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### **350 years Federle family research**

"Once you're infected with the genealogy virus, you can not get rid of it". What Rolf Federle meant by this statement, he unrolled with a beaming face on a length of almost ten meters of paper, written down on the whatsoever Gamshurster Federle strain of 350 years. "So far, I have recorded 3469 persons in twelve generations with the emigrants to America, I belong to the tenth generation of the Gamshurst line," says Rolf Federle, who comes from Großweier and lives in Buehl. On the 21st of September, the 30th family day of the family federation Federle - Feederle - Federlin takes place, to which 80 persons from America, Sweden, Finland, Italy Germany and Switzerland travel.

The ancestors of the Federle in Gamshurst are Georg Federle and Katharina Bruder, they married in 1669 in Durbach and came to Gamshurst between 1684 and 1687. From this Ur-Federle come the 3469 people known so far in 350 years, but the trace goes back some hundred years. "The family tree contains 20 years of family research in it," says Rolf Federle, who diligently performed true Sisyphus work during this time, researched enormously long and in depth, and had all data in a software with online access to international databases. At the touch of a button, he has the linchpin of certain Federle ready, who, when and with how many children emigrated to America and who has made it in the "New World" to something. He quickly found a Joseph Federle (1849-1937), who remarried after the death of his wife Karolina Braun (two children) again and with her sister Theresia Braun had another 18 children.

Rolf Federle was infected after calling a lawyer from Strasbourg. In Achern he was looking for the heirs of a Maria Federle who had died unmarried in Strasbourg, whose father came from Gamshurst. "I knew from my mother that Federle emigrated to France," said Rolf Federle, where the lawyer's demand was the fuss for his genealogy research. Perhaps it was because of his job as an accountant that he approached the subject very systematically and accurately, because as with a balance sheet and the pedigree with its many lines and ramifications must vote. That he still explored the family tree with great joy and still goes deeper into the matter, can not be overlooked by the administrator of a Facebook group and the "Federle DNA Project". In order to have even more safety in the descent, a few years ago, a DNA analysis was made in Switzerland and America, attended by three people each (including Rolf Federle) of Gamshurster and Ulmer line (Rammingen). The result was clear, as it was genetically unequivocally determined that there are high to very high matches between the two strains. From this it could be concluded that the Gamshurster Federle are a branch of the spring from the area of Ulm on the Danube, whose roots were traced from Siegfried Federle to a Hans Feterlin from Rammingen in 1375. But even around Gamshurst the Federle ancestors reach back much further, because the oldest document by Rolf Federle goes back to 1344. At that time the knight of Schauenburg and his wife and his sons Reinbold, Walter and Sigelin sold the "Vetterlinsgut zu Oberhäuser Hohenrode "(farm in Sasbachwalden) to the monastery Allerheiligen. Another document dates from 1477, it is a reference to the death of Georg Federle, Probst of the monastery of All Saints (1474 - 1477). In his book "Short History of the City of Achern" Philipp Rupert mentions a Bastian Federlin and a Balthas (Balthasar) Federlin, owner of a mill in 1563.

Federle have always been international From Gamshurst to India, America, France and Switzerland - the Federle have been traveling internationally for centuries, writing family history. From 1605 to 1699 there was Federle in Buehlertal, sadly Georg Federle achieved. Because he was accused in 1628 as a sorcerer, because he held witches dances, seduced a girl, beating livestock to death and people so badly that they died. In the mid-17th century there was a Martin Federle in Waldulm and in Fautenbach lived a Hannß (Johannes) Federle, who is often referred to as a landowner and Anreiner. Between 1764 and 1912, 65 Federle emigrated, 56 persons to North America, others to Hungary and France. In the majority of single men emigrate, there are also 17 single women. Two of them each have one child and are among the people who had to move to church costs to America. There was also the curious case that a 1853 emigrant returns in 1868, marries a Federle and returns with her to America.

It was also driven far into the distance by Franz Balthasar Federle, born in 1740, who married Anna Maria Niederberger in Landau in the Palatinate in 1764. Their son Joseph married in 1831 in Lembach / Alsace in a second marriage Franziska Bürling, here there is a name change from Federle to Fattyle. This name will be retained in the following generations. A son of the marriage Fetterle-Bürling married around 1860 in the watch city of La Chaux-de-Fonds in Switzerland. It was obvious that the sons Albert and Jules learned the watchmaking craft, Albert goes to India before 1891 to sell the Swiss colonial officers Swiss watches there. When he married in 1891 in Basel in 1862 in Kazan in Russia born Marie Crescentia Nopper, was given as the residence Bombay. But he does not go back to India, but stays in Switzerland and founds the company LA Reliance Watch Co. with his brother Jules A. Fetterle & Co. The company does not seem to have been successful, because it will be dissolved shortly before 1900 Albert returns to India with his wife and three daughters. Economically, he does not seem to have been very successful, he has bankrupted several times. He also did not fare well healthily, because he died in March 1917 at the age of 54 years. Half a year later, his youngest daughter Lilly dies of pulmonary tuberculosis at the age of 18. The widow returns to Switzerland with her daughter Alice and dies in 1923. The daughter Nora remained in Bombay with her cousin Karl Nopper and became governess of his three Children.