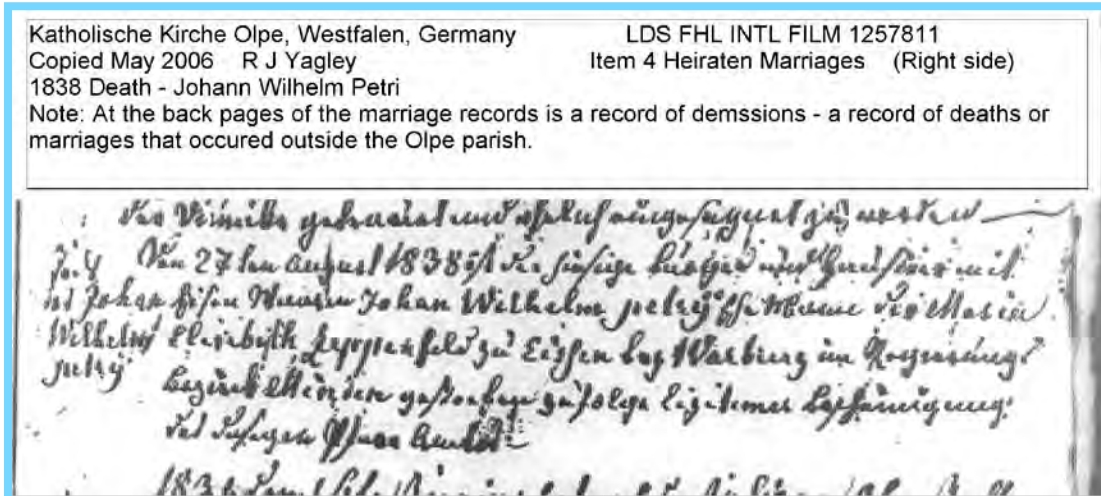


Holthoefer Family History

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Petri Family - First Generation Ancestral Johann Wilhelm Petri – Death Record, 27 AUG 1838



**St. Martin's Catholic Church Record, Olpe, 1838 Death Record
Demission Death – a record of death that occurred outside the Olpe parish
Johann Wilhelm Petri**

Am 27ten August 1838 ist der hiesige Bürger und Hausierer mit / (?hisen?)Namen Johann Wilhelm Petry Ehemann der Maria / Elisabeth Zeppenfeld zu Eishen bey Warburg im Regierungs-/Bezirk Minden gestorben zufolge legitimer Bescheinigung / des dasigen Pfarr Amts.

On August 27, 1838 Johann Wilhelm Petry, citizen from here and hawker, husband of Maria Elisabeth Zeppenfeld, died at Eishen near Warburg, Regierungsbezirk Minden as recorded in the legal document of the parish office there [Eishen].

Notes from Ursula Buchholz, 2007.

It is more than luck having found this. This priest has quite a mess in his books. This is not the death - register, the entries before and after this death record are demissions (notes he had to make when the marriage did not take place in his own parish, one of the spouses was outside the parish). So - this should be the marriage - register!!!

Olpe was a city of frying-pan smiths, half the city worked in that trade. J Wilhelm Petri was a "Pfannenschmied" (pan smith). Perhaps he was a traveling salesman, going from household to household selling his tin-products? He died on a journey in Eishen. Eishen cannot be found in Warsburg perhaps the correct spelling is for the village of Erßen? Warsburg is located about 100km east of Olpe; via an awkward road through hills and valleys.

The document does not say where J.W. Petry was buried. They were pretty poor; perhaps they could not afford to bring the body back home?