

937. HOF SÄSS

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 HOF SÄß, bp. 22 Sept. 1644, sp. Hans Schrems, Anna the organist's wife, and Hans Maier of Maubach.^[5]
- ii. JOHANNES HOF SÄß, 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 HOF SÄß,^[8] bp. 7 Mar. 1649, sp. Georg Fuchs of Oberschönthal, Hans Schremb, and Anna wife of Benedict Jahn, 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 HOF SÄß, bp. 8 Aug. 1651, sp. Hans Maier of Oberschönthal, Anna wife of Cyriac Reiher, and Catharina widow of Hans Schremb.^[14]

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), unpagged, 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, Ehregister, 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 HOFSAß, bp. 2 April 1653, sp. Hans Maier of Oberschönthal and Anna wife of Cyriac Raiher.^[15]
- vi. JOHANNES HOFSAß, bp. 3 Feb. 1655, sp. Hans Maier of Oberschönthal, H. Ernestus Stephanus Lentz, and Anna wife of Cyriac Reiher.^[16]
- 2. vii. LEONHARDT^F HOFSAß, bp. 4 Nov. 1656, d. 9 May 1720, m. (1) URSULA ____; m. (2) MAGDALENA (KÜBLER) (BADMANN) (RAPP) SCHLEGEL.
- viii. DOROTHEA HOFSAß, 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:

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 Burkhard 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 HOFSSÄSS, 24 Feb. 1680, sp. young Martin Haag and his wife Catharina,^[28] bur. Backnang 2 Mar. 1680.^[29]
- ii. GEORG HOFSSÄSS, 6 April 1681, father misnamed Geog, sp. young Martin Haag and his wife Catharina.^[30]
- + iii. MARIA^E HOFSSÄSS, 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]
- iii. JOHANN LEONHARDT HOFSSÄSS, bp. 9 April 1686, sp. Martin Haag and his wife Catharina.^[36]
- iv. CATHARINA HOFSSÄSS, bp. 23 July 1689, sp. H. Martin Haag *des Raths* and his wife Catharina.^[37]
- v. JOHANNES HOFSSÄSS, bp. 29 July 1690, sp. H. Martin Haag *des Raths* and his wife Catharina,^[38] bur. Backnang 27 Nov. 1690.^[39]
- vi. JOHANN MARTIN HOFSSÄSS,^[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.

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, Ehe-register, unpagged, 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 Hofssäss, 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).