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Year	Event / Records
1359	<p>Heinrich bei der Kirche (= H. from close by the church) Johannes bei der Kapelle (= J. from close by the chapel) <i>Source: Tenure by Lease register from the year 1359</i> <i>(in German: Bedeliste (Pachtliste) 1359)</i></p> <p>There is no entry of any head of household with a family name Martin; we can also see, that the general use of family names was not completed. We find in this list also entries with only the first names, village names and first names with a reference like “Johannes at the chapel”</p> <p>Most likely the family name of the Martin's from Helmstadt has been established in Helmstadt itself. Not as the name of the father, but from the name of the patron of the Saint Martin Church of Helmstadt..</p>
1433	<p>Heintz Mertin <i>Source: Under-peasantry / Cadastral register of the Cloister Holzkirchen from 1433</i> <i>(in German: Urbar Kloster Holzkirchen from 1433)</i></p> <p>The first person from Helmstadt we know of and have a written record of, who carries the family name Martin is Heintz Martin. He is mentioned as one of four others as the owner of an „estate in fee” (in German: Hube about 15,3 ha. given Land)</p>
1470	<p>Peter Merten <i>Source: Cadastral register of the Cloister Holzkirchen from 1470</i></p> <p>This entry tells about Peter Merten, paying interest for a farmstead and as owner of 3/8 of the Martins Hube (estate in fee) – together with the Baunach family. You can find evidence of this Martin's Hube in Helmstadt until the 17th century.</p>
1503	<p>Claus Merthen Claus Mertin, der Smiedt (Schmied) <i>Source: Cadastral register of the shire of Wertheim from 1503 (Wertheimer Urbar / Salbuch from 1503)</i></p> <p>In this list we find as owners of newly cleared land (for farming, in German: Erben) a Claus Merthen and also a Claus the Smidt (= Smith)</p>
1515	<p>Endress Merten <i>Source: Cadastral register of the shire of Wertheim from 1515 (and later)</i></p> <p>It names an Endress Merten as joint owner of the Kobers Hube</p>

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- 1531 Claus Mertin
 Endres Mertin
*Source: Cadastral register of the shire of Wertheim
 from 1531*
- In 1531 we find Claus Merten and Endres Merten. Later than Hans Merte and Endres Mertin listed as receiving new stipped (cleared) land on Essigsberg
- 1534 Hans Mertin
 Endres Mertin
*Source: Cadastral register of the shire of Wertheim
 from 1534*
- In 1534 we find again Hans Merten and Endres Merten listed as they where receiving again new cleared land on/near by the castle.
- 1539 Barbara, Widow des Hans Martin
Source : Wertheimer City books from 1539
- The record tell us: (that) .. Barbara, the rather old widow of Hans Martin has married Endres Behem from Helmstadt...
- 1541 Endres Mertin
Source: Wertheimer Urbar 1541
- Again we find a record of a new allocation for new cleared land in 1541 to Endres Merten (among others).
- 1542 Endres Mertein
 Balthes Mertein
Source: Turk tax list from 1542
German: Tuerkenschatzung / Tuerkensteuerliste von 1542
- Listed as tax payer are Endres Mertein and Balthes Mertein
- 1548 Endres Martin
Source: Wertheimer City books 1548
- listed again Endres Martin
- 1555 Endres Martin
Source: Wertheimer City books 1555
- listed again Endres Martin
- 1587 Hans Martin
Source: : Helmstadt City book / register S. 604
- Bastian Martin transferred his possession/rights on the Knappen Hub to his son Hans

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- 1592 Hans Martin & Barbara
Source : Helmstadt City book / register
- In 1592 a will is registered from Hans Martin and his wife Barbara. It notes that a child has died and they are without children at this time (see also 1600)
- 1594 Hans Merten, Bastle Merten, Merten Merten, Jörg Merten
Source: Turk tax list from 1594
- in this list we can assume to have a complete list of the citizen of Helmstadt at that time with tax relevant property. It lists the following Martin's
- Hans Merten, Bastle Merten, Merten Merten und Joerg Merten
- 1598 Hans Martin
Source: Helmstadt City book / register page 671
- Hans Martin, Georg Martin's son married Margaretha, Hans Weickert's daughter
- 1600 Hans Martin
Source: Helmstadt City book / register page 640
- We read: Hans Martin, who has two living children – named Catharina and Barbara - with Barbara Würbich (his first wife), is now in his second marriage
- 1633 Thomas Martin
Source: Helmstadt City book / register
- On 12-Feb-1633: Thomas Martin married Anna Martin Johann Martin, sen. daughter.
Johann M. senior is also registered as witness o this marriage
- Margaretha Martin
Source: Helmstadt City book / register
- On 11-June-1633: Thomas Schaetzlein married Margaretha, Hans Martin's (outlasting) daughter. Witness to the marriage is Hans Martin, the brother of the bride
- 1640 Johann Martin – the Schultheiss / Mayor of Helmstadt
Source: Helmstadt City book / register
- Johannes Martin signed as Schultheiss (Mayor) in 1640 three marriage contracts.
- 1657 Johannes Martin died aged 57
Source: Curch register Helmstadt 12/1657
- In December 1657 it records the death of Johannes Martin. And it states: He has been 57 years old, 35 years married and in total 22 years Schultheiss/ mayor of Helmstadt

Assumption from our findings in regard the connection of the Johann(es) Martin's of Helmstadt around 1600 and before

On the Turk tax list from 1594 we have 4 Martin's. Sebastian (Bastian), Georg (Joerg) and Hans Martin you can connect direct to our researched and published records as follows. Only for Martin Martin we can not say of how he is connected.

Both lines show multiple connections during the following 400 years!

About the line Edgar, Robert and the lines from Trennfeld and Homburg

+ after 1594

Sebastian Martin

we know his son

Hans Martin born about 1565

died 1633 or before 1633

member of the court

married (two times)

1st marriage Barbara Wuerbich - before 1587

2nd marriage NN - before 1600

in 1592 he was still married to Barbara

Children from the 1st marriage

(the only one still alive in 1600)

daughter Catharina

daughter Barbara

Children from the 2nd marriage

son Johann / Hans

daughter Margaretha

son Thomas

Our documented and published trees starting with Johann Martin, born 1600, - the later Schultheiss (Line Edgar, Robert as well as Trennfeld, Homburg, Erlenbach).

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About the line Andreas Martin, Helmstadt:

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Georg Martin

we know one son

Hans Martin (later quoted as Hans Martin, sen.)

Born about 1570/75

Died after 1633, before 1641

Married with Margaretha Weickert

Marriage in 1598

We know the following children

Anna Martin born 1610

(married 12-Feb-1632 the widowed Thomas Martin)

Johann Martin born 1615

The line of Johann Martin, born 1615 goes to Andreas Martin.

Remarks / Precaution from C. Mueller and Hugo E. Martin:

The name Hans / Johann / Johannes Martin appears between 1600 and 1650 three times. Until today we can not be 100 per cent sure of our assumption how our Johannes Martin (1600) fits into all other records. On the other hand we feel quite confident with our assumptions.

We know that Johannes would have not been appointed to be the Schultheiss of Helmstadt, if he would have not been one of the established and certainly one of the wealthier families of Helmstadt at that time. As all lines reference a Schultheiss born in or around 1600 and having records of his being in office around 1640 / 1652, we conclude confident, that Johannes Martin (1600) is our common ancestor.

On 11-Jun-1633 married Thomas Schaetzlein Margaretha Martin, a daughter of Hans Martin (he died before 1624?). Witness to the marriage is Hans Martin the brother of the bride (who might be/should be our Johann Martin and the later Schultheiss).

On 12-Feb-1633 married the widowed Thomas Martin (citizen and jury man) Anna Martin, daughter of Johann Martins the senior, who was also the witness.

The third Hans Martin is the father of Hans – the junior and Margaretha M. must have died before 1624, on 19-Jan-1624 Michel Stumpf was lending from the children of Hans Martins, represented by the custodian Martin Uebelacker and Kilian Schaetzlein, 25 Koenigstaler. Kilian Schaetzlein was signing the marriage documents - still as the custodian of Margaretha - in 1633.

Sources:

Research from Claus Mueller, Wuerzburg

Research from Dr. Monika Schaupp, Wertheim u.a.