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Jaap van Ginneken, Notes on a GENEIOLOGY OF KURT BASCHWITZ for a biography in English and Dutch (to be published late 2017)

DISTANT FAMILY/ NAME ORIGIN: PROBABLY BASZOWICZE, Kielce district, LITH.-POLISH COMMONWEALTH (some later spelled it Baswitz)

Dynasty of Jewish bookprinters
Early 1700s: Zwi Hirsh ben Meier Baschwitz, born in Brzecz, Lithuania, migrated to Germany
With son: Meir > Frankfurt a.d. Oder

Some further early data from Geni/ My Heritage:

GREAT GRANDFATHER BASCHWITZ (son of Meyer Markus Hirschel B. and Zore/ Sara Rifka), father of Samuel: BARUCH Meyer, well-known bookprinter, associate of the even better-known Wolf Heidenheim in Rödelheim/ Frankfurt a.M.
Married (in The Netherlands, before French take-over?): Clara 1775-1845.

GRANDPARENTS BASCHWITZ
Grandfather of Kurt B., Father of Joseph B.: SAMUEL, bookprinter (27 July 1813 – 4 April 1884, buried in Frankfurt am Main).
Grandmother of Kurt B., Mother of Joseph B.: Hannicke HAHN (18 July 1813 – 27 Nov. 1872)

GRANDPARENTS BIKARD
Grandfather of Kurt B., Father of mother Hedwig: Max Bikard, beer brewer?
Grandmother of Kurt B., Mother of mother Hedwig: Sophie Esslinger

PARENTS OF KURT B.

Father: JOSEPH BASCHWITZ (b. 11 Sept. 1847- d. 1 August 1918 Frankfurt a.M.), (not beerbrewer?). First book printer/ seller? then bank/ insurance representative

Siblings: Older sister Clara (1842-1895) married Daniel Zucker; Younger brother Herman (b., 1851); younger sister Ida (b. 1854) married Carl Olaren; Bertrand; Sabine.


Marriage Joseph & Hedwig: …. (19 years age difference?)

SIBLINGS OF KURT B.
Kurt’s baby brother Alfred Bertram (b. 20 August 1887, d. 24 May 1888 as an infant)

Kurt’s younger Sister: JOHANNA (also called ‘Hans’?), b. 23 March 1889 Offenburg- d. ?.
Married (8 May 1918, Rotterdam) Otto Wilhelm Thelen (Born 26 Oct. 1892 Hagenau/ Berlin, then interned German officer, later aircraft engineer)
(Son of Hermann Heinrich Thelen and Anna Margarethe Roeck)
(Brother of Robert, 23 March 1884 Nürnberg – 23 Febr. 1968 Berlin-Hirschgarten, famous German air pioneer)
Son of Johanna and Otto Thelen: Peter Thelen (a.o. journalist, Der Spiegel ± 1959)

Siegfried KURT BASCHWITZ (2 Febr. 1886 Offenburg – 6 Jan. 1968 Amsterdam), journalist/ university professor

First marriage 25 Sept. 1919 (Hamburg), to Erna Louise ERIKA THIESSEN TEMMEL, then actress/ concert singer – artist name Bronow?. Divorced: (19 April 1932, Berlin. Long continued to live together thereafter). 3 children (see below).

PM. Kurt published 6-7 books in German, Dutch a.o. languages; of which one wartime book in Dutch under the borrowed name of Casimir K. Visser


Pm. Early biography outlines about Kurt in published master’s theses by Vera Ebels-Dolanová (Dutch, Amsterdam 1983) and Dieter Anschlag (German, Münster 1990). More complete biography in preparation by Jaap van Ginneken (English & Dutch, late 2017).

CHILDREN OF KURT & ERIKA
(Changed their German-sounding first names to more general or Dutch-sounding ones, upon the family’s forced exile to The Netherlands, summer/ autumn 1933).

Emigrated from The Netherlands, via Surinam/ Neth. Antilles and Puerto Rico to the U.S., after the Second world war
Married, 1952: Hazel Williams
Daughter: Carol, married Reverend Dr. Peter J. Smith (Hanson, Mass.). Has grandchildren.
Son: Kent, also called Kim.

Eldest daughter of Kurt & Erika: Gisela, later called ISA (14 March 1922 Hamburg – 25 Febr. 2002 Amstelveen)
Son: Bubo Jan Damen (born 1951, theatre/ film director, lives in Amsterdam)
