937. HOFSÄSS

1. **Wilhelm**[G] **Hofsäß**,[1] of Maubach, parish of Backnang in the duchy of Württemberg, was born about 1617. He was buried at Backnang on 9 June 1677, aged 60 years.[2] His wife, **Margaretha ____**, was the mother of all his recorded children. She died as his widow, an inhabitant of Maubach, and was buried at Backnang on 8 May 1690. No age is given.[3] The feudal fief of Maubach was held by the margraviate of Baden in 1245, but passed with Backnang into the county of Württemberg early in the next century. Württemberg became a duchy in 1495 and then a kingdom from 1806 to 1918.[4]

Children of Wilhelm[G] and Margaretha (_____) Hofsäß, baptized in Backnang, are:

i. ANNA HOFSÄß, bp. 22 Sept. 1644, sp. Hans Schrems, Anna the organist's wife, and Hans Maier of Maubach.[5]

ii. JOHANNES HOFSÄß, bp. 20 Aug. 1647, sp. Benedict Jahn, organist, Hans Schremb, and Hans Maier of Schönthal,[6] d. in childbed and bur. Backnang 22 Aug. 1647.[7]

iii. GEORG HOFSÄß,[8] bp. 7 Mar. 1649, sp. Georg Fuchs of Oberschönthal, Hans Schremb, and Anna wife of Benedict Jahen, organist,[9] m. Oberbrüden, Württemberg, 2 June 1678 MARIA ELISABETHA BRENNER,[10] bp. Oberbrüden 9 Dec. 1655, dau. of Jacob and Anna (____) Brenner, sp. Laux Weiglin of Backnang, Apollonia wife of Urban Kübler of Hohnweiler, and Sebastian Kleinknecht of Wahlenweiler,[11] who as his widow m. (2) Backnang 25 Feb. 1696 Georg Kruckenberger,[12] and d. Maubach 31 July 1705, in 50th y., bur. Backnang 1 Aug. 1705.[13]

iv. BARBARA HOFSÄß, bp. 8 Aug. 1651, sp. Hans Maier of Oberschönthal, Anna wife of Cyriac Reiher, and Catharina widow of Hans Schremb.[14]

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[1] For a summary of his records as family head, see Evangelische Kirche Backnang, Dekanat Backnang, Kirchenbücher, Band 59, Einwohnerbuch der Stadt Backnang, Band IV (cataloged as *Sonstiges,* "others," not sacramental registers), Evangelische Archiv Baden und Württemberg, Stuttgart (EABW), unpaged, image 461, *Archion* (https://www.archion.de/en, Stuttgart: Kirchenbuchportal GmbH, 2013–26). Lutheran parish records cited in this study are imaged on this website from the holdings of the same archives.

[2] Evangelische Kirche Backnang, Kirchenbücher, Band 8, Totenregister, 1660–1730 (hereafter Backnang KB 8), 568, ninth entry.

[3] Backnang KB 8, 624, twelfth entry.

[4] Königlichen statistische-topographischen Bureau, ed., *Beschreibung des Oberamts Backnang* (Stuttgart: H. Lindemann, 1871), 182; "Württemberg," *The Encyclopædia Britannica: A Dictionary of Arts, Sciences, Literature and General Information,* 11th ed., 32 vols. (New York: Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc., 1911–22), 28:857, 858, 32:1089-90.

[5] Evangelische Kirche Backnang, Kirchenbücher, Band 1, Mischbuch, 1629–1719 (hereafter Backnang KB 1), 44 recto, eleventh entry.

[6] Backnang KB 1, 49 verso, second entry.

[7] Evangelische Kirche Backnang, Kirchenbücher, Band 7, Totenregister, 1599–1659 (hereafter Backnang KB 7), 494, second entry.

[8] For a summary of his records as family head, see Robert Mack, "Kartei des Familienforschers Mack, 16.–20. Jahrhundert," microfilm, 35 mm, 19 rolls (Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 2002), EABW, file (*Kartei*) 9, frame (*Aufn. Film*) 647, *Archion*. Each file is cataloged as one volume (*Band*) of non-sacramental records (*Sonstiges,* "others") of the parish of Backnang.

[9] Backnang KB 1, 52 verso, sixth entry.

[10] Evangelische Kirche Oberbrüden, Dekanat Backnang, Kirchenbücher, Band 1, Mischbuch 1652–1747 (hereafter Oberbrüden KB 1), 69, sixth entry.

[11] Oberbrüden KB 1, 4, first entry.

[12] Evangelische Kirche Backnang, Kirchenbücher, Band 5, Eheregister, 1670–1779 (hereafter Backnang KB 5), 38, sixth entry.

[13] Backnang KB 8, 749, sixth entry.

[14] Backnang KB 1, 58 verso, second entry.

v. CATHARINA HOFSÄß, bp. 2 April 1653, sp. Hans Maier of Oberschönthal and Anna wife of Cyriac Raiher.[15]

vi. JOHANNES HOFSÄß, bp. 3 Feb. 1655, sp. Hans Maier of Oberschönthal, H. Ernestus Stephanus Lentz, and Anna wife of Cyriac Reiher.[16]

2. vii. LEONHARDT[F] HOFSÄß, bp. 4 Nov. 1656, d. 9 May 1720, m. (1) URSULA ____; m. (2) MAGDALENA (KÜBLER) (BADMANN) (RAPP) SCHLEGEL.

viii. DOROTHEA HOFSÄß, bp. 26 Dec. 1659, sp. Dorothea wife of H. Werner-Dietrich Feucht, Anna wife of Cyriac Reiher, and Anna wife of Hans Meier of Oberschönthal.[17]

2. **Leonhardt[F] Hofsäß**[18] (*Wilhelm*[G]), of Maubach and Oberbrüden, was baptized at Backnang on 4 November 1656. Sponsors were H. Werner-Dietrich Feucht, Hans Maier of Oberschönthal, and Anna, wife of Cyriac Reiher.[19] He died 9 May 1720 at Oberbrüden, which was ruled by Württemberg from 1426, and was buried there on 11 May 1720, aged 63 years.[20] His first wife was **Ursula** ____, the mother of his children. She was born about 1658, and was buried in Backnang on 13 January 1694, aged 35 years.[21] Leonhardt was married secondly at Oberbrüden on 28 August 1694, to **Magdalena (Kübler) (Badmann) (Rapp) Schlegel** as her fourth husband.[22] She was baptized 21 July 1649 at Murrhardt, Württemberg, daughter of Jacob and Maria (____) Kübler of Sigelsberg. Sponsors at her baptism were Magdalena, wife of H. Antoni Schofer, and Catharina, wife of Hanns Georg Dentzel, all of Murrhardt.[23] Magdalena died at Oberbrüden on 10 December 1717, aged about 63 years, and was buried two days later.[24] She had first married at Sulzbach an der Murr, Württemberg, 12 November 1667, Peter Badmann of Siebenknie, parish of Sulzbach,[25] then married second, Oberbrüden 2 February 1675, Hans Peter Rapp,[26] and married third, Oberbrüden 30 June 1691, Nicolaus Schlegel.[27]

Children of Leonhardt[F] and Ursula (____) Hofsäß, baptized at Backnang, are:

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[15] Backnang KB 1, 63 recto, fourth entry.

[16] Backnang KB 1, 69 recto, second entry. At least one researcher has claimed that this is the Johannes Hofsäß of Heiningen who died in 1685, aged 30 years: Backnang KB 8, 620, seventh entry; Christel Schultz-Edwards, in Verein für Computergenealogie, *GEDBAS* (https://gedbas.genealogy.net/person/show/1215085514, uploaded 14 Jan. 2026). Others have claimed that this Johannes was actually the husband of "Anna Catharina" Hofsäß, no. 1, v.; this is claimed by her entry in the unified family tree at *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/K8C3-3JL, viewed 24 Oct. 2026). Mack, "Kartei des Familienforschers," file 9, frames 648, 649, accepts neither proposal—claiming no parents for Johannes and no maiden name for Anna Catharina.

[17] Backnang KB 1, 83 verso, second entry.

[18] Summaries of his records as a family head appear in Einwohnerbuch, Band IV, image 457; and Burkhart Oertel, *Ortssippenbuch der württembergischen Kreisstadt Backnang*, 4 vols., Deutsche Ortssippenbücher, ser. A, vols. 262, 263, 354, 392, and Reihe Württembergische Ortssippenbücher, vols. 40, 41, 60, 72 (Neubiberg and Frankfurt am Main, Germany: compiler, 1999–2005), 3:85.

[19] Backnang KB 1, 74 recto, first entry.

[20] Evangelische Kirche Oberbrüden, Band 2, Mischbuch, 1712–1742 (hereafter Oberbrüden KB 2), 63 verso, sixth entry. On the jurisdictional history, see *Beschreibung des Oberamts Backnang*, 269.

[21] Backnang KB 8, 657, sixth entry.

[22] Oberbrüden KB 1, 76, third entry.

[23] Evangelische Kirche Murrhardt, Dekanat Backnang, Kirchenbücher, Band 2, Mischbuch, 1618–1705, 208 recto, eighth entry.

[24] Oberbrüden KB 2, 60 recto, fourth entry.

[25] Evangelische Kirche Sulzbach an der Murr, Dekanat Backnang, Band 3, Mischbuch, 1667–1702, Eheregister, 1, first entry.

[26] Oberbrüden KB 1, 67, third entry.

[27] Oberbrüden KB 1, 75, first entry.

i. ANNA MARIA HOFSÄß, bp. 24 Feb. 1680, sp. young Martin Haag and his wife Catharina,[28] bur. Backnang 2 Mar. 1680.[29]

ii. GEORG HOFSÄß, bp. 6 April 1681, father misnamed Geog, sp. young Martin Haag and his wife Catharina.[30]

\+ iii. MARIA[E] HOFSÄß, bp. 27 Jan. 1684, sp. young Martin Haag and his wife Catharina,[31] d. Maubach 26 Feb. 1752, aged 67y 1m, bur. Backnang 27 Feb. 1752,[32] m. Unterweissach, Württemberg, 2 May 1702 HANS MICHAEL SANZENBACHER,[33] bp. Unterweissach 3 Sept. 1678, son of Martin and Catharina (Weckher) Sanzenbacher (see *117, 7069. Sanzenbacher,* 4), sp. Hans Michael Kübler and wife Catharina of Unterweissach,[34] d. Maubach 19 June 1734, aged 56y, bur. Backnang 20 June 1734.[35]

iv. JOHANN LEONHARDT HOFSÄß, bp. 9 April 1686, sp. Martin Haag and his wife Catharina.[36]

v. CATHARINA HOFSÄß, bp. 23 July 1689, sp. H. Martin Haag *des Raths* and his wife Catharina.[37]

vi. JOHANNES HOFSÄß, bp. 29 July 1690, sp. H. Martin Haag *des Raths* and his wife Catharina,[38] bur. Backnang 27 Nov. 1690.[39]

vii. JOHANN MARTIN HOFSÄß,[40] bp. 23 Mar. 1693, sp. H. Martin Haag *des Ampts* and his wife Catharina,[41] d. Unterdresselhof, parish of Unterweissach, 2 Nov. 1763, aged 70y, bur. Unterweissach 4 Nov. 1763,[42] m. Oberbrüden 24 Aug. 1716 ANNA MARIA FÖLL,[43] bp. Sulzbach 25 Mar. 1692, dau. of Hans and Barbara (Wieland) Föll of Kleinhöchberg, sp. Jacob Stiffel and his wife Magdalena,[44] d. Dresselhof 4 Feb. 1759.

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28 Backnang KB 1, 145 recto, seventh entry.

29 Backnang KB 8, 586, third entry.

30 Backnang KB 1, 149 recto, tenth entry.

31 Backnang KB 1, 160 verso, tenth entry.

32 Evangelische Kirche Backnang, Kirchenbücher, Band 9, 156, seventh entry.

33 Evangelische Kirche Weissach im Tal, Dekanat Backnang, Kirchenbücher, Band 9, 6 verso, seventh entry.

34 Evangelische Kirche Weissach im Tal, Kirchenbücher, Band 1, 128 recto, eleventh entry (baptism); Band 2, Eheregister, unpaged, image 181 verso, fifth entry (parents' marriage).

35 Backnang KB 9, 37, tenth entry.

36 Backnang KB 1, 169 recto, eighth entry.

37 Backnang KB 1, 180 verso, ninth entry.

38 Backnang KB 1, 183 verso, third entry.

39 Backnang KB 8, 627, tenth entry.

40 For a summary of his records as family head, see Mack, "Kartei des Familienforschers," file 9, frame 649.

41 Backnang KB 1, 192 verso, twelfth entry.

42 Evangelische Kirche Weissach im Tal, Kirchenbücher, Band 14, Totenregister, 1625–1783, 214 recto, third entry. The burial entry for his wife is either missing or misdated by Mack. A burial on 2 February 1759 is recorded in the last entry on 197 recto in image 202. The next image is of *199* recto, but the first entry on the opposite verso is a burial on 4 February 1759. No death of Anna Maria, wife of Martin Hofsäß, is found on either image.

43 Oberbrüden KB 2, 43 recto, second entry.

44 Sulzbach KB 3, Taufregister, 97, ninth entry (baptism), and Eheregister, 33, second entry (parents' marriage).