

Subj: **Grasmeder Family History**
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Hi Ron and Liz, Thank you for your fast response. Danielle would love to receive some pictures of your horses and of High Street Farm. Her mailing address is; 19 Honey Hollow Road, Queensbury NY 12804, USA. If you want to e-mail them, her Dad and Mother's e-mail addresses are: DGrasmeder@gfcement.com and Kgrasmeder@adelphia.net They are already trying to plan a trip to England and High Street Farm.

Ron, you mentioned that you have a cousin living in Virginia. Are they Grasmeders? I have no record of them. Also, you mentioned that your grandfather's name was Peter and that he was a cabinet polisher. I am already aware of another Peter Grasmeder, a "Cabinet Maker", that supposedly was born in London in 1868. He reportedly shirred twenty-two (22) children. I have been in contact with one of his descendants (William, born 1938), who now lives in Woodridge, Queensland, Australia. My records also show that Peter had a brother, George Martin (born in 1873), who also has a number of descendants now living in Australia and in Bournemouth, Dorset in the UK. I am in contact with these family members and can send you more information if you desire it. My records also show that these individuals are also descendants of Martin Johannes Grasmeder, also a baker, and Anne Gertrude Backman. I believe that Martin Johannes may have been a stepbrother of my great-grandfather who emigrated to America from Naumburg, Germany in 1873. I hope this sheds some light on your ancestry and our relationship.

Were you able to open the attachments that I sent with my last e-mail? I can also forward a copy of my Grasmeder Family Database file if you want it. You can open it with a program that can be downloaded at no cost off the Internet. The Program is called "Legacy" and can be downloaded from the following web site; <http://www.LegacyFamilyTree.com/Download.asp>
Hope to hear from you soon, Warmest regards, Martin Grasmeder

GRASMEDER Family Home Page

About Me

My name is H. Martin Grasmeder. I am the Historian for my family. I am 67 years of age and have been retired for a little over three years. My wife, Kathleen, and I live in Doylestown, PA. We have five children, four boys and one girl, and are blessed with five grandchildren, four girls and one boy. Our daughter and two of our sons live near us and our other sons live in Alaska and upper New York State.

My Genealogy Research

With the help of many family members and in particular my fathers sister, Anna T. Grasmeder, I have been able to compile a database of more than six hundred related individuals. Shown here is my Pedigree Report from the "Legacy Family Tree Software" that I use to maintain my database. In performing my research I have uncovered some very interesting facts. The Grasmeder were originally from the province of Bayern in what is now Southern Germany. It was recorded that in the year 1665, Joseph Thomas Grasmeder, Doctor and Patriot, was awarded a Parchment with the Family Seal and Coat of Arms (see below) for his courage and valor during the Thirty Years' War. As time passed, the family migrated into the Province of Hessen to a small town named Naumburg near the city of Kassel. It was in this town that my Great-Grandfather, also named Martin Grasmeder, lost his wife and three children during a smallpox epidemic in 1872. He then took his two remaining children and emigrated to America and started the Grasmeder family in the United States. Around the same time, one of his cousins also emigrated to England and started the family there and that branch has also spread to Australia. I have been in contact with Grasmeders in both of these countries as well as Grasmeders still living in Naumburg.

Coat of Arms

According to information in the International Coat-of-Arms Register, Vol. Rietstap III, for the name - GRASMEDER - the following is shown.

MOTTO: Auxilium et Virtus (Preparedness And Valor)

COAT OF ARMS: A pointed front shield with a black shadow shield. The Shield is gold in color, with a green mountain on which there is a vigilant man dressed in black, holding a blue lily tied with a red band as a symbol of the noble virtue, industry, understanding, patriotism, and loyalty of the rulers of this house.

COAT OF ARMS ORNAMENT: A flowing Gothic ornament, dark red-green-gold, all in harmony with the helmet crest and shield.

HELMET CREST: A side-front view of the helmet, silver in color, with a black visor having three red eye slits, and an additional golden ornament; a black shoulder band, and a red arm ornament.

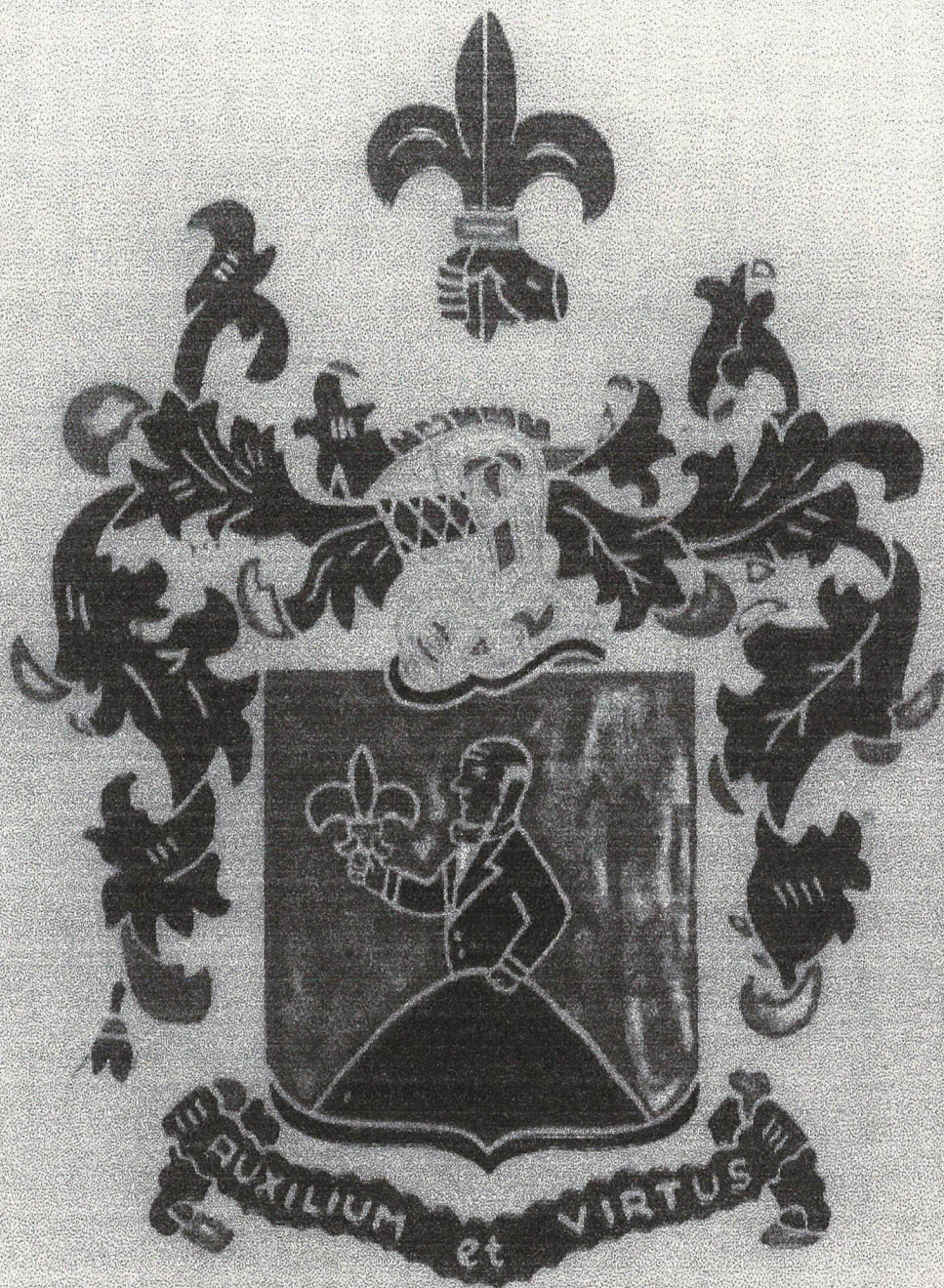
TOP ORNAMENT: A blue and gold pendant on which there is a red lily with a golden band, as a symbol of love of the fatherland and preparedness.

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During my investigations, I also determined that my Great-Grandmother's Sister was married to Dr. Gustav Schoenberg, who was the first European Surgeon invited to serve the Japanese royal family by the Emperor. Dr. Schoenberg was also the son of the Graf Von Schoenberg who was a member of Kaiser Wilhelm I and Kaiser Frederick III royal courts.

If you would like any additional information on the Grasmeder Family, please do not hesitate to contact me at e-mail address; MyGooma@aol.com and or mygooma@comcast.net .



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