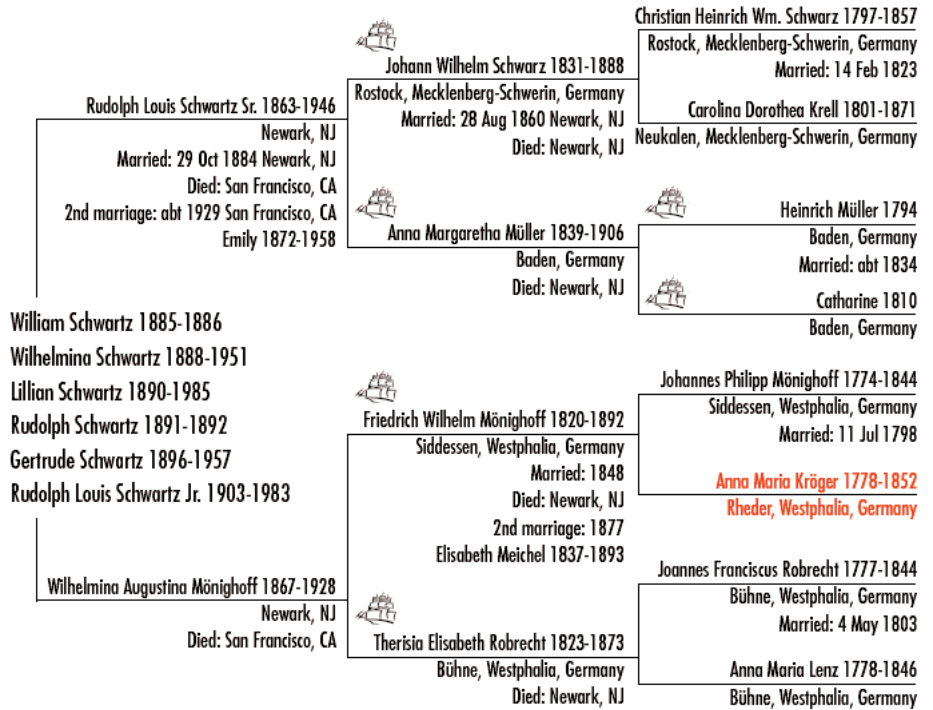




Woodcarving in the Cathedral of Paderborn, 30 miles west of Rheder and Siddessen.



Spouse:

Philipp Mönighoff 1777-1844

Children:

- Joseph 1799
- Maria 1801
- Johann 1803-65
- Elisabeth 1805-65
- Agnes 1808
- Franz 1810-76
- Henricus 1812-95
- Unnamed stillborn 1814
- Ferdinand 1816
- Theorodus 1818-93
- Wilhelm 1820-92**

Parents:

- Conrad Kröger 1738-1808
- Eva Catharina Schonlau 1747-1807

Siblings:

- Anna Eva 1771
- George 1772-1865
- Conrad 1774-1865
- Franz 1776
- Friedericus 1781
- Sophia 1784
- Elisabetha 1786
- Maria Agnes 1789

Anna Maria Kröger

1778-1852



St. Katharina's Catholic Church in Rheder where Anna Maria Kröger was baptized in 1778 and married in 1798.

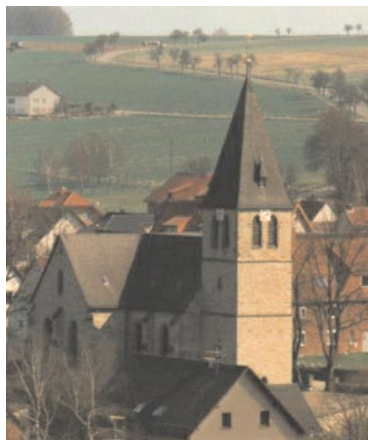
Anna Maria Elisabetha Kröger was baptized 4 October 1778 in Rheder, Germany, at St. Katharina's Catholic Church. Anna Maria was the fifth of nine children born to 39 year-old Conrad Kröger and 31 year-old Eva Catharina Schonlau, who were married 30 September 1770 in Rheder.

At Anna Maria's birth, her sister was seven years old and her brothers were six, four, and two. When Anna Maria was three, another brother was born, followed by three sisters in five years.



Interior of St. Katharina's Church

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Left - St. Alexander's Catholic Church in Iggenhausen where Anna Maria Kröger's mother was baptized.

Above - The village of Hampenhausen where Anna Maria Kröger's father was born. Iggenhausen is 15 miles west of the neighboring villages of Hampenhausen, Siddessen, and Rheder.

Anna Maria's father, Conrad Kröger, supported his large family as a farmer, a common profession in the small agricultural village of Rheder. He was born in another small farming village, Hampenhausen, and was the ninth of eleven children.

Anna Maria's mother, Eva Catharina Schonlau, was born in the small farming village of Iggenhausen and was the eighth of ten children.

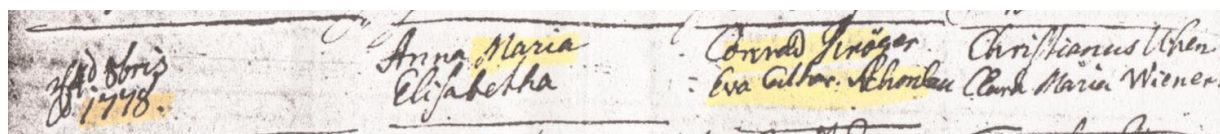
Anna Maria's father moved from Hampenhausen, where he grew up, to Rheder, where he was a farmer. And Eva Catharina married him in Rheder.

When Anna Maria was born, Germany was still rebuilding after the Seven Year's War, which ended 15 years before her



An old painting of a peasant farmer plowing his field for spring planting. The Krögers, like the Mönighoffs, were farmers for many generations.

birth. All eight of Anna Maria's siblings lived to adulthood, unusual for that time in Germany.



Anna Maria Kröger's baptism entered in the Rheder parish church record book.

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A recent photograph of the village of Rheder where Anna Maria Kröger was born and raised.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Anna Maria married at 19 years of age, which was young for the time. Usually women married between 23 and 25 and grooms were usually between 26 and 30, due to military draft eligibility and service.

Her husband, Philipp Mönighoff, was almost 24 when he was granted permission by his parish priest to marry four miles beyond his home village of Siddessen. After their marriage in Rheder on 11 July 1798, Anna Maria and her husband made their home in his village, Siddessen, where Philipp, like his Mönighoff ancestors, was a farmer.

The first of Anna Maria and Philipp's eleven children arrived eleven months after the wedding, with births continuing every two years until the last child (our ancestor William) arrived in 1820. Ten children lived to adulthood, an unusually high survival rate for that time. See chapter eleven (Philipp Mönighoff) for complete information about Anna Maria and Philipp's children.

Anna Maria's mother died in May 1807, shortly after the birth of Anna Maria's fifth child. Her father died a year later.

Between 1836 and 1850, five of Anna Maria's children emigrated from Germany to America, settling in German-immigrant communities in New Jersey, Missouri, and Pennsylvania. Five of her children remained in Germany, three raising large families in Siddessen and the neighboring villages of Erkeln and Hampenhausen. Anna Maria had many grandchildren.

Philipp and Anna Maria were married for 45 years at the time of Philipp's death in January 1844 of pneumonia. Anna Maria lived an additional 8 years, dying of old age in November 1852 in Siddessen at age 74.