

## Pfeiffer Family Crest and Name History

Origin Displayed: German

Where did the German Pfeiffer family come from? What is the German coat of arms/family crest? When did the Pfeiffer family first arrive in Australia and the United States? Where did the various branches of the family go? What is the history of the family name?

Many cultural groups lived in the German states in medieval times. Each had its own dialect and traditions, and nique variations of popular names. Low German, which is similar to contemporary Dutch, was spoken in estphalia. German names are characterized by additions such as regional suffixes and phrases that tell something about the origin or background of its original bearer. Further contributing to the variation in German names was the fact that there were no spelling rules in medieval times: scribes recorded names according to their sound. The recorded spelling variations of Pfeiffer include: Pfeiffer, Pfeifer, Pfyffer, Pfeyfer and many more.

First found in Austria, where the name could be considered to make a great early contribution to the feudal society which became the backbone of early development of Europe.

After the First World War, Austria became a republic. The Treaty of Versailles broke up the empire in 1919 and many of the Sudeten Germans were incorporated into the new nation of Czechoslovakia. In the 20th century, many ustrians migrated to other parts of Germany or Europe, as well as to Australia and North America. In Australia, the Pfeiffer's settled in Victoria in the mis 1800. In the United States, the majority of settlers landed in Philadelphia, and moved on to Ohio, Texas, Illinois, California, New York, and Maryland. Many German settlers also migrated to Canada, particularly Ontario and the Prairies. Amongst the settlers in North America with this distinguished name Pfeiffer were Adam Pfeiffer, who arrived in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1751; Christian Pfeiffer, age 28; settled in Canada in 1783; Eberhard Pfeiffer came to Texas in 1846.

Some noteworthy people of the name Pfeiffer

| Ernst Friedrich Pfeiffer (b. 1922), German professor of internal medicine, president of the German Society for Diabetes, vice-president of the International Diabetes Federation, and winner of many medals, awards, and honorary degrees.

| Ramón Andrada Pfeiffer, Spanish architect

| Raymond Pfeiffer (b. 1901), Ophthalmologist, educator, and also the associate editor of the New York Journal of Medicine

| Michelle Pfeiffer (b. 1957), three-time Oscar-nominated American actress.