



Völkersbach is a small Village of around 2000 Residents, around one Hour Drive by Car south of Frankfurt, submontane of the Black Forrest. The Village was founded 1254 from the Nun-Convent "Frauenalb"





Over the Hills of Völkersbach



Nun-Convent "Frauenalb"

The Production of Glas was very high intensive for Raw-Material, especially for Beechwood. Large Areas of the Black Forrest were cut down and used for Incredients and Firing the Glasblowers Ovens....



Soda

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Potash

Chalk





Tons over Tons of Beechwood....

### .. It's not just blowing Glass...



Drink-Glass

- **Glass-Painting**



Glass-Tray Salesman on the Way to the Market



Window-Glass

During the Centuries, Glasblowing became more and more industrialized, Glasblowers moved to get employed. Hard Times to feed a Family.

Some Family Members, like Ludwig, decided to emigrate to find a better Life, others changed their Job.



Ludwig, born 1806 in Gaggenau, emigrated 1848 over Italy to the USA and raised the "Iowa-Line" of our Family.

Rudolf, born 1832 in Moosbronn and his Brother Franz Georg, born 1830 in Moosbronn, emigrated 1857 and raised the "New York-Line" of our Family

Florian, born 1842 in Moosbronn emigrated to England, Family extinct after two Generations

Cyriak, born 1795 in Moosbronn, emigrated 1838 to Poland, still some open Queries there....

#### The Crosslink of our Families



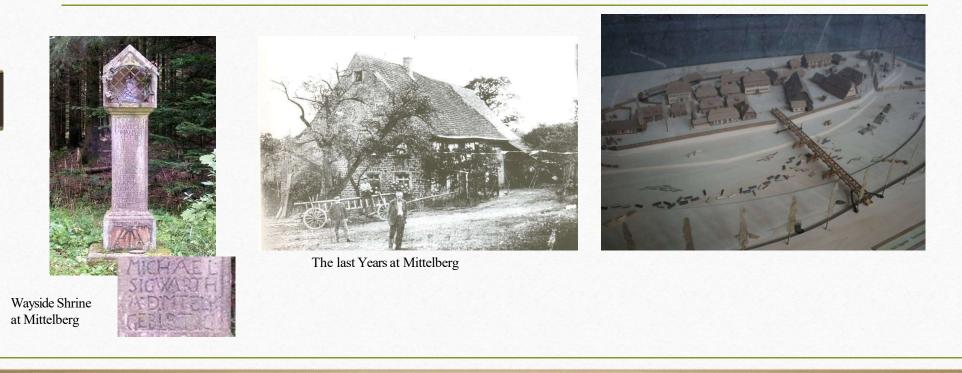
A Seal on a Contract of the Glasblowery mentioned "Johannes Siegwarth, possibly the Son of Michael

Johann Si(e)gwarth (Glassblower of Mittelberg) married to Agatha Schmid

Sebastian (Glasblower) (b:1730) married to Anna Hirth Matthäus (Glasblower) (b:1762) married to Anna Maria Schuler Ludwig (Glasblower) (b:1806) married to Dorothea Hetzel Franz-Jacob (b:1743) married to Anna Maria Schoch Nicolaus (b:1790) married to Maria Magdalena Weiler Nicolaus (b:1837) married to Maria Anna Rabold Valentin Franz (b:1861) married to Cäcilia Adam Alois (b:1907) married to Magdalena Daum

# The last active Glasblower... Signarth Glass Handblown Glass by Douglas & Renee Sigwarth Douglas and Renee's Glasblowery in River Falls, Wisconsin www.sigwarthglass.com

Our oldest Ancestor "Michael Si(e)gwart(h)" came from the Area of St. Blasien in the Black Forrest to take Ownership as Glasblower of the Glasblowery Mittelberg, which is around 10 min. Drive by Car from Völkersbach. This Glasblowery was founded 1698 and was open until 1772, before they moved to the next Location (Gaggenau)



## Glasblower Ensemble Gaggenau





My Grandfather Alois, born 1907 in Völkersbach at his Marriage with

Magdalena, maiden Daum in 1935. Both died in 1996



Oldest Picture of our Family shows my Great-Grandmother Cäcilia and her Granddaughter Amalie (at the Window)



## Family Association

Whenever you come over to Germany and want to visit the German or Swiss Glasbloweries, give us a call, we will guide you....



