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Summary Report

The goal of this research was to identify the parents of Carl Brenner, who was born about January 1866 in Germany and immigrated to New York about 1891. He was spouse of Anna K. Heinz and the father of Carl Rudolf Brenner, who was born on 9 February 1889 in Idar, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. If time remained, the lines of Carl Brenner would be extended.

This research was successful. Carl Brenner's parents were identified. In addition, the parents of Anna K. Heinz were confirmed, and both her maternal and paternal grandparents were identified. The Brenner family apparently moved to Idar after 1880. To extend the Brenner lineage, their former residence must be determined. The Heinz lineage can be extended in Idar.

Background

In a previous research session by Legacy Tree Genealogists (Brenner2102), we discovered that Carl Rudolf Brenner was born on 9 February 1889 in Idar, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. His parents were Carl Brenner and Anna Katherine Heinz. Anna Katherine's death certificate, also discovered in the last research session, stated that her parents were Karl Heinz and Catherina Kullmann.

Summary¹

The Protestant parish records of Idar-Oberstein of Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz, were searched to confirm data discovered in the previous research session regarding Carl Brenner and his wife, Anna Katherine Heinz, and to identify the parents of Carl Brenner.

A note on spelling—Kullman and Cullman were seen interchangeably in the records. For consistency, Kullman was used when referring generically to the families. Spelling variations were commonly seen in the records, especially in given names of Carl/Karl and Catherine/Katharine. All spelling variations were considered when searching for the ancestral family members.

Idar-Oherstein

Idar-Oberstein was a region that has passed through many hands in the previous 300 years, including the French, Prussians, and individual leaders, such as the Duke of Oldenburg. Beginning in 1817, the Duke of Oldenburg held jurisdiction until World War I. The region was considered the Principality of Birkenfeld. The area was highly regarded as a center for jewelry and gemstone production.

Carl Brenner and Anna Katherine Heinz

A baptism record acquired for Carl Rudolf Brenner confirmed his birthdate and parents. He was born on 9 February 1889 in Idar. His parents were the engraver Carl Brenner and Anna Katharina Heinz.

¹ Please refer to the attached research analysis portion of this project for all sources searched and detailed analysis. This section represents an executive summary only.

As was the law, Carl and Anna Katharina married first in a civil ceremony on 26 August 1888 and then in the church on 2 September 1888.

Carl traveled to the United States in 1890, and his wife and son followed separately. He traveled with a neighbor, August Zimmer, on the S.S. *Treve*, which departed from Bremen. August Zimmer was seen in the records of Idar during our search, which help confirm the region of origin for Carl.

Carl's parents were Carl Thil. Brenner, a farrier or blacksmith, and Dorothea Hass. They were both from Idar. Anna's parents were Karl Heinz and Katharina Kullmann of Idar. The fathers of both Carl and Anna were deceased at the time of their marriage.

Anna's baptism record was acquired, which confirmed the information on her United States death certificate found in the previous research project. Information on death certificates relies on the knowledge of the informants, which can be faulty, especially when the deceased person died in a different country from his or her birth. Anna Katherine Heinz was born on 21 September 1867 in Obertiefenbach to Karl Heinz, an innkeeper, and Katherine Kullman. She was baptized in the Idar Protestant parish on 12 October 1867.

Carl T. Brenner and Dorothea Haas—Parents of Carl Brenner

Carl Brenner's marriage record named his parents as Carl Thil. Brenner, a deceased farrier/blacksmith, and Dorothea Haas of Idar. During this research session, no records for the Brenner family beyond the marriage record were located. It appears that the family moved into Idar after Carl's birth and confirmation, and possibly before Carl T. Brenner's death. It is likely that before the move to Idar, the Brenner family lived in a village that attended a different parish than Idar, such as Niederbrombach, Weierbach, or Herrstein.

Karl Heinz and Katherine Kullman—Parents of Anna Katherine Heinz

When an index to records was not available, page-by-page searches were conducted. In these searches to extend the lineage of the Brenner family, some records for the Heinz family were discovered. These records confirmed the correct location for the immigrant couple and, incidentally, extended the lineage for Anna Katherine Heinz.

Karl Heinz married a widow, Katherine Kullman, on 17 April 1864 in a civil ceremony. A church marriage followed on 24 April 1864. Karl and Katherine had two children:

- Rudolph was born on 26 January 1865
- Anna Katherine born 21 September 1867

Karl, who was born in 1839 in Algenrodt, died on 27 September 1872. After his death, Katherine had a daughter born out of wedlock: Charlotte Wilhelmine Cullin, born in 1876. Karl Heinz's parents were Georg Heinz, a teacher, and Anna Elisabeth Adam. Georg and Anna married about 1838.

Katherine Kullman was born on 3 April 1835 to Karl Kullman and Marie Elisabeth Schmidt, who were married on 30 January 1820. Her first husband was Carl Schuch.

Recommendations

Based on this research session, the following specific steps are recommended:

- 1. Continue searching the records of Idar from 1864 to 1869 to locate a death record for Carl T. Brenner if possible.
- 2. Expand the search for the Brenner family to the Protestant parishes of Niederbrombach, Weierbach, and Herrstein. Carl Brenner was born between 1864 and 1866. His father Carl T. Brenner died before 1888.
- 3. Locate the death record for Karl Heinz, who died in Algenrodt on 27 September 1872.

- 4. Locate the baptism records for Rudolf Heinz, likely baptized in Idar shortly after 26 January 1867, and Charlotte Wilhelmine Cullin, likely baptized in Idar in 1876.
- 5. Continue to extend the lineage of Anna Katherine Heinz.
 - a. Her paternal grandparents Georg Heinz and Anna Elisabeth Adam were from Algenrodt and probably married in Idar about 1838.
 - b. Her maternal grandparents, Karl Kullman and Marie Elisabeth Schmidt, probably married in Idar on 30 January 1820. At this time, records in Idar Protestant Parish are digitized on Archion beginning in 1824. FamilySearch has unindexed records from 1671 to 1886.

We appreciate your patience as we waited for digitized records to become available. Thank you for entrusting us with your family history. We look forward to working at your direction in the future.

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Research Analysis

GOAL

- Identify the parents of Carl Brenner. Carl Brenner was born about January 1866 in Germany and later immigrated to New York around 1891. He was spouse of Anna K. Heinz and the father of Carl Rudolf Brenner, who was born 9 February 1889 in Idar, Donnersbergkreis, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany.
 - If time remains, extend all ancestral lines of Carl Brenner as far as time and records allow.

This Research Analysis contains sections for each of the different parts of research on your project. Each section will begin with a summary of the information provided as a starting point (if any) and an introduction to that section, followed by a list of the sources searched or reviewed, along with notes about what we looked for (including the different search parameters used), what was found, and any issues with that source (such as missing years, illegible print, etc.) or with the information within the source. The end of each section includes a summary and conclusions about that portion of the research.

CARL BRENNER AND ANNA KATHERINE HEINZ—PARENTS OF CARL RUDOLF BRENNER

According to the results of our last research session, Carl Brenner's son Carl Rudolf Brenner was born on 9 February 1889 in Idar, Donnersbergkreis, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. This information was recorded on Carl Rudolf Brenner's World War II draft registration card (see DOCUMENT 5a-b from the Brenner2102 report).

Carl Brenner died on 17 April 1943 in the Bronx, New York City, New York.

Source	Comments
1900 U.S. Census, population schedule, Bronx, Bronx County, New York, ED 1012, sheet 2, Carl Brenner household; <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com/: accessed March 2021). Previously located document.	According to the 1900 U.S. Census (found in our last research session), Carl Brenner was born in January 1866 in Germany. He came to the U.S. in 1891 with his wife and son and was in the process of working on his naturalization papers.
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, naturalization file, case no. 5700802, Carl Brenner, 1906; "New York, U.S., State and Federal Naturalization Records, 1794–1943,"	 Carl Brenner: Occupation: Engraver Born 4 January 1865 in Germany Arrived in New York on 25 August 1890

Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/: accessed March 2021). Previously located document.	
1910 U.S. Census, population schedule, Bronx, Bronx County, New York, ED 1474, sheet 2B, Carl Brenner household; <i>Ancestry</i> (https://www.ancestry.com/: accessed March 2021).	The 1910 U.S. Census for Carl Brenner and his family does not indicate any information regarding Carl's parents or the name of his hometown in Germany.
Previously located document.	
"United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918," FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1968530: accessed December 2022).	"Three registrations occurred between 1917 and 1918. The 1st was held 5 Jun 1917 for men ages 21–31. The 2nd was held 5 Jun 1918 for men who turned 21 since the 1st registration. The 3rd started 12 Sep 1918 for men ages 18–45." Carl Brenner would have been too old to be
	recorded on the World War I draft registration.
Department of Health, Bureau of Records, Bronx, New York, certificate no. 4179, death certificate for Carl Brenner, 17 April 1943; "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795–1949," FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/: accessed March 2021). Previously located document.	 Death: 17 April 1943, Bronx, New York City, New York County, New York Burial: 20 April 1943, Ferncliff Crematory Deceased: Carl Brenner Widower of Mrs. Katherine Brenner Stone seal engraver Born 4 January 1864 in Germany Age 79 years, 3 months, and 13 days Parents names unknown, both born in Germany The informant of Carl Brenner's death was his son, Carl R. Brenner.
"Idar (Idar-Oberstein)," <i>Wikipedia</i> (https://www.wikipedia.org/: accessed December 2022).	Idar is known as a gemstone center. It is a "is a town in the Birkenfeld district in Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. As a <i>Große kreisangehörige Stadt</i> (large city belonging to a district), it assumes some of the responsibilities that for smaller municipalities in the district are assumed by the district administration." In 1933, Oberstein, Idar,

Tiefenstein, and Algenrodt were merged to form Idar-Oberstein. After the Congress of Vienna in 1815, the area shifted hands several times. "Idar, Oberstein, Tiefenstein, Algenrodt, Enzweiler, Georg-Weierbach, Göttschied, Enzweiler and Regulshausen became on 16 April 1817 part of the newly created Principality of Birkenfeld." Evangelische Kirche Idar (OA. Oberstein), While records of the Evangelical parish in Idar Kirchenbuchabschriften, 1671–1898, "Geburten, are available via the FamilySearch catalog, the Heiraten, Tote 1873–1886," Idar, record availability is limited. They do not have Donnersbergkreis, Rhineland-Palatinate, baptisms after 1886, when Carl Rudolf Germany; *FamilySearch* Brenner was born. (https://www.familysearch.org/: accessed November 2022), microfilm no. 2152416, item Carl Brenner and Anna Katherine Heinz's 1. marriage was not located in the *Heiratsindex* 1671–1898 (marriage index 1671–1898). There were no Brenner families in the index Evangelische Kirche Idar (OA. Oberstein), Kirchenbuchabschriften, 1671–1898, there. It is possible that Carl and Anna "Heiratsindex 1671-1898 -- Geburten, Heiraten, Katherine were married in a neighboring Tote 1671–1873," Idar, Donnersbergkreis, town. Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany; FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/: accessed A collection in the FamilySearch catalog called November 2022), microfilm no. 2152415. Purper-Genealogie details genealogical information for several families in Idar, but none of the families listed there were the Purper-Genealogie, 1670–1890, Idar, Donnersbergkreis, Rhineland-Palatinate, Brenner or Heinz families. Germany, FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/: accessed There were no Catholic Church records November 2022). located for Idar in the FamilySearch catalog. Katholische Kirche Oberstein (AG. Oberstein), Both the Catholic Church records and Kirchenbuch, 1800-1835, "Taufen, Heiraten, Evangelical Church records of Oberstein are Tote 1800–1835," Oberstein, Fürstt. Birkenfeld, not available via the FamilySearch catalog Oldenburg; *FamilySearch* after 1833/1835. (https://www.familysearch.org/: accessed December 2022), microfilm 549635, Item 4. Evangelische Kirche Oberstein (AG. Oberstein), Kirchenbuch, 1669–1833, "Taufen, Heiraten

1824–1833 (left-side (l. S.) and right-side (r. S.)

pages filmed separately)," Oberstein, Fürstt. Birkenfeld, Oldenburg; FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/: accessed December 2022), microfilm 490342.	
Facebook message, Kath. Pfarreiengemeinschaft Oberstein, sent to Legacy Tree Genealogists, 22 December 2022, author's files.	"The old church records [of Idar-Oberstein] are in Trier at archives there. You can get in contact by mail: bistumsarchiv@bgv.trier.de."
Email, Archion Support, re: Re: [Ticket#2022112900000198] Kontaktaufnahme via archion.de, sent to Legacy Tree Genealogists, 29 November 2022, author's files.	Records of the Evangelical Church in Idar are in the process of being digitized on Archion.de. The Archion support team could not give researchers an estimated release date for these records, "as 25 archives digitize their church books independently. We have no influence on the order. Whenever Archion receives digitized church books we usually import them in order of receipt."
Archion (https://www.archion.de/: accessed February 2023 > Pfalz: Landesarchiv Speyer > Osthofen > Taufe 1847–1878, Trauung 1847–1882, Beerdigung 1848–1882.	The Idar (Oberstein) Evangelical Lutheran records are still pending upload from the archives.
Archion (https://www.archion.de/: accessed February 2023 > Pfalz: Landesarchiv Speyer > Osthofen > Taufe 1847–1878, Trauung 1847–1882, Beerdigung 1848–1882 > images 50–55, index to baptisms, 1847–1877.	Found the newly digitally available records for Idar (Oberstein) Roman Catholic parish records for the period of 1847–82. No Brenner entries were found in the baptism index covering the years 1847–77 or the marriage index for 1847–82.
Port of New York, New York, passenger list for S.S. <i>Treve</i> , arrived 22 August 1890, line no. 298, entry for Carl Bremer [Brenner]; "New York Passenger Lists, 1820–1891," <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/: accessed 14 March 2024). DOCUMENT 1.	Carl Bremer [Brenner] from Idar arrived in New York on 22 August 1890. He was 25 and a farmer. Also from Idar was August Zimmer, a 24-year-old farmer, who may have been an acquaintance of Carl. Although the day was off by three from when Carl reported his arrival on his naturalization documents, this is likely the correct manifest. It is not uncommon for immigrants to not know the exact date of arrival. Carl's wife and son probably came together after Carl was

Idar Protestant Parish [Landbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1889," index; *Archion*

(https://www.archion.de/: accessed 14 March 2024).

No Brenner entries were listed in the index for the baptisms or marriages in 1889 for the rural district of Idar.

Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1889," entry no. 79, baptism of Carl Rudolf Brenner; 4 August 1889; *Archion*

(https://www.archion.de/: accessed 14 March

2024).

DOCUMENT 2.

Child's Name: Carl Rudolf Brenner

Baptism date: 4 August 1889 **Birthdate**: 9 February 1889

Father: Carl Brenner, *Greveur* (engraver)

Residence: Idar

Age: 24

Religion: Protestant

Mother: Anna Catharina, born Heinz

Residence: Idar

Age: 21

Religion: Protestant **Baptismal sponsors**:

• Christian Warth from Birkenfeld

Emil Kröceizega from Idar

• Berthe Brenner from Gent

• Lina Ma[--?] from Idar

Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1888," entry no. 11, marriage of Carl Brenner and Anna Catharina Heinz, 2 September 1888; *Archion* (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 14 March 2024).

DOCUMENT 3.

Groom: Carl Brenner, engraver

Age: 23

Residence: Idar **Religion**: Protestant

Parents: the deceased Carl Thil. Brenner, *Huffschmied* (farrier/blacksmith), and

Dorothea, born Hass of Idar

Bride: Anna Catharina Heinz

Age: 20

Religion: Protestant

Parents: the deceased Carl Heinz, and Catharina, born Cullmann of Idar

Marriage date (civil): 26 August 1888

Marriage in the church: 2 September 1888

Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1864," p. 25, entry no. 89, baptism of Karl Brenner, 1864; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 13 March 2024).	This record is for Karl Brenner, born 27 May 1864, whose parents were Karl Brenner, a merchant from Kirschweiler, and Sophie Risch. These are not the parents named on Carl's marriage record.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1865," p. 54; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 13 March 2024).	No Brenner entries were listed in the index for the baptisms or marriages in 1865.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1866"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 14 March 2024).	One Brenner entry for Emma Brenner of Kirchweiler in the index for 1866. Her father was Jacob Brenner.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1867"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 14 March 2024).	No Brenner entries were listed in the index for the baptisms or marriages in 1867.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein,	Baptism date: 12 October 1867
Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten,	Child's name: Anna Katharine
Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1867," entry no. 156, baptism of Anna Katharine Heinz, 12 October 1867; <i>Archion</i>	Father: Karl Heinz, Wirth (innkeeper/landlord)
(https://www.archion.de/: accessed 14 March	Residence: Algenrodt
2024).	Age : 21
DOCUMENT 4.	Religion: Protestant
	Mother : Katherine Kullman
	Residence: Obertiefenbach
	Age : 22
	Religion: Protestant
	Birthdate: 21 September 1867

Summary

The baptism record was located for Carl Brenner's son, Carl Rudolf, born on 9 February 1889 in Idar. His parents were the engraver Carl Brenner and Anna Catharina Heinz. Carl and Anna Catharina married civilly on 26 August 1888 and then in the church on 2 September 1888.

At the time of his marriage, Carl's parents were named as the deceased Carl Thil. Brenner, a farrier or blacksmith, and Dorothea Hass. They were both from Idar. No baptism was found for Carl Brenner. No marriage for his parents was found between 1865 and 1867.

Anna was born on 21 September 1867 in Obertiefenbach and baptized in the Idar Protestant parish on 12 October 1867. Her parents were Karl Heinz, an innkeeper, and Katherine Kullman.

The next session of research was to find out more about Carl Brenner's parents.

CARL T. Brenner and Dorothea Haas

Carl T. Brenner and Dorothea Haas were parents to Carl Brenner, born about 1864–1866, possibly in Idar. When Carl married Anna Katharine Heinz in 1888, his father Carl T. Brenner was deceased.

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Source	Comments
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1864"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	No Brenner marriage listed in the 1864 index for the Idar parish.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1864," entry no. 11, marriage of Karl Heinz and Katherine Kullmann, 17 April 1864; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024). DOCUMENT 5.	Groom: Karl Heinz, Schleifer (polisher/engraver) Age: 25 Residence: Algenrodt Religion: Protestant Parents: Georg Heinz and Anna Elisabeth Adam, of Algenrodt
	Bride: Katharine Kullmann, widow of Schuch, from Algenrodt Age: 29 Religion: Protestant
	Parents: Karl Kullmann and Maria Elisabeth Schmidt, from Obertiefenbach Marriage date (civil): 17 April 1864 Marriage in the church: 24 April 1864 This record and the marriage record above confirms the correct record sets; however, the family of Carl Brenner is not present.

Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1863"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 14 March 2024).	No Brenner marriage listed in the 1863 index for the Idar parish.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1862"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 14 March 2024).	No Brenner marriage listed in the 1862 index for the Idar parish.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1861"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 14 March 2024).	No Brenner marriage listed in the 1861 index for the Idar parish.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), Kirchenbuchabschriften, 1858–1873, unpaginated, family of Carl Heinz and Catherine Cullman, married 1864; FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/: accessed 15 March 2024), DGS no. 102539179, item 6, "Idar Oberstain Guburten, Heiraten, Toten," image 1519. DOCUMENT 6.	Carl Heinz, Wirth (innkeeper or landlord) 1867, Schleifer, Algenrodt Born 1839, died 27 September 1872 at age 33 Father: Georg Heinz, Lehrer (teacher), Algenrodt Mother: Anna Elisabeth Adam Georg and Ann married in 1838. Married 1864 Catharine Cullman, widow of Carl Schuch Born on 3 April 1835 Father: Carl Cullman, Schleifer, Obertiefenbach Mother: Marie Elisabeth Schmidt Carl and Marie Elisabeth married on 30 January 1820.
	 Children: Rudolph, born 26 January 1865 Anna Katherine, born 21 September 1867
	Illegitimate daughter of Katherine Cullman, Charlotte Wilhelmine Cullin, 1876

FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/: accessed 15 March 2024), DGS no. 102539179, item 6, "Idar Oberstain Guburten, Heiraten, Toten."	No record for a Brenner family with a marriage between 1860 and 1867. This record set available at FamilySearch spans 1671–1886, just before the marriage of Carl Brenner and Anna Katherine Heinz in 1888, which might have contained the location of Carl's birth. It was not recorded in Idar parish. His parents' marriage does not appear to be recorded there, either.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), Kirchenbuchabschriften, 1858–1873, unpaginated, family of Karl Zimmer and Katherine Schmidt; FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/: accessed 15 March 2024), DGS no. 102539179, item 6, "Idar Oberstain Guburten, Heiraten, Toten," image 1473.	It is interesting to note that in the page-by-page search for the Brenner family, a Zimmer family was discovered with a son named August born in 1865. It is likely this is August Zimmer who traveled from Idar on the S.S. <i>Treve</i> with Carl Brenner.
Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1888"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	Carl Brenner's father was deceased at the time of his marriage in 1888. Only a 4-year-old, Berthe Brenner, was listed in the burial register for 1888.
Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1887"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	No Brenner listed in the burial register of 1887.
Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1886," entry no. 37, burial of Katharine Brenner, 20 April 1886; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	Katherine Brenner was listed in the burial register of 1886. She was 65, and the widow of Christian Brenner. She was not Carl's mother but could be another relation.
Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1885," entry no. 31, burial of Karl Brenner, 15 April 1885; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	Karl Brenner, who was married to Luise Caroline Dreher, age 73, died in 1865. He was not the father of Carl Brenner born about 1864–1866. No other Brenners were found in the death index of 1885.

Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1884," entry no. 15, burial of Victor Brenner, 15 March 1884; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	In 1884, Victor Brenner, the infant son of Carl Brenner and Luise Schöpfer of Idar, died. No other Brenners were listed in the death index of 1884.
Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar- Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1883"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	No Brenner listed in the burial register of 1883.
Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar- Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1882"; Archion (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	No Brenner listed in the burial register of 1882.
Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1881"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	No Brenner listed in the burial register of 1881.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1880"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	No Brenner listed in the burial register of 1880. Also, children born in 1866 were confirmed this year. No confirmation found for Carl Brenner.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1879"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	No Brenner was listed in the burial register of 1879. Also, children born in 1865 were confirmed this year. No confirmation found for Carl Brenner. Again, August Zimmer was listed, as was Rudolf Heinz, brother to Anna Katherine.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1879," pp. 186–187, entry no. 75, confirmation of Rudolf Heinz, 1 May 1879; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024). DOCUMENT 7.	Rudolf Heinz was confirmed on 1 May 1879 in the Protestant church of Idar. The header for the confirmation list was on page 186, noting the day as 1 May 1879 in the Idar parish church.

Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1878"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	The children born in 1864 were confirmed this year. No confirmation found for Carl Brenner.
Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1884," entry no. 105, burial of Hermann Eugen Brenner, 20 December 1878; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	In 1878, Hermann Eugen Brenner, the infant son of Carl Brenner and Luise Schöpfer of Idar, died.
Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1884," entry no. 111, burial of Adam Brenner, December 1878; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	In 1878, Adam Brenner, the infant son of Carl Brenner and Luise Schöpfer of Idar, died. The exact day is too faded to read but the previous record was dated 24 December, so the burial was likely 24 December or after. No other Brenners were listed in the death index of 1878.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1877"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	No Brenner was listed in the burial register of 1877.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1876"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	No Brenner was listed in the burial register of 1876.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1875"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 15 March 2024).	No Brenner was listed in the burial register of 1875.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1874"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 18 March 2024).	No Brenner was listed in the burial register of 1874.

Idar Protestant Parish [Stadtbezirk] (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1873," entry no. 81, burial of Jakob Brenner, 2 August 1873; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 18 March 2024).	The only Brenner burial located for 1873 was Jakon Brenner, 76, widower of Philippine, born Wiltrich.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1872"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 18 March 2024).	No Brenner was listed in the burial register of 1872.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1871"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 18 March 2024).	No Brenner was listed in the burial register of 1871.
Idar Protestant Parish (Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld, Rheinland-Pfalz), "Taufen, Heiraten, Sterbefälle, Konfirmationen 1870"; <i>Archion</i> (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 18 March 2024).	No Brenner was listed in the burial register of 1870.
"Idar," MeyersGaz (https://www.meyersgaz.org/: accessed 15 March 2024).	Protestant parishes surrounding Idar include Niederbrombach, Weierbach, and Herrstein. After 1880, the <i>Landbezirk</i> , or rural community, of Idar kept separate church books from the <i>Stadtbezirk</i> , or city district.
Archion (https://www.archion.de/: accessed 18 March 2024), parishes listed in Archiv der Evangelischen Kirche im Rheinland.	The marriage of Carl Brenner and Anna Katherine Heinz was found in the Stadtbezirk.

Summary

The Brenner family was not located in the marriage (1860–1867), death (1870–1888), or confirmation (1878–1880) registers for Idar. Because it appears that Carl Brenner was not confirmed in Idar, it is likely the family moved to Idar after 1880. While searching for the Brenner family, records for Anna Katherine Heinz's family were discovered. These records, while not furthering the research goal, do confirm that this is the correct area of focus for Carl Brenner and Anna Katherine Heinz. Aiding in the connection, the man who traveled to the United States with Carl Brenner, August Zimmer, was also discovered in these records.

Some Brenner individuals were located, but their relationship to Carl Brenner, if any, is not known at this time. Given the jurisdictional changes for Idar and the surrounding villages, it is likely that the Brenner family was recorded in a nearby parish, such as Niederbrombach, Weierbach, or Herrstein.

Regarding the Heinz family, Karl Heinz and Katherine Kullman, parent of Anna Katherine Heinz, were married on 17 April 1864 in a civil ceremony. A church marriage followed on 24 April 1864. They had two children:

- Rudolph, born 26 January 1865
- Anna Katherine, born 21 September 1867

Karl was born in 1839 in Algenrodt and died on 27 September 1872. His father was Georg Heinz, a teacher, and Anna Elisabeth Adam.

Katherine Kullman was born on 3 April 1835. She first married Carl Schuch. She was a widow when she married Karl Heinz. After Karl Heinz died, she had an illegitimate daughter, Charlotte Wilhelmine Cullin, who was born in 1876.

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