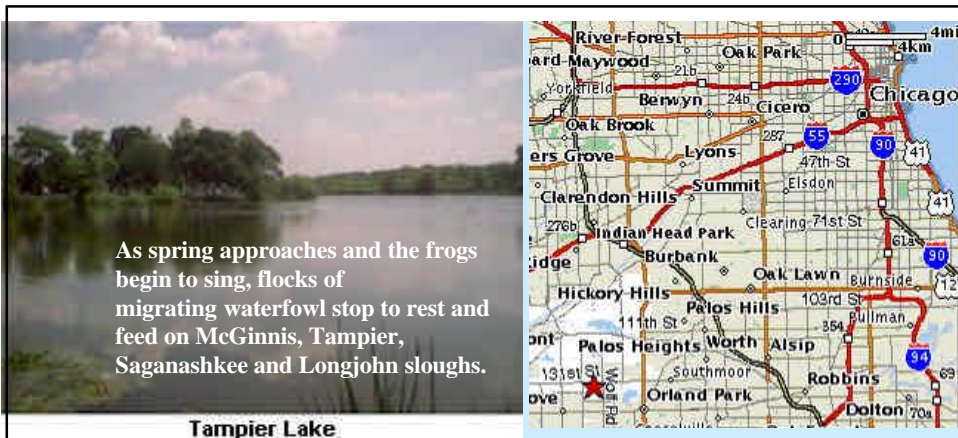


# The Tampiers

A Compilation of Findings  
about Our Origins



As spring approaches and the frogs begin to sing, flocks of migrating waterfowl stop to rest and feed on McGinnis, Tampier, Saganashkee and Longjohn sloughs.

**Tampier Lake**

Visit Tampier Lake, near Chicago, stay at Tampier's hotel in Austria, or listen to Czech DeTampier music!

**Gasthaus Tampier Sieglinde,  
3943 Kottlinghormanns,  
Austria**

## To start:

- Name is supposed to be of French origin
- May come from French name “Dampierre”
- d’Ampier theory seems unlikely as no such name can be found on the web, or in telephone directories for Paris and Lyon
- In France, Dampierre, Tampier and Tempier can all be found

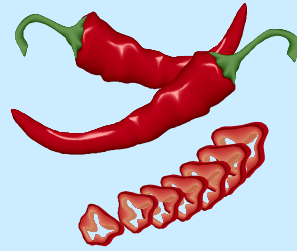
## The Tampiers Today

Results of 1998 name search of official registers, phone books, etc.

Germany	85
Austria	60
France	28
USA	16
Italy	1

Other known countries not listed: Czech Republic; Chile; Canada

# 1. Chile



## ... from Budweis, CZ ...

- Blas Tampier, born 03 Feb 1864 in Plavoho Budejovice (Budweis) Bohemia, son of Johann Tampier and Josefa Homole, emigrated to Chile in South America in 1888, where he married Carlota Burger and started the only Tampier family in Chile. Family legend says that he served in the Austro-Hungarian Army and was a member of the Imperial Guards of Kronprinz Rudolf.
- His father was probably Johann Tampier ("Juan Tampier" in Chilean records) and his mother was Josefina Homole. It is unknown if he had more brothers or sisters.

## ... to Chile

- Family tales say that the family name was originally Dampierre of French origin and that they moved to Bohemia as Huguenots in the 18th Century. Nonetheless, Blas Tampier was very Catholic, as was the woman he married in Chile.
- However, a database search by the German Huguenot Society in 2003 for Huguenot names did not show any record with the name Tampier.
- Blas married in Chile, had nine children and died in 1949.
- They all also had lots of children. A Tampier who lives in Chile today has 14 first cousins in the Tampier family and nearly 100 second cousins.

## Chilean Ancestry (births)

(familysearch.org)

- Ema Tampier Burger (1894)
- Juan Tampier Burger (1895)
- Maria Tampier Burger (1896)
- Carlota Tampier Burger (1897)
- Carlos Tampier Burger (1909)
- Blas Segundo Tampier Burger (1910)
- José (1912)
- Francisco José (1913)
- Marianne Tampier Peronard (1961)

## 2. USA - Today

California	Carl M. Tampier, San José Ema S. Tampier, Monte Sereno	Veronica Tampier, San Lorenzo (Ancestry.com)
Illinois	Christopher M. Tampier, Chicago Gerald P. Tampier, Chicago Jean Tampier, Chicago Gerald Tampier, Palos Hills Peter R. Tampier, Morris Peter R. Tampier, Darien Richard C. Tampier, Lombard	Thomas S. Tampier, Bridgeview Thomas Tampier, Lockport (Ancestry.com) David Tampier, Countryside (Ancestry.com) D. Tampier, Plainfield (Ancestry.com)
Indiana	James P. Tampier, Portage	
New Jersey	Charles Tampier, Hampton David L. Tampier, Hampton Edith B. Tampier, Hampton Jeffrey A. Tampier, Hampton	P. Tampier, Hampton (Ancestry.com) Michele Tampier, Hampton (Ancestry.com) Colby W. Tampier (Ancestry.com)
New York	Merilda M. Tampier, Forestville	
Pennsylvania	Harold Tampier, Milford (Ancestry.com)	
Florida	C. Tampier, Port Charlotte (Ancestry.com)	

## USA - Arrivals

- Ellis Island – New York:
  - Louis Tampier, France: 1896
  - Rudolph Tampier, Austria: 1912
  - Theresa Tampier, USA: 1924  
(was born in 1874)
- 1880 census (Kansas):
  - Joseph Tampier, born in Bohemia in 1835, widowed, and his son (Joseph) and daughter (Maria).  
Farmers in Kansas.



## USA – Earlier Arrivals

(familysearch.org)

- Pennsylvania:
  - August Tampier, France (born 1819). Possible children: Oscar (1856), Augustine (1859), Charles (1861), Josephine (1862), August (1864) or August (1866). Possible grandchildren: Josephine (1887), Shohola Falls, PA; Mary Anne (1889), *ibid.*; Oscar Tampier (\*1892 – died in Zephyr Hills, FL, January 1983). August Tampier married in Sohola Falls, Jan. 18, 1881
- Illinois:
  - John Tampier (\*1839) and his wife, Elizabeth Voolieska emigrated to America from the town of Suchdol (near the Austrian-Czech border). Their son, Frank Tampier, was born in Suchdol in 1868.

## The Chicago Tampiers

- John & Elisabeth Tampier – arrive in 1880 with their children: Paul, Rosalia, Frank, Ignatz, Jane, Lawrence – move to Chicago.
- First child born in USA: Mary (1881)
- Lawrence (suicide in 1905) – children: Mary, James, Edward, John, Willie
- Paul – had 10 children; Frank – had 7 children (he is connected with Tampier Lake)
- John dies in 1921.
- Family tree of John in the U.S. is clearly established.
- Rudolf Tampier immigrated in 1912 from Austria and also moved to Chicago (see previous slide)

## 3. Canada

- Mary Nora Tampier, born 08 OCT 1893, Blanc Sablon, Ungava, Quebec
- Elisabeth Dorschuh, née Tampier, immigrated to Canada from Germany (1950's), lives in Toronto
- Simona Vortel, née Tampier, immigrated to Canada from CZ (3 children, lives in Vancouver today)
- Martin Tampier, immigrated from Germany (actually, Belgium) to British Columbia in 1999
- No other Tampiers known in Canada today

## 4. Austria

- Most Austrian Tampiers live in Vienna
- Martin Tampier, a teacher from Vienna, claims his family comes from Bohemia, near the Austrian border.
- No Mormon records available; Vienna office says that Czech records must be retrieved by hand from church records
- Origin seems to be CZ/Bohemia – before WW1, part of the Austro-Hungarian empire

## 5. Italy

- Only one Tampier left in Italy today (Michael Tampier, Varese, Northern Lombardy, \*1946)
- His Grandfather, Franz Tampier was born in Bohemia, in the town of Reichenberg, now Liberec, CZ, which before WW2 was a German language area. He, was a local police officer under the Austro-Hungarian empire.
- Due to the fact that his wife, my Grandma Maria born Lienhard, had serious lung problems caused by the rough climate in Reichenberg, he asked to be transferred to the Austrian dominated territory in Northern Italy in the late 1890s, where he was assigned as vice commander of the town police in Bozen/Süd Tirol, actually named also Bolzano (autonomous rich German speaking minority province in Northern Italy). Michael's father, Franz Xavier Theodor, was born here in 1912.
- Michael's Grandma had a brother or uncle named Johann, who after migration to America changed his name to John and to whom they lost contact. **THIS IS THE ANCESTOR OF THE CHICAGO TAMPIERS!**

## 6. Czech Republic

- Many Tampiers today in CZ
- Suchdol and Budweis are identified as the origins of Tampier emigrants
- Theory A: Huguenots left France around the time of St Batholomew's Day (1572) because of religious persecution, supposedly from the Tours area (Loire Valley) – confirmed by Michael and the Chile Tampiers.
- Theory B: French soldiers stayed back in Bohemia during the Napoleonic Wars – suggested by Frantisek Tampier.



## Causes of Czech Emigration

- It is estimated that no more than 500 Czechs settled in America prior to 1848. Yet during the seventy-year period from 1848 to 1918, almost 350,000 Czechs left their homeland to come to America's shores.
- The Revolution of 1848 produced the first significant wave of Czech emigrants to this country, as radicals and intellectuals fled Austrian political persecution in the Czech homelands. Many went for Californian gold.
- Young men seeking to avoid conscription into the Austrian Army also came during the 1860s as rising European military tensions led to the Austro-Prussian War of 1866.
- In 1873, an economic crash shook the Austrian Empire, resulting in a serious agricultural depression in the Czech countryside. Crop failures, falling grain prices and farm foreclosures further contributed to a second major wave of emigration that occurred during the 1880s and early 1890s.
- Between 1902 and 1914, many skilled workers sought opportunities in the U.S., and also fled the military service leading to WW1.

## 7. Germany

- Tampiers today in most areas – Arnsberg area & Braunschweig, but also Nürnberg, Freudenstadt, Fürth, Nordhorn, Pforzheim, Köthen, etc. pp.
- Clear concentration in Westphalia
- Origin of Bavarian and East German Tampiers unclear, possibly unrelated to Westphalia clan

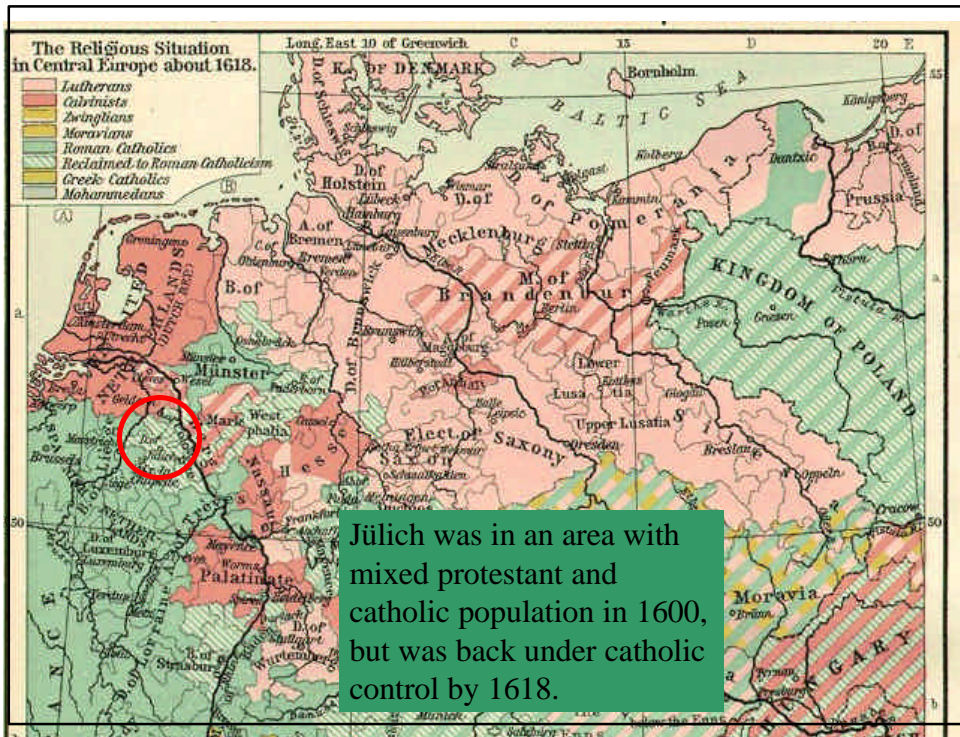
## The Czech Connection

- Anton Tampier, Schloßjäger in Haimhausen, Bavaria (1806)
- Born in Bohemia (1769) – parents: *Tampier Wenzeslaus (Forester ) & Traublitz Maria Anna*
- 6 children between 1807 and 1825: Franz Lorenz; Therese Apollonia; Johanna Antonia, Karoline; Maria Karoline, Max.
- These may be the origin of the “Southern” Tampier clan
- HOWEVER, Johann Matthaeus Tampier was christened in Frankenthal, Bavaria, as early as 1687!

## The French Connection

- Tampiers in Westphalia can be traced back to 1823: Johann Tampier, born Oct. 7, 1823, to Joannes Tampier (Carpenter) and Anna Catharina Stahl, Arnsberg
- Before that, records go back to 1652: Johannes Tampier is godfather to a child. He is married to Catherina Vaßen; their first daughter is named Elisabeth. Johannes dies in 1703. He lived in Jülich.
- Jülich was under Spanish (catholic) occupation until 1660. The current thesis is that Johannes Tampier, or his ancestors, came to Jülich from France during or before the 30-year War.
- Huguenot origin cannot be excluded (St. Bartholomew’s Day was in 1572), but would suggest conversion back to catholicism.

# An Eastward Migration?



## 8. Historic Tampiers

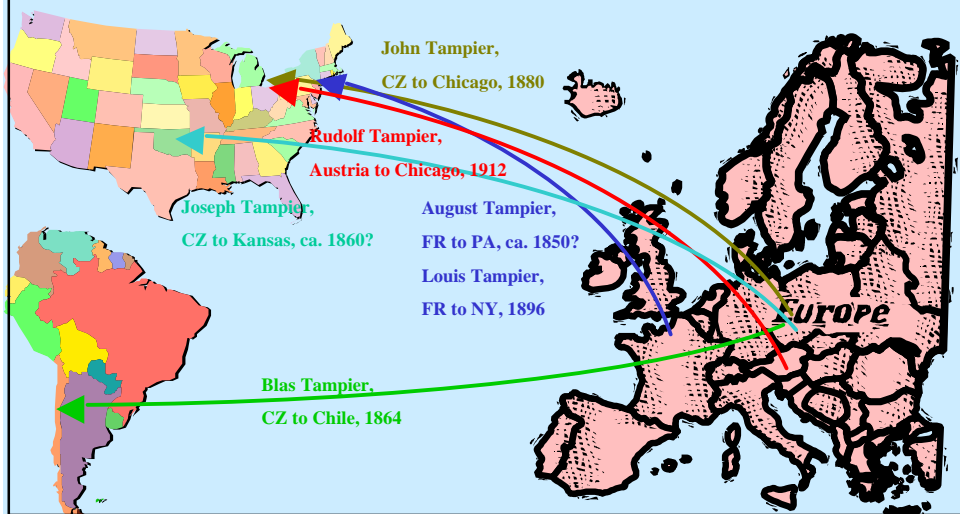
- In 1277, Etienne Tampier, bishop of Paris, condemns 219 propositions of Aristotle as non-authentic (church scholasticism).
- A German count Tampier?
  - Von Tampier (\*1605), married to Katharine, Gräfin von Törring (\*1609)
  - So far no more details obtained from Seefeld Castle.
- A French count Tampier in Vienna – fighting the Bohemians.

### Count Tampier, Vienna, 1620 A.D.

(Collection of flyers, University of Augsburg)

- An die gantze Christenheit eine Hochwichtige Frag, Ob auch dem Buquoy, welcher ein Spannier und dem Tampier der ein Frantzoß, sampt ihren unterhabenden Kriegsvolck die Stadt Wien, als der Schlüssel der Christenheit und Vormawr wider den Türcken, ohn sonders bedencken zuvertrawen? - S.I., 1620. - 14 S.
- Spanischer Türck, Oder Wahrer Bericht, der grausamen unerhörten Spannischen und mehr als Türkischen Mordthaten, welche in dem Königreich Böheimb, hin und wider, durch den Conde di Bucquoi und Graf Tampier an Mann und Weib, ... auff vielerley Möderische und unmenschliche art und weise geübt und gebraucht werden - Prag : Emmerich, 1619. - 8 S.

# 9. Summary



# 10. Open Questions

- What is the history of the Tampiers before the 30-year war?
- What about the Huguenot rumours? Were there two waves of immigrations to Bohemia?
- How do the Tampiers link up with the Tempiers and Dampierres in France?
- Is there a connection to the Tampieri family (several individuals in southern Italy and the U.S.)