

Chapter 4.0

History of the Quanz Family of Schlotzau, Germany

Quanz:

The meaning of the name:

The name could be of Slavonic origin and could mean Quand, Quant = wall + garment or quant = cunning.

In middle High German kwant = rogue, clever person and likewise "qaund" in middle Low German and still today in East Frisian.

Well-known persons bearing the name are:

Johann Joachim Quantz, flute instructor at the court of Frederick the Great (1697-1773)

Johannes Dictus Quant von Greifswald (1308)



The ancestors of the Quanz family can be traced back to the “Thirty Years War”. We discovered that nine families with the name Quanz lived in Schlotzau. Since the information on their descent is missing from this time period, one cannot determine the relationships of these families to each other. Two families possessed a farm. The others worked as craftsmen in various occupations. Over the course of the centuries in some families the last name changed through intermarriage or died out, since there were no descendants. Today four families with the last name Quanz still live in Schlotzau, who can be traced through two different lines of descent.



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One line is represented by the family of Otto Quanz ("Kiefesch"), whose great-great-grandfather Andreas came to Schlotzau from Oberstoppel in 1848. The family is now in its sixth generation there.

To the other line belong the families of Jakob, Helmut and Gerhard Quanz. Their ancestors can be traced back to 1688. This family is therefore long-established and has lived in Schlotzau for eleven generations. The most common occupation was, besides farming, tailoring. There were self-employed tailors in five generations, which partly formed the household name "Schniedesch." The economic and technological changes of the past centuries have brought about the result that most traditional craftsmen's occupations were given up in the villages. So also the "made-to-measure" production of clothing was driven out by industrially produced ready-made clothes.

According to the table of ancestors, up to the present-day tenth generation, 120 children trace their lineage back to Johann Quanz (born 1688) and his male descendants. 64 children died as infants and children, most of them in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. After that child mortality was greatly reduced. 15 female and 29 male descendants stayed and were married in Schlotzau. 18 female and 12 male descendants of the Quanz family left the village and lived with their families near and, in order to build a life for themselves there. It is not impossible that Johann Joachim Quanz, the flute-player at the court of Frederick the Great ("Old Fritz") came from this kindred.

At present three families from the line of Johann Quanz (born 1688) still live in Schlotzau:

1. Helmut Quanz, Fuldaer StraBe 29
2. Gerhard Quanz, Fuldaer StraBe 7
3. Jakob Quanz, Am Weiher 8

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***Genealogy From Common Ancestor in Schlotzau
to Canadian and German Descendants***

Johann Quanz
b. Sep. 25, 1707

Johann Eckhard
b. Aug. 27, 1730

Johann Andreas
b. 1733

Johann
b. July 18, 1763

Johann
b. 1771

Johann Adam
b. Feb. 11, 1798
d. Dec. 9, 1842

Johann Konrad
b. 1810

Adam Echardt
b. Sep. 17, 1838
d. Apr. 26, 1896

Heinrich
b. 1859

John
b. Sep. 3, 1865
d. Nov. 3, 1949

Fredrick Marvin
b. Mar. 3, 1895
d. Nov. 7, 1972

Jakob
b. 1894

Harry Laverne - Walter John
b. Sep. 2, 1921 Mar. 13, 1928

Peter
b. 1923

Ken Laverne - Richard John
b. Oct. 12, 1946 b. May 22, 1951

Gerhard
b. 1954

***Family From Johann Quanz To The Present Day
Adam Echardt Families in Canada***

JOHANN QUANZ

Born Sep. 25, 1707 in Schlotzau, Germany. Johann is the common ancestor between the Peter Quanz family currently living in Schlotzau and the Adam Echardt Quanz family who emigrated to Canada.

Their children:

Johann Eckhard	b. Aug. 27, 1730
Johann Andreas	b. 1733

JOHANN ECKHARD QUANZ

Born Aug. 27, 1730 in Schlotzau, Germany

Their children:

Johann

JOHANN QUANZ

Born July 18, 1763 in Schlotzau, Germany.

Their children:

Johann Adam

JOHANN ADAM QUANZ

Born Feb. 11, 1798 in Schlotzau Germany. Died Dec. 9, 1842. He married Barbara.

Their children:

Johann	b. Aug. 18, 1825	d. Nov. 12, 1872
Child without Name - Twin of Konrad	b. Feb. 22, 1828	d. Feb. 24, 1828
Konrad (Konrad)	b. Feb. 22, 1828	d. Jan. 10, 1906
Johann Adam	b. Dec. 21, 1830	
Andreas	b. Jul. 19, 1835	
Eva Elisabeth	b. Mar. 7, 1836	d. Apr. 19, 1886
Adam Echardt	b. Sep. 17, 1838	d. Apr. 26, 1896
Barbara Elizabeth	b. May 6, 1842	d. May 12, 1880

Family From Johann Andreas To Present Day Families in Schlotzau

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Born 1733 in Schlotzau Germany.

Their children:

Johann

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Born 1771 in Schlotzau Germany.

Their children:

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JOHANN KONRAD QUANZ

Born 1810 in Schlotzau Germany.

Their children:

Heinrich

HEINRICH QUANZ

Born 1859 in Schlotzau Germany.

Their children:

Jakob

JAKOB QUANZ

Born 1894 in Schlotzau Germany.

Their children:

Heinrich

Peter

PETER QUANZ

Born 1923 in Schlotzau Germany. Married Katherine Bolander.

During the Second World War Peter and his brother, Heinrich, were German soldiers serving on the eastern front. They were taken prisoner by the Russians and spent several years in a POW camp. The conditions were so terrible that Heinrich became ill and died. After the war Peter returned to Schlotzau and married Katherine Bolander in 1951. Peter became a banker working for the Raffeisen Loan Cooperative in Langenschwarz. Peter and Katherine also operated a mixed farm with some animal husbandry. Peter retired from the bank in 1982.

Their children:

Gerhard

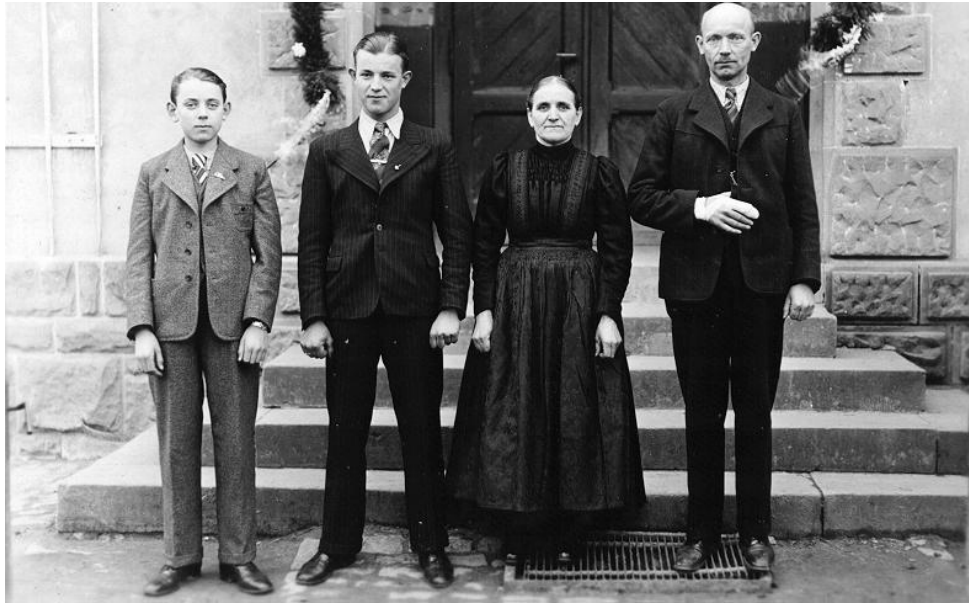
GERHARD QUANZ

Born 1954 in Schlotzau Germany. Gerhard grew up in Schlotzau helping his father with the farm and helped to raise sheep and cattle. His interest in animals led him to become an Agricultural Engineer.

Gerhard's children:

Maithias
Frederik
Henrik

Jakob Quanz Family



L to R: Peter, Heinrich, Katharina, Jakob Quanz

Peter Quanz Family (October 1997)



L to R: Katherine, Peter and their son Gerhard

Peter and Katharine Quanz – 50th Wedding Anniversary - 2001

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The beloved couple in the municipality of Schlotzau, Peter and Kaethe Quanz celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday. The 78-year old celebrant trained with the Raffeisen Loan Cooperative in Langenschwarz, with which he was the first apprentice, for the occupation of bank businessman. After his return from war imprisonment, he started in 1949 again at Raffeisen Bank. Here Peter Quanz was an employee until 1970 and manager until his retirement in 1982.

Kaethe Quanz (71) is a daughter of the Langenschwarz Scheidermeister Adam Bolender. She wanted to become a teacher, but the war years drew a line through her career plans. Thus she worked in different households and supported her mother with the upbringing of seven siblings.



Since 1953 Peter Quanz belonged to the regional federation of the Heimkehrer and since 1978 in the VdK Schlotzau Grossenmoor. In both interests he participated in the executive committee. The Schlotzau church executive committee, to which he belonged from 1957 to 1989, could count on his constant support. Peter Quanz

rendered a large service with the development of the Keibitzgrunder books of local history and geography, for which Ortsvorsteherin Erna Weber and Mayor Wolfgang Brown, as well as others congratulate him. Among the congratulators are their two children, in-laws and five grandchildren.



Peter and Kaethe Quanz Celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary

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