberstadt financially and so he could buy a big shop in the Market place where he started a drapery-business.

The couple Eberstadt-Viebahn had totally 6 children: 3 sons and 3 daughters. Two sons and one daughter (1, 2 and 3) remained unmarried and later ran the drapery-business.

Daughter Helena Eberstadt (3) married Karel Christiaan ten Pas in 1889. Their son August changed his name by permission of Queen Juliana around 1965 in Eberstadt ten Pas, of which a descendant is still living in Hengelo.

Son Herman Eberstadt (1860 - 1945), nr 4, merchant, married Margarethe Rutgers and had 3 daughters. They lived in Arnhem/Oosterbeek. His daughter Hendrika Johanna Eberstadt married August Carel van der Velden 4), the son of Jan Dirk van der Velden and Anna Berendina Eberstadt (see later). The son of August Carel van der Velden and Hendrika J. Eberstadt changed his name around 1960 in Eberstadt van der Velden of which there are several descendants.

Another daughter of Herman Eberstadt was Helena Eberstadt (unmarried), who died in 1966 as the last "Dutch"Eberstadt.

Daughter Anna Berendina Eberstadt (nr 5) of Carl August Eberstadt, who lived from 1863-1939, schoolteacher, married the Presbyterian Minister Jan Dirk van der Velden (1859-1947) and had 8 children, of which August Carel (1890-1955) (see above) and Willem Adriaan van der Velden (1900-1981), banker in Rotterdam, whose son Matthijs van der Velden is the author of this note.

Sources
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3. Namennannehmungsregister 1809 und 1813, Hilsbach.
10. Christof Eberstadt, "Die ältesten Ursprünge der Familie Eberstadt aus Hilsbach in Odenwald. (2013)”, with photo's of many gravestones of Sussmann family members in the jewesh cemetery Waibstadt

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I
Friedrich = Isaac Levi Eberstadt, born in Eberstadt near Buchen (Baden), about 1740, merchant, jewish, died about 1796, m. Elisabeth Susmann¹, born in Hilsbach about 1750 lives in Eberstadt and again in Hilsbach, dies Hilsbach 1834, buried at the jewish cemetery in Waibstadt near Hilsbach, daughter of Levi Susmann. (see her tombstone nr 1079).

Herefrom: see ev. Kirchenbuch Hilsbach and Buch:Hilsbach, Dr M.Lurz, ab Seite 179
1. Elisabeth, born Eberstadt, died Hilsbach (1778-1828) (buried in Wailstadt jewish cemetery)
2. Moses Izaak, born Eberstadt, 1779, servant, lived in 1809 in Hilsbach. No trace found.
3. Lorchen (1784-1840), born Eberstadt, (buried in Bödigheim jewish cemetery)²
5. Viktor (Jacob Daniel) (1790-1832), born Eberstadt, died Oberhollenberg, Bergische Land, follows II.

II
Jacob Daniel = Victor Eberstadt³, born Eberstadt 1790, merchant, died Oberhollenberg, near Ründeroth (Bergische Land) 16 February 1832, m. Ründeroth 6 April 1825, Wilhelmina Niebel (born Wallefeld near Ründeroth in July 1801) died Winterswijk 12 March 1859
Herefrom:
1. Johann Carl August Eberstadt, follows III.

III
Johann Carl August Eberstadt, born Hahn near Ründeroth 17 February 1829, merchant, darbist-evangelist, died Winterswijk (The Netherlands) 29 January 1908, m. Halver 13 May 1851, Helene Viebahn (born Kalsbach near Gummersbach 16 September 1824), died Winterswijk 22 October 1891. The family went to Winterswijk (The Netherlands) between 1852 and 1855.
Herefrom:
1. Lydia Eberstadt, born Halver 7 October 1852, unmarried, died Winterswijk, 1 May 1910.
2. Carl August Eberstadt, born Winterswijk 8 October 1855, unmarried, shopkeeper, died Winterswijk 3 February 1928.
3. Helena Eberstadt, born Winterswijk 2 May 1858, died Arnhem 25 October 1941, m. Zutphen 19 February 1889 Karel Christiaan ten Pas, died Zutphen 18 February 1914 (children: Karel August, August (changed his name by permission of the Queen in Eberstadt ten Pas, Frederik and Helena).
4. Herman Eberstadt, follows IV.

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¹ Jewish name Bessle/Babette.
² She married under the name Lehe Eberstatter, 4. Dezember 1816 in Hainstadt (bei Buchen) Meyer Eisemann, Handelsjude. This branch died out.
³ His Jewish name was Victor Eberstadt, baptized Christian in Bornheim (near Frankfurt ) 28 October 1821.
5. Anna Berendina Eberstadt, born Winterswijk 15 July 1863, teacher, died Rotterdam 21 June 1939, m. Winterswijk 4 November 1887, Jan Dirk van der Velden, died Rotterdam 7 December 1947, Presbyterian Minister (children Cornelis August, August Carel, see IV 3), Helena Wilhelmina, Carel Frederik, Frederik Jan, Willem Adriaan van der Velden my father, Wilhelmina Lydia, Frederik Jan
6. Frederik Eberstadt, born Winterswijk 7 July 1866, unmarried, shopkeeper, died Winterswijk, 15 September 1950.

IV
Herman Eberstadt, born Winterswijk 11 July 1860, merchant, died Oosterbeek
22 September 1945, m. Arnhem 19 May 1888 Anna Margaretha Petronella Rutgers, died Oosterbeek 18 February 1943.
Herefrom:
1. Machtilda Eberstadt, born Arnhem 14 July 1890, died Nijmegen 1914, m. Nijmegen 1912
3. Hendrika Johanna Eberstadt, born Arnhem 17 April 1897, m. August Carel van der Velden (see III 5) Arnhem 3 July 1923, died Den Haag 23 August 1978 (children Herman, changed his name by permission of the Queen in Eberstadt van der Velden and Guusje, (died)

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