

## **Chapter 1 Early Ancestors**

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**Joannis Bühler** was born about 1730. He married Anna Maria Beilin about 1755. Joannis and Anna Maria lived in Assamstadt, Baden. Joannis was a shepherd. Joannis and Anna Maria had at least one child. Joannis Bühler died before 1791.<sup>1</sup>

**Joannes Bühler**, the son of Joannis Bühler and Anna Maria Beilin was born about 1760. Joannes married Juliana Bitsch on 31 January 1791 in Krautheim, Baden. Juliana Bitsch was born 13 February 1762 in Krautheim, Baden.<sup>2</sup> Juliana's parents were Christophori Bitsch and Juliana Sabina Mahrin.<sup>3</sup> Joannes and Juliana raised their family in Laibach, Württemberg. Joannes was a stonemason. Joannes and Juliana Bühler had at least five children.<sup>4</sup>

**Carol Medardus Bühler** was born 7 June 1791 in Laibach, Württemberg. Carol Medardus died 8 June 1791.<sup>5</sup>

**Johann Simon Bühler** was born in October 1792 in Laibach, Württemberg.<sup>6</sup> His life and death remains unknown.

**Johann Joseph Bühler** was born 19 March 1794 in Laibach, Württemberg.<sup>7</sup> His life and death remains unknown.

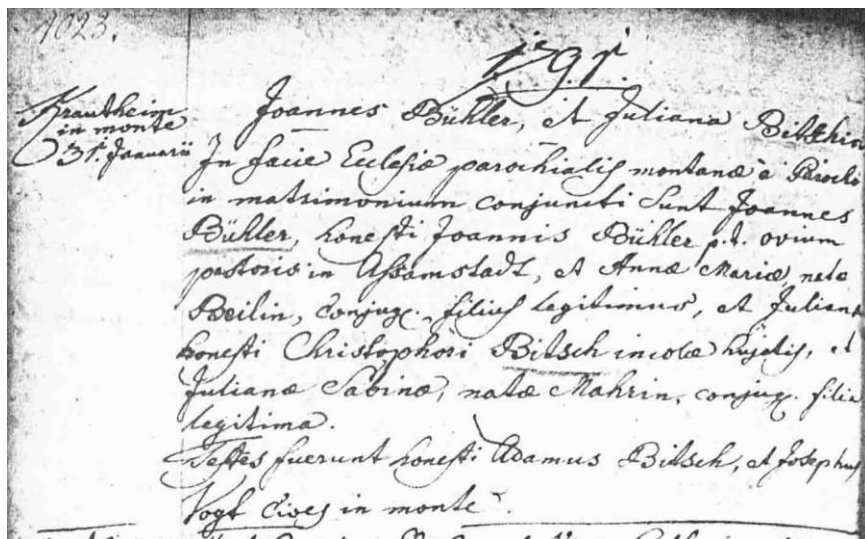
**Johann Peter Philipp Bühler** was born 9 September 1795 in Laibach, Württemberg.<sup>8</sup> Johann Peter married three times and fathered as many as 17 children. Peter Bühler died 4 October 1879 in New Orleans, Louisiana.<sup>9</sup> Peter married Maria Anna Keppler on 26 November 1822 in Altkrautheim, Württemberg.<sup>10</sup> Peter and Maria Anna had eight children; Maria Anna Sabina Bühler was born 11 July 1823 in Altkrautheim,<sup>11</sup> Peter Anton Bühler was born 21 July 1825 in Altkrautheim,<sup>12</sup> Michael Joseph Bühler was born 2 August 1827 in Altkrautheim,<sup>13</sup> Johann Philipp Bühler was born 28 August 1829, in Altkrautheim,<sup>14</sup> Rosina Christina Bühler was born 21 January 1831 in

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Altkrautheim,<sup>15</sup> Kilian Bühler was born about 1833,<sup>16</sup> Karolina Sophia Bühler was born 13 May 1834 in Altkrautheim,<sup>17</sup> Eva Katharina Bühler was born 24 Feb 1836 in Altkrautheim.<sup>18</sup> Peter's first wife, Maria Anna Keppler Bühler, died in 1837.<sup>19</sup> Peter's second marriage was to Catharina Barbara Mosthaf in 1838.<sup>20</sup> Catherina was born 7 January 1804 in Altdorf, Baden. Katharina's parents were Martin Mosthaf and Rosina Ingelfinger.<sup>21</sup> Peter and Catherina had one child; Maria Anna Bühler was born 10 November 1838 in Altkrautheim, Württemberg.<sup>22</sup> Peter's third marriage was to Dorothea Elizabeth Behrens on 8 June 1847 in New Orleans, Louisiana.<sup>23</sup> Dorothea Elizabeth was born about 1820 in Hannover.<sup>24</sup> Peter and Dorothea Elizabeth had eight children; Maria Sabina Bühler was born 3 September 1847 in New Orleans, Louisiana,<sup>25</sup> Peter Kilian Bühler was born 26 June 1849 in New Orleans, Louisiana,<sup>26</sup> Magadalena Bühler was born 11 July 1851 in New Orleans, Louisiana,<sup>27</sup> Elizabeth Louise Bühler was born 15 February 1854, in New Orleans, Louisiana,<sup>28</sup> Dorothea Rosa Bühler was born 3 June 1856, in New Orleans, Louisiana,<sup>29</sup> Sabina Bühler was born in 1857 in Württemberg,<sup>30</sup> Thomas Bühler was born 24 March 1859 in New Orleans, Louisiana,<sup>31</sup> Wilhelmine Bühler was born 12 September 1863 in New Orleans, Louisiana.<sup>32</sup> Dorothea Elizabeth Behrens Bühler died 24 February 1879 in New Orleans.<sup>33</sup> Johann Peter Philipp Bühler died 4 October 1879 in Algiers, Louisiana.<sup>34</sup>

**Johann [?] Bühler** was born 6 March 1798 in Laibach, Württemberg. Johann died 19 March 1798.<sup>35</sup>

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Joannes Bühler and Juliana Bitsch marriage entry, Tom II Liber Baptizatorum, defunctorum & in matrimonium conjunctorum parochia catholica Crauthemii at vicorum huic annexorum a 1746 usque ad 1817 inclusive collectionem nec non Confirmatorum indicem continens., page 1023, year 1791. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1975, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 1047431.

1791

Krauthheim  
in monte  
31 January

Joannes Bühler, and Juliana Bitsch  
Joined together in matrimony in front of the parish church. They are Joannes Bühler, legitimate son of the respectable married couple Joannis Bühler, p.d. [previously deceased] shepherd from Assamstadt and Anna Maria Beilin, and Juliana, legitimate daughter of the respectable married couple Christophori Bitsch, resident of Lujiday[?] and Juliana Sabina Mahrin. Witnesses were the honorable Adamus Bitsch, and Josephus Vogt, citizens *in monte*.

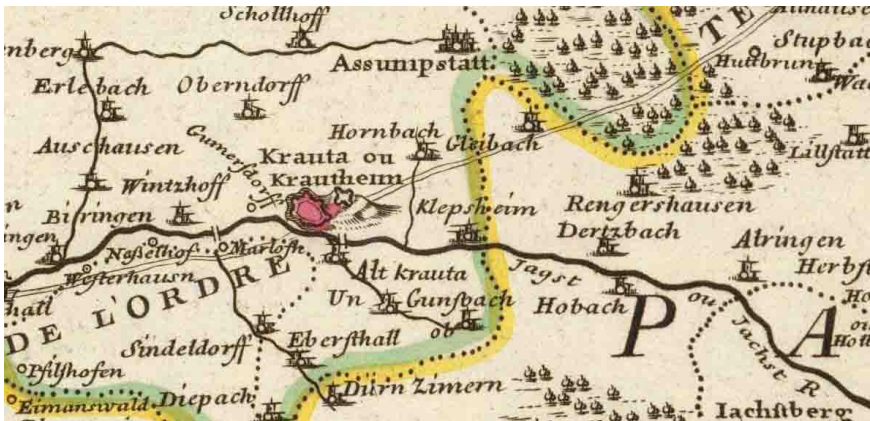
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The present Buhler story begins in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century along the northern border between the Grand Duchy of Baden and the Kingdom of Württemberg. Baden and Württemberg were in southwest Germany. Today they are joined as the state of Baden-Württemberg. The Danube River flows from west to east across the south of Württemberg. The Neckar River, a main tributary of the Rhine, flows from south to north and has the Kocher and Jagst Rivers as its main branches. The border here was intertwined with the Jagst River as it ran from east to west. Within walking distance of each other lay the small towns of Assamstadt, Laibach, Krautheim and Altkrautheim.

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Four generations of the Buhler family are documented from this region in present day southwest Germany. Specific towns on the map where Buhler ancestors lived include Assumpstatt (Assamstadt), Glaibach (Laibach), Krauta or Krautheim (Krautheim), and Alt krauta (Altkrautheim). The distance along the road from Krautheim to Laibach is about 2.5 miles.



Map extract from Guillaume d'Isle, "Partie Septentrionale de la Souabe," in *Atlas de Geographie*, Paris: Guillaume De l'Isle, Quai de l'Horloge, 1731, page 44. From the David Rumsey Collection, <http://www.davidrumsey.com/>.

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Joannis Bühler is the earliest Buhler ancestor documented here. He was born about 1730. Joannis was a shepherd and lived in Assamstadt. Joannes Bühler was the son of Joannis Bühler. Joannes was born about 1760. He was a stone mason that married

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in Krautheim and raised his family in Laibach. Johann Peter Philipp Bühler was the son of Joannes Bühler. Johann Peter was born in 1795 in Laibach and married in Altkrautheim. Peter resided in Altkrautheim until 1840 when he emigrated to New Orleans, Louisiana with his eldest son, Peter Anton Bühler, and the rest of his family.

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Aerial view of Krautheim – Altkrautheim along the Jagst River.



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Altkrautheim, situated on the Jagst River opposite Krautheim, was part of Württemberg. Krautheim and Laibach, a few miles upstream, were part of Baden. Altkrautheim first appears in records in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Sankt Johannes Der Taeufer (St. John the Baptist) is the Catholic church in Altkrautheim. The cornerstone of the church bears an inscription with the year 1322.<sup>36</sup> The history of early Bühler ancestors comes from the church records of Sankt Johannes Der Taeufer as well as church records from Krautheim and Laibach. Krautheim had 900 inhabitants. The majority of the population in Baden were Catholic.<sup>37</sup> Laibach had 272 Catholics, 20 Lutherans and 52 Jews. Altkrautheim, although

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in Wurttemberg where Lutherans predominated, was comprised of 378 Catholics and 9 Jews.<sup>38</sup>

Many German towns were just small country villages.<sup>39</sup> Houses were tall and narrow. Craftsmen kept their shops on the ground floor while the family and apprentices lived upstairs. Streets were unpaved and conditions unsanitary.<sup>40</sup> In country towns, a craftsman's household was usually self sufficient with a small garden that grew what was needed and perhaps some poultry or livestock.<sup>41</sup> Life was simple.

*Men and women continued to travel along ill-kept roads, on foot, or with horses. They heated their houses with wood and lit them with candles, fertilized the soil with animal wastes, and powered what few machines they had with animal energy. People lived in structures built in time-honoured ways, grouped in villages or behind the walls of small, inward looking cities. The rhythm of their lives was set by the sun and the seasons; time was marked by church bells, space by the distance someone could walk in a day.*<sup>42</sup>

Social order was generally prescribed. A master craftsman had to be married but not before he was qualified. He had to be of legitimate birth. Marriages were sometimes arranged for business reasons. Often a journeyman would marry his master's daughter or widow to "buy" into the business.<sup>43</sup> Second marriages were usually arranged by the spouses themselves mainly to care for children. Age difference did not matter.<sup>44</sup>

Family life was routine but harsh. German fathers were stern. Care of the children was left to the mother. Offspring were born about two and a half years apart. Most families were fortunate to have two children survive to adulthood.<sup>45</sup> Apprentices usually lived with the craftsman's family and received the same discipline as his children. An apprentice usually served a master for five years, starting at about the age of fourteen or fifteen. Craftsmen worked long days, from six in the morning till eight at night.<sup>46</sup>

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1. Joannes Buhler and Juliana Bitsch marriage entry, Tom II Liber Baptizatorum, defunctorum & in matrimonium conjunctorum parochia catholica Crauthemii at vicorum huic annexorum a 1746 usque ad 1817 inclusive collectionem nec non Confirmatorum indicem continens., page 1023, year 1791. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1975, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 1047431.

2. Juliana Bitsch baptism entry, Tom II Liber Baptizatorum, defunctorum & in matrimonium conjunctorum parochia catholica Crauthemii at vicorum huic annexorum a 1746 usque ad 1817 inclusive collectionem nec non Confirmatorum indicem continens., page 106, year 1762. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1975, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 1047431.

3. Joannes Buhler and Juliana Bitsch marriage entry, Tom II Liber Baptizatorum, defunctorum & in matrimonium conjunctorum parochia catholica Crauthemii at vicorum huic annexorum a 1746 usque ad 1817 inclusive collectionem nec non Confirmatorum indicem continens., page 1023, year 1791. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1975, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 1047431.

4. Joannis' occupation and the number of offspring is taken from the Laibach church records of his five children recorded.

5. Carolus Medardus Buhler baptism entry, [Kirchenbuch Laibach], year 1791. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 898033.

6. Joannes Simon Buhler baptism entry, [Kirchenbuch Laibach], year 1792. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 898033.

7. Joannes Josephus Buhler baptism entry, [Kirchenbuch Laibach], year 1795. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1974, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 898033.

8. Joannes Petrus Philippus Buhler baptism entry, [Kirchenbuch Laibach], year 1795. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 898033.

9. Peter Buhler, Sr. entry, Orleans Parish Death Records, volume 75, page 559, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

10. Joseph Peter Buhler and Maria Anna Keppler marriage entry, [Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim] Ehe - Register vom 1 Januar 1808 bis, marriage no. 8, 1823. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223. [Image scanned 23 Apr 2003 by George L. Buhler Jr., 16034 Glenbrook Knoll Lane, Houston, Texas, 77095, from a copy in possession of same.]

11. Maria Anna Sabina Buhler baptism entry, Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim Nro. I. Tauf Register, aufgefangen ben x. Jannar 1808, page 6, birth no. 6, 1823. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223.



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12. Peter Anton Buhler baptism entry, Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim Nro. I. Tauf Register, aufgefangen ben x. Jannar 1808, page 42, birth no. 8, 1825. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223.

13. Michael Joseph Buhler baptism entry, Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim Nro. I. Tauf Register, aufgefangen ben x. Jannar 1808, page 50, birth no. 14, 1827. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223.

14. Johann Philipp Buhler baptism entry, Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim Nro. I. Tauf Register, aufgefangen ben x. Jannar 1808, page 55, birth no. 11, 1829. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223.

15. Rosina Christina Buhler baptism entry, Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim Nro. I. Tauf Register, aufgefangen ben x. Jannar 1808, page 59, birth no. 2, 1831. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223.

16. Estimated from, Ship Marcia Cleaves passenger list, 26 June 1840. *Passenger lists of vessels arriving at New Orleans, La. 1820 - 1902*. Microfilm, M259 roll 20, Feb. 1- June 29, 1840. Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.

17. Karolina Sophia Buhler baptism entry, Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim Nro. I. Tauf Register, aufgefangen ben x. Jannar 1808, page 67, birth no. 6, 1834. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223.

18. Eva Katharina Buhler baptism entry, Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim Nro. I. Tauf Register, aufgefangen ben x. Jannar 1808, page 73, birth no. 6, 1836. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223.

19. Estimated from baptism of last child recorded; Eva Katharina Buhler baptism entry, Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim Nro. I. Tauf Register, aufgefangen ben x. Jannar 1808, page 73, birth no. 6, 1836. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223; and Johann Peter Philipp Buhler's second marriage; Johann Peter Buhler and Catharina Barbara Mosthaf marriage entry, [Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim] Ehe - Register vom 1 Januar 1808 bis, marriage no. 2, 1838. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223.

20. Johann Peter Buhler and Catharina Barbara Mosthaf marriage entry, [Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim] Ehe - Register vom 1 Januar 1808 bis, marriage no. 2, 1838. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223.

21. Johann Peter Buhler and Catharina Barbara Mosthaf marriage entry, [Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim] Ehe - Register vom 1 Januar 1808 bis, marriage no. 2, 1838. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223.

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22. Maria Anna Buhler baptism entry, Kirchenbuch der Gemeinde in Altkrautheim Nro. I. Tauf Register, aufgefangen ben x. Jannar 1808, page 84, birth no. 22, 1838. Filmed by The Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Film No.: 878223.

23. Peter Buhler and Elizabeth Berahnns marriage certificate, New Orleans (La.) Justices of the Peace, Marriage Records, 1846-1880. Call No.: VEE-658, Page(s): 67. New Orleans Public Library.

24. Eliz. Buhler, 1860 U.S. census, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, New Orleans post office, ward 6, page 53, line 13. National Archives micropublication M653, roll 419.

25. Maria Sabine Buhler entry, Orleans Parish Birth Records, volume 9, page 946, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

26. Peter Kilian Buhler entry, Orleans Parish Birth Records, volume 9, page 1754, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

27. Magdalena Buhler entry, Orleans Parish Birth Records, volume 11, page 774, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

28. Elizabeth Louise Buhler entry, Orleans Parish Birth Records, volume 19, page 364, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

29. Dorothea Rosa Buhler entry, Orleans Parish Birth Records, volume 19, page 364, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

30. Sabina Buhler, 1860 U.S. census, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, New Orleans post office, ward 6, page 53, line 20. National Archives micropublication M653, roll 419.

31. Thomas Buhler entry, Orleans Parish Birth Records, volume 26, page 548, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

32. Wilheimine Buhler entry, Orleans Parish Birth Records, volume 36, page 85, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

33. Elizabeth Buhler entry, Orleans Parish Death Records, volume 74, page 498, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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