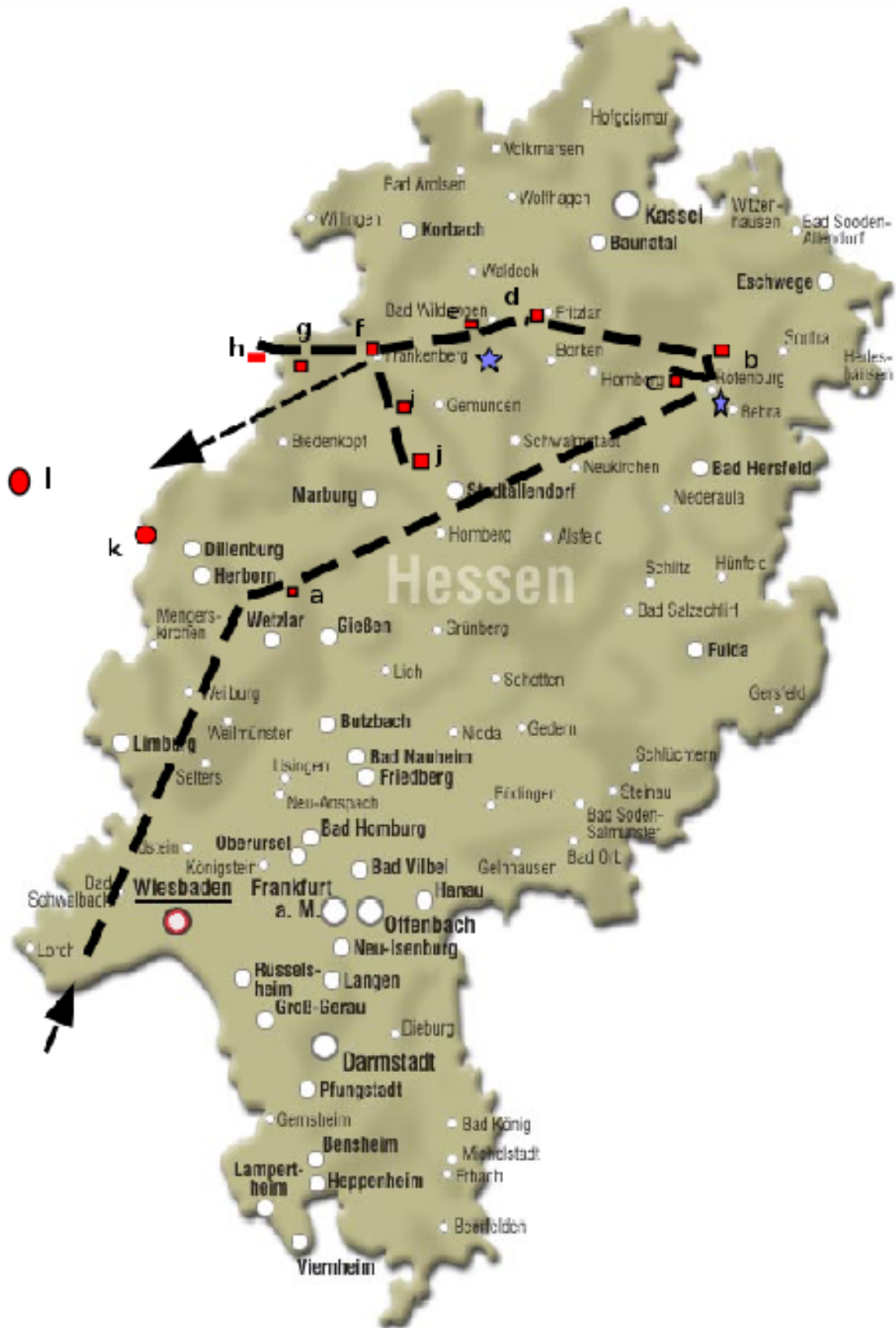


A Trip to Our Ancestral Villages, Fall 2010



● Haiger (not visited) ★ Hotels: Rotenburg & Frankenberg

The list of ancestral towns, people and groups

N.B. If an ancestor lived in several towns their name is repeated.

- a. Altenkirchen (group 3): Hermann Herz of the Haiger group was apparently born here, but later moved to Haiger.
- b. Heinebach (group 5): Koppel Sommer, his paternal ancestors and Roger's maternal grandmother Julie Sommer were born here. Sarah Katzenstein moved here from Frankenau after her marriage.
- c. Binsförth (group 5): This small town is the location of the Jewish cemetery for Heinebach and other towns in the region. Koppel Sommer and ancestors and Sarah Katzenstein (group 5) are buried here. The gravestones still exist.
- d. Ungedanken (group 1): Manus Katzenstein and Resde Mannheimer (group 1) were born here.
- e. Frankenau, including Allendorf and Altenlotheim (group 1): Manus Katzenstein and Resde Mannheimer moved here before 1822. Abraham Katzenstein was born here and married Amalie Marx here. Sarah Katzenstein (group 5) was born in Frankenau and Franziska Katzenstein (group 3) was born in Allendorf. Manus Katzenstein apparently moved to Altenlotheim and was buried there.
- f. Frankenberg (group 1): Abraham Katzenstein and Amalie Marx–Eliane's great-grandparents and Roger's great-great-grandparents—and family moved here in the summer of 1874. Their tombstones and the family house still exist.
- g. Battenberg (in Hesse, group 4): Sophie Löwenstein was born here.
- h. Elsoff (in Westphalia, group 4): Levi Holländer, his father Joseph Holländer and his son Joseph Holländer (Roger's maternal grandfather) were born here. Sophie Löwenstein, the wife of Levi Holländer moved here from Battenberg after her marriage. The family house still exists. The common gravestone of Joseph Holländer and his wife Rachel Schiff still exists.
- i. Grüsen (group 1): Amalie Marx and her father Issac Marx were born here.
- j. Rauschenberg (group 1): Jette Stiefel, the mother of Amalie Marx, was born here.
- k. Haiger (group 3): Albert Herz (Eliane's father) was born here. His mother Franziska Katzenstein moved here after her marriage to Hermann Herz. We had visited Haiger in 1996 and 1998 and did not visit it on this trip.
- l. Hilchenbach (group 4): Levi Holländer, his wife Sophie Löwenstein, and his son Joseph Holländer (Roger's maternal grandfather) moved here from Elsoff in the late 1800s. Roger's maternal grandmother Julie Sommer (born in Heinebach) moved here after her marriage to Joseph Holländer. Roger's mother Ruth Holländer and his aunt

Selma Holländer (group 7) were born in Hilchenbach. We had visited Hilchenbach in 1996 and 1998 and did not visit it on this trip.