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1 Preface

When the **First International Hitz Convention** (IHC '04) in Davos was over in July 2004, we all came home not only with good memories and many new friends, but also with a proceedings volume explaining our mutual relationships.

Feeling that such a document may be an essential asset in order to foster the »connectivity« of our family, I decided to use its main chapter as a kernel for a new living document, the **Hitz Family Booklet**, into which all important future developments of the family should be incorporated. Such a project can only succeed if all (or at least a significant number of) family members are willing to contribute in a continuous manner — and I hope you will!

For privacy reasons, the Hitz Family Booklet shall *not* be openly available on the Web, but can always be obtained by e-Mail (or in print) from the editor (currently myself).

In this first instalment, several little errors have been eliminated and **Marianne Jarzombek** and **Kathie Quinones** have each added a major contribution. However, many changes in the family that occurred since IHC '04 are not yet reflected due to missing text components. For the next update, I am hoping to receive contributions by e.g. Oliver Holle who married in 2005, by Florian Hitz (K.10) who became father to Leon Hitz on January 2, 2006, by Helena Hitz Escuin, who still owes us her grand children, by both Hannos Wolfensberger, who are missing completely, and by hopefully many many more.

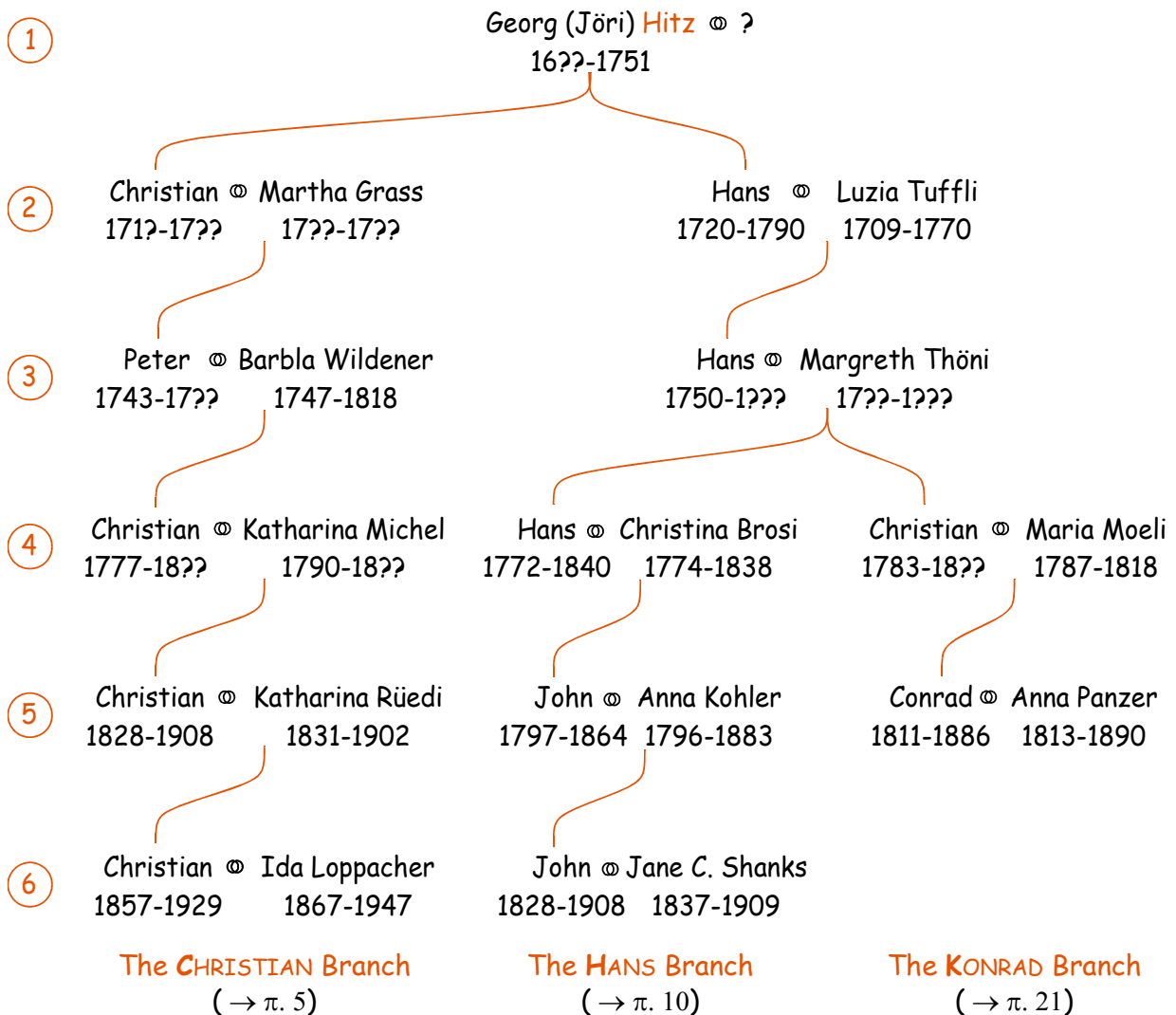
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With best wishes for 2006,

Martin Hitz, January 2006

2 The Hitz Family

There are three major branches of the Hitz family tree the leaves of which will be joining again at IHC '04: Descendents of Christian Hitz-Grass (the CHRISTIAN Branch), Hans Hitz-Brosi (the HANS - or John - Branch) and Conrad Hitz-Panzer (the KONRAD Branch):



The research into Hans Hitz-Tuffli's family can be attributed to the professional genealogist Nikolaus Conrad of Klosters and what has been reported since between family members. The connection between the HANS and the KONRAD Branch has been out of doubt since Harold Hitz-Burton came to Switzerland in the forties in the search of his roots. Albert Hitz of the KONRAD Branch (→ p. 56) not only explained all the genealogic material to Harold in the preparation phase of Harold's and Selma's visit, he also reported on visits by John Hitz-Shanks to the

»Doktorhaus« in Klosters in Albert's youth (»the man with the impressive beard«, see the picture below).

The kinship with the CHRISTIAN Branch is not as well established. The respective research dates back to the end of the forties of the last century when Ida Hitz of the CHRISTIAN Branch (→ p. 5) and Albert Hitz got involved in a lengthy correspondence on family matters. The letters from the crucial phase of this correspondence are unfortunately not available anymore, except for the »final« acknowledging letter of Albert to Ida:



John Hitz-Shanks

Zürich den 10. November 1949

Verehrteste Base Ida Hitz,

nachdem also der Baumstamm bezw. Stammbaum bis zu Ritter und Pfarrer Georg von Hitz lückenlos angewachsen ist, haben wir also gemeinsame Vorfahren ausser dem Adam und der Eva und können wir uns wirklich als Base und Vetter fühlen. Ein unheimlich beglückendes Gefühl. Oder etwa nicht? [...]

We may thus conclude that there was enough evidence for Albert and Ida that the two branches in fact join at Georg Hitz. Luzi Hitz (→ p. 71) reported independently in 2004:

Im Pfarrerbuch Graubündens (1500-1900) ordinierte ein Pfarrer HITZ Georg (Jöri) von 1710-12, war dann Pfarrer in Klosters-Serneus, 1737-40 in Igis, 1741-43 in Parpan, 1743-51 in Serneus, wo er am 26. 3. 1751 starb. Er soll zwei Söhne gehabt haben, Christian und Hans.

Luzi argues that it is very likely (though not necessarily proven) that **Georg Hitz** represented indeed the common ancestor of our branches. We therefore take this fact as granted and use Georg's root position (Level 1) in the tree to number subsequent generations. Together with the branch identifiers - »C« for the CHRISTIAN Branch (→ p. 5), »H« for the HANS branch (→ p. 10), and »K« for the KONRAD Branch (→ p. 21) - the level numbers are given for every family member heading a subsection in order to easily identify family branch and generation.



A Hitz Coat of Arms
(courtesy of Kristian Hitz)