



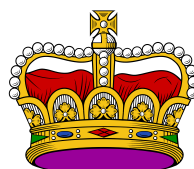
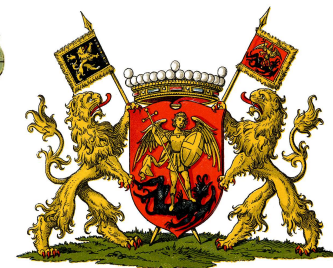
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The Ferber Family

The German family name Ferber is classified as being of occupation origin. It can be said that the most ancient and most interesting of surnames are those derived from the occupation of the original bearer. Occupational names are those provided what has been described by scholars as “an inventory of the common trades of medieval Europe”. Such names offer a glimpse into the daily lives of our ancestors. With regard to the surname Ferber, it is derived from the Middle High German term “ferwaere”, which in most cases refers to a “dyer” and in some cases to a “painter”. Thus the original bearer of the name was a dyer or painter. There are several variant spellings of the family name Ferber including Farber, Furber, Verber and Verwer.

One of the earliest references to this surname or to a variant is a record of one Friedrich der verwer, who was documented as a citizen of Reutlingen in 1300 and one Conrad Verwer who was living in Greifswald in 1307. A record of the christening of Agnes Ferber, daughter of Hanss and Sibilla Ferber, in an Evangelical Church in Landau in Pfalz, Bavaria on March 16, 1580. Christoph Ferber married Ursula Lederer in Brambach, Zwickau, Saxony on January 13, 1657. We also read of the christening of Adam Ferber, son of Johan Wilhelm and Margareth Ferber, which took place in a Catholic Church in Leiswen, Rhineland on January 23, 1707. We also find documented the marriage of Daniel Ferber and Anna Maria Kuntz in an Evangelical Church in Leinsweiler, Bavaria on January 16, 1776. Dorothea Ferber married Heinrich Albert Korn in an Evangelical Lutheran Church in Aachen, Rhineland on October 14, 1861. The coat of arms associated with this surname was granted to one Kaspar Ferber of Speyer on April 8, 1544.



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