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May 17th, 1995

Dear Mr. Gober,

Mrs. Rose Wheat has forwarded on your letter to me, since she is unable to carry out research for other people in the near future.

You have been most successful in tracing your family back to c1620. Research can be quite difficult and therefore time consuming at this period if time. The IGI is far from complete, but some counties are better than others. Not all parish registers still exist and BMBs may have been omitted from the records. Often, one needs other records ie other parish records, wills, family estate papers etc.

I could carry out research for you in Staffordshire but do not visit the repositories in London as it is not cost effective, I do have contacts who carry out research for me in London, which I organise for clients, but fees are higher than mine.

Please find below details of my fees etc.s

I carry out research within the old county of Staffordshire, working in the Stafford Record Office, Lichfield Joint Record Office, Reference Libraries and my local Mormon Family History Centre. I charge £10 per hour, regrettably payable in advance. The fee includes travel costs within Staffordshire, but excludes the costs of postage and photocopies etc. It is extremely difficult to estimate just how long research will take, I usually work in three, four, five or six hour sessions, though shorter periods of time can be arranged.

I can also carry out research in Derbyshire, Shropshire and Warwickshire records if they are deposited at Lichfield, ie Bishops Transcripts, Wills, Marriage Bonds etc.

Location photography by special arrangement.

I look at all relevant documents, microfilms and microfiche etc. which have been deposited in the record offices, libraries and visit churchyards etc. My main objective is to search the records, record all instances of the name required, to suggest positive connections and advise on future research. I regret that due to a variety of circumstances always encountered when carrying out research, I cannot guarantee to be able to find the family which is sought.

Records are deposited in a variety of locations within Staffordshire eg. two record offices and various reference libraries and local history centres. Every effort is made to complete a session within one month of receiving a request for research but if the search proves complicated, a preliminary report will be sent at the end of each month.

Most parish registers are now seen on microfiche or microfilm. Photocopies cost 50p per sheet at present, PR entries usually take 1 sheet and census returns 1 or 2 sheets per page. We are no longer permitted to have photocopies from volumes, large maps nor large documents where there is a danger of damage to the record, any single sheets (A3, A4,) eg wills, marriage bonds cost 30p per page at present. SRO

usually take 2 weeks to process any orders and Lichfield JRO around 3-4 weeks. Copyright forms will have to be signed by the client, for photocopies from Lichfield.

If you would like me to undertake any research for you, would you send a relevant family tree and a list of sources already seen, with your remittance. Payment is preferred in Sterling and I regret that if Dollars or Dollar cheques are sent bank charges are met by the client.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Diana Grant. Mrs.
Diana A. Grant

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September 5th, 1995

Dear Mr. Gober,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th July and the enclosed cheque. I have commenced your research, please find enclosed my notes.

I have looked at the following:-

1988 edition of the Staffs IGI re Gober and Meakin.

Norton Canes Parish Register and Bishops Transcript.

Index to Peculiar Wills proved in the Lichfield Diocese Gober pre 1750, Meakin 1720-1790.

Index to Consistory Wills Meakin 1736-17905, Gober 1632-1700

Surname Index at Stafford Record Office re Gober.

Various Books, see notes.

3 Meakin Wills seen.

Staffordshire Marriage Index re Gober/Meakin.

Hanley Reference Library Surname Index re Gober.

Staffordshire Burial Index re Gober

William Salt Library Surname Index re Gober.

Irish IGI on Computer re Gober. There are NO entries at all for this surname. Although many of the Irish Records were destroyed in 1922 one would have expected a few entries if the family were Irish.

IGI on Computer re George Craddock Meakin, No entries for Bap nor Marriage.

I was surprised at the letter from M E Berlington, even if copies are not allowed to be taken of documents it is usual for notes to be taken. Also there are no reference numbers or references to where the documents were seen! So no evidence to support her "findings".

I do not have a copy of Mr Perkes book nor ready access to my friends notes.

If William and John arrived in America together and John returned to the UK or Ireland do you think that William could have married Nancy Meakin somewhere in the USA?

Is it possible for you to let me have a copy of your family tree pre 1800, so that I can get an idea as to the christian names used etc. Also, do you know what occupation William followed.

Do you have any other evidence that Williams wife was named Nancy Meakin, apart from the letter from Ms. Berlington.

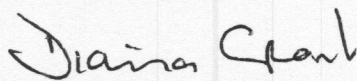
Gober is not listed in THE SURNAMES OF IRELAND by Edward MacLysaght.

There are so few references to this surname that one has to wonder if it is a corruption of another surname or if the family originated on the continent eg France etc. Since you have access to the Mormon IGI I would suggest you search for instances of the surname in France, Belgium etc or I could do this for you if you wish, the Gober/Meakin marriage might be listed.

I regret that my findings are disappointing re William Gober and his marriage Nancy Meakin, so I do not think that it took place in Staffordshire. What I propose to do is to consult all the County Marriage Indexes to see if there are any entries for Gober pre 1750 and if there are any entries at all for a William c1740 etc.

I will write to you again in October.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Grant". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Diana A. Grant

1988 Edition of the IGI,
has more entries than the 1992 edition
Only
Nancy d/o John and Hannah Meakin bap 3 Dec 1749 Audley

You have the Gober 1690 Norton Canes entry

Norton Canes PR F4395/1/2
4 Nov 1690 Mary d/o Phaulin Gober not found
to see BTs

Index to Peculiar Wills pre 1750
re Gober etc
28 Aug 1674 Philip Godbehere of Whittington
22 Jul 1684 James Godbehere of Lichfield

Index to Peculiar Wills re Meakin
1720-1790
none

Index to Consistory Wills re Meakin 1736-1775
17 May 1764 James Meakin of Leak
30 Oct 1765 Mary Meakin Ipstones
7 Dec 1768 Thomas Deakin Cheswardine
6 May 1773 Joseph Meakin Ipstones
to continue

Index to Consistory Marriage Bonds B/C/6,7 1632-1700 re Gober etc
1687 Thomas Godbear to Grace Banks Wirksworth Derbyshire

Staffordshire Record Office
Surname Index
Gober none
Meakin c1720 none

Norton Canes PR D4395/1/2 to check IGI entry for clues
not found
to see BTs

Norton Canes BTs
4 Nov 1690 Mary d/o Phauin Gober bap
No other information given

Meakin Wills continued
1773-1790

6 May 1773 Joseph Meakin Ipstones
28 Apr 1789 Mary Meakin alias Williamson Normanton by Derby
10 Mar 1790 William Meakin Whitchurch

Genealogical Research Directory 1994
no references to people researching the name of Gober

Guild of One-Name Studies
prospectus
neg re Gober

Staffordshire Families
neg re Gober

Midland Genealogical Directory 1991
neg re Gober

Cases in the Court of Arches 1660-1913
by Jane Houston
Index Library, The British Record Society
published by Phillimore
No references to Gober

Wills seen just in case a Gober mentioned
James Meakin proved 17 May 1764
of Leek

Maria Meakin of Ipstones 30 Oct 1765

Joseph Meakin 6ay 1773 of Ipstones

negative

Staffordshire Marriage Index

No entry of William Gober to a Meakin

only entries are:-

Ann Gobber to Jno Addenbrook of Shifnal 8 Aug 1710 at Wombourne

John Gobber to Joanne Allin 9 Sep 1580 at Swynnerton

Hanley Reference Library
neg re Gober

STAFFORDSHIRE BURIAL INDEX

B.M.S.G.H

STAFFORDSHIRE PROBATE LISTS.

47/07/58C/

272 Walsall Road,
Perry Barr,
BIRMINGHAM,
B42 1UB.

Mrs D. Grant,
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12th August, 1995

Dear Diana,

Thank you for your letter received 22nd May, also the SSAE and the cheque for £2.50 that you enclosed for B.M.S.G.H. funds.

I have searched the Staffordshire Burial Index for the name GOBER etc. as you request and found no entries for this name or indeed for COBER.

I am returning your cheque herewith, as usual for an unsuccessful search of the Burial index.

Best wishes,



Tony Bowers.

Enc. 1.

Cheques should be made payable to B.M.S.G.H.

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September 24th, 1995

Dear Mr. Gober,

Thank you for your letter of the 14th September and the enclosed copy of your fathers book.

I have looked at :-
Index to A List of Families in the Archdeaconry of Stafford 1532-3 edited by A J Kettle and published in the Collections For A History of Staffordshire 1976. No references to Gober.

As mentioned in my last letter, I have commenced consulting the County Marriages Indexes. Would you like me to continue doing this as it is far more complete than the IGI.

Buckinghamshire Marriage Index pre 1800 contains NO entries at all to Gober.

I have commenced reading the book and it is apparent that a tremendous amount of research has been carried out in American documents.

I have begun to read your book and thought that I would make a few comments as go along.

I suppose I have to say that we are taught that in Family History research one must never presume connections, even when a family of the same name is living in the same town etc. This factor has been re-enforced over the years which I have been carrying out research.

Generations can be expanded or condensed.

Many people migrated from the Continent to England and then moved on to America Huguenots and other Protestants from Belgium and Spain etc. Arrived mainly in London from the 1570s but mainly after 1685. Largest community was in East London.

Lived in areas with German names.

Many ages were estimated in official records because the person didn't really know how old they were. Often ages rounded up or down to the nearest ten.

John Gober born c1720 he either was born in America, arrived with his parents or as a young man c1740s.

If c100yrs old in 1818 could have been married several times.

He had a daughter named Mary Taylor.

Deed of Trust to a Mary Gober dated Dec 1800 not named as wife so could be his sister or daughter in law etc.
mentioned in the 1800 census.

If John was the brother of William I he stayed in America and it was someone else who returned to the "old country"

William Gober I.
born c1720 place unknown
Administration of his estate in August 1794.

Need to find the ~~definite~~ record for the death/burial of William c1794 ? Granville County North Carolina, it might give an accurate age on death and possibly other information.

How do you know that his wife's name was Nancy Meakin/Meekin. Meik's etc

have you documented proof

married pre 1740 America/England

5 children listed, first born George c1740, do you have any records of baptisms

1786 Census

you have two William Gobers aged between 20-60 which could cover Williams I and II. William III would be around 20yrs old so could be one of the 4 males under 21yrs. If it covers William II and III where was William I in 1786 since he died in Granville in c1794. Of course William I could have died several years before 1794 and the Administration of his estate took place in 1794 when it was to be disposed of.

In England if a person died Intestate ie without leaving a will the administration of the estate could take place soon after death or several years after death, I have found instances of 50 and 100 years when the deceased property had to be sold by a son or grandson.

Have you any record of when Nancy Gober died/buried.

William Gober II

referred to as Jun in 1794 document.

born c1744 and listed as the second son.

married 1. c1763 a Craddock or a Wisden has any evidence of this marriage been found death of first wife needs to be found.

2. 1785 Lucy Campbell

died 1826 and will proved 1826

William Gober III

mentioned in his fathers will p 1826

born 1765 and died 1860 will proved 1860

etc

Future research.

Research still needs to be carried out in America

Would you like me to continue to consult all the County Marriage Indexes for William to Nancy Meakin? Look at French/German IGI, using monies in credit.

I do not think that I can do much more actual research in Staffordshire for your Gober family of course I will keep my eyes open for references to the surname.

I think that a researcher in London needs to be employed who can visit the Public Record Office and other London Record Offices and Libraries looking for documents pre 1776 when America became independent. Before this date official business could be recorded in English documents and held over here, eg Wills which would be proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury which covered London, people who owned property in more than one County and people who died abroad, Nationalisation Papers, Huguenot and other foreign protestant records etc.

I can arrange to employ researchers based in London for you, which I have done for clients in the past and I just charge for the time spent in writing letters, plus there fees which are payable in advance. Or, you can deal directly and I can send to you a list of researchers to choose from, which ever you prefer. Unfortunately, the fees of researchers based in London are far higher than those of us based in the provinces.

I will wait to hear from you before proceeding with other Marriage Indexes and the IGI etc.

Yours sincerely

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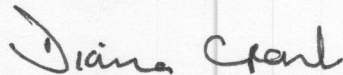
Dear Mr. Gober,

October 29th, 1995

Thank you for your letter of the 11th October re your research.

I will continue with the Marriage Indexes and employ a researcher based in London for you. Perhaps you would like to send to me a cheque for £100 for this purpose and then we will review the findings.

Yours sincerely



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November 17th, 1995

Dear Mr. Gober,

I have continued with your research. I have looked at the following re any Gober references:-

Wills of Ireland 1536-1810 - None
Surnames of Sussex by R McKinley - None

Index to Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1750-1800

Peter Gobar otherwise Gober proved May 1758

I have purchased this Will for you but I am afraid that it has not proved to be of help as it just mentions friends not relatives.

Yours sincerely



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December 3rd, 1995

Dear Mr. Gober,

I have continued with your research and have looked at Indexes to Wills as below re
Gober:-

| | | |
|---|------|--------------------------------|
| Chelmsford 1620-1720 | none | Index Library Volume |
| Berkshire 1653-1710 | none | " |
| Bedfordshire 1484-1858 | none | " |
| Chichester 1520-1800 | none | " |
| Ely 1513-1857 | none | " |
| Lincoln 1660-1700 | none | " |
| Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1694-1700 | none | Index Library Volume |
| Chester 1701-1800 | none | Record Society |
| Cornwall 1700-1799 | none | " |
| Suffolk 1444-1700 | none | Index Library |
| Northampton 1711-1800 | none | Administrations only not wills |
| Oxford 1516-1732 | none | |
| Sudbury 1354-1700 | none | |
| London Archdeaconry 1661-1700 | none | |
| Deanery of Arches 1620-1844 | none | |
| Commissary Court of London 1661-1700 | none | |
| Northants 1677-1710 | none | |
| Court of Arches 1660-1913 | none | |

London Marriage Licences 1597-1700 none

I have also looked at the German IGI and there are a lot of Gober/Kober entries but more information would be needed to try and connect your family to them and there were a few entries in the Ardennes area of France.

No monies are now in credit.

I think that it is going to be **extremely difficult** to trace your family in this country or on the Continent on the information which you have. Are you sure that you have exhausted all the available records for research in America with regard to the questions outlined in my letter of the 24th September.

I regret that due to recent increases in the costs of motoring etc I regret that I have had to increase my fees to £12 per hour from 1st January 1996.

I regret that I am unable to employ a researcher for you in London until a deposit of £100 has been sent, as they require to be paid in advance.

Yours sincerely

Diana Grant

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| REGION | GERMANY | COUNTRY | ALL | STATES | AS OF MAR 1992 | | | | SOURCE | |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|--------|----------------|--|--|--|-----------------|--------------|
| NAME | | M=MALE F=FEMALE H=HUSBAND W=WIFE | | | | | | | BATCH / FILM NO | SERIAL SHEET |
| FATHER / MOTHER OR SPOUSE OR RELATIVE | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KOBER, JOANN JACOBUM | | | | | | | | | |
| | CATHARINAM KAEMPFIN | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | KOBER, JOANN PHILIP * | | | | | | | | | |
| | ANNA GERTRAUD SEIBEL | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | KOBER, JOANNA | | | | | | | | | |
| | CAROLI KOBER/ELISABETHAE LUNKENBEININ | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | KOBER, JOANNA | | | | | | | | | |
| | GEORGIO FERDINANDO LAUALL | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | KOBER, JOANNE WILHELMO | | | | | | | | | |
| | CATHARINAE GRUENEBACH | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | KOBER, JOANNEM | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | GOBER, JOANNEM | | | | | | | | | |
| | MARIAM SARAH SCHREMM | | | | | | | | | |
| 03 | KOBERN, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | JOIS KOBERN/MARIA | | | | | | | | | |
| 07 | COPPER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | WODEFRIDI COPPER/HENRICAE | | | | | | | | | |
| | COPPER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | FRANCISCI COPPER/HELENAE | | | | | | | | | |
| | KOEBERLE, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | HANS KOEBERLE/BARBARA OTT | | | | | | | | | |
| 93 | KOBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | ADAMUS HENRICUS KOBER/MARIA HIMPFL | | | | | | | | | |
| 93 | KOEBERLE, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | CHRISTIANUS KOEBERLE/CATHARINA RUESS OR RUOFF | | | | | | | | | |
| 70 | KOBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | ANTONI KOBER/MARGRETHAE | | | | | | | | | |
| | KOEBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | CHRISTIANI KOEBER/ANNA MARGARITHA | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | KOBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | MARGARETHA WILLRICHIN | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | GOEBERT, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | ANNA MARIA FRIESEM | | | | | | | | | |
| 04 | GOBERS, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | EVA BOHNEN | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | KOBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | FRANCISCI KOBER/MARIAE ANNAE SCHMEUSSER | | | | | | | | | |
| | GOEBERT, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | JOANNIS GOEBERT/EVAE HAU | | | | | | | | | |
| 81 | KOBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | MARTINI KOBER/ELISABETHAE | | | | | | | | | |
| 97 | KOBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| LM | MARTINI KOBER/ELISABETHAE | | | | | | | | | |
| | KOBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | MARTINI KOBER/ | | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | GOEBERT, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | JACOBI GOEBERT/BARBARAE JAEGER | | | | | | | | | |
| LM | KOBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | SIXTUS KOBER/BARBARA JOHANN | | | | | | | | | |
| 125 | KOBER, JOANNES * | | | | | | | | | |
| | M. ANNA SCHMITT | | | | | | | | | |
| 144 | GOEBERT, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | ANNA VOGEL | | | | | | | | | |
| LM | GOEBERT, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | ANNA PORTEN | | | | | | | | | |
| LM | KOBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | HENRICI KOBER/ANNAE MARIAE STREIBER | | | | | | | | | |
| LM | KOBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | LAURENTII KOBER/CATHARINAE WEBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 133 | KOBER, JOANNES | | | | | | | | | |
| | PETRI KOBER/CATHARINAE BLAUM | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | KOBER, JOANNES * | | | | | | | | | |
| | REGINAE KOBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | GOBER, JOANNES ANTONIUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | GEORGII ANTONII GOBER/CATHARINAE | | | | | | | | | |
| 83 | KOEBERLE, JOANNES BAPTIST | | | | | | | | | |
| 132 | MARIA MONICA REISACHERIN | | | | | | | | | |

A = ENTRY ALTERED FROM SOURCE; *, @, > = RELATIVES NAMED IN SOURCE. SEE "SYMBOLS" IN INSTRUCTIONS.
 A = ADULT CHRISTENING B = BIRTH C = CHRISTENING D = DEATH OR BURIAL ALL OTHERS = MISCELLANEOUS
 F = BIRTH OR CHRISTENING OF FIRST KNOWN CHILD H = MARRIAGE No. CENSUS W = WILL

7 KOBER, JOANNES C

| REGION | GERMANY | COUNTRY | ALL | STATES | AS OF MAR 1992 | | | | SOURCE | |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----|--------|----------------|--|--|--|-----------------|--------------|
| NAME | | M=MALE F=FEMALE H=HUSBAND W=WIFE | | | | | | | BATCH / FILM NO | SERIAL SHEET |
| FATHER / MOTHER OR SPOUSE OR RELATIVE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | KOBER, JOANNES CASP. | | | | | | | | | |
| | ANNA CATH MUNZLINGER | | | | | | | | | |
| 176 | KOBER, JOANNES CASPARUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | PAULUS KOBER/MARIA EVA REITERSHEIM | | | | | | | | | |
| 176 | KOBER, JOANNES GEORGIUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | JOANNIS PETRI KOBER/CHRISTINAE | | | | | | | | | |
| 38 | KOBER, JOANNES GEORGIUS * | | | | | | | | | |
| | HELENA MICHAEL | | | | | | | | | |
| 651 | KOBER, JOANNES GEORGIUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | SIXTI KOBER/CATHARINA SCHEFFELINN | | | | | | | | | |
| FLM | KOBER, JOANNES HENRICUS | | | | | | | | | |
| 578 | PAULUS KOBER/MARIA CHARITAS | | | | | | | | | |
| | KOBER, JOANNES HENRICUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | JOHANNIS HENRICI KOBER/MARIAE CATHARINAE | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | KOBER, JOANNES JACOBUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | JACOBUS KOBER/EVA | | | | | | | | | |
| 1549 | GOEBERT, JOANNES JACOBUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | JOIS JACOBI GOEBERT/MARIAE BARBARAE JAEGER | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | KOBER, JOANNES JACOBUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | XISTO KOBER/BARBARA JOHANNINN | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | GOEBERT, JOANNES JACOBUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | CATHARINA WELTER | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | KOBER, JOANNES JOSEPHUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | JACOBO KOBER/ELISABETHA WITTMANN | | | | | | | | | |
| | MARTINUS WILHELMI KOBER/MARIA ELISABETHA | | | | | | | | | |
| 120 | KOBER, JOANNES MARTINUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | ANTONIUS KOBER/MARIA ELISABETHA | | | | | | | | | |
| | KOBER, JOANNES FAULUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | ADAMI KOBER/ANNAE MARIAE | | | | | | | | | |
| 1503 | KOBER, JOANNES PETER * | | | | | | | | | |
| | CATHARINA ELISABETHA JUNG | | | | | | | | | |
| 1557 | KOBER, JOANNES PETRUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | JOIS. HENRICI KOBER/THIMOTHEAE | | | | | | | | | |
| 1463 | KOBER, JOANNES PETRUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | STEPHANUS KOBER/ANNA MARGARETHA | | | | | | | | | |
| 149 | KOBER, JOANNES PETRUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | JOANNIS HENRICI KOBER/TIMOTHEAE | | | | | | | | | |
| 1783 | GOEBERS, JOANNES PETRUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | SYBILLA GOEBERS | | | | | | | | | |
| 1457 | KOBER, JOANNES PETRUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | JACOBUS KOBER/ELISABETHA WITTMANN | | | | | | | | | |
| 1494 | KOBER, JOANNES PETRUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | PAULI KOBER/MARGARETHAE KURZ | | | | | | | | | |
| 1533 | KOBER, JOANNES PETRUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | CASPARI KOBER/CATH. MUNZLINGER | | | | | | | | | |
| 1755 | KOBER, JOANNES PETRUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | MARGARETHA ANNA HELLMES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1373 | KOBER, JOANNES PETRUS | | | | | | | | | |
| 1405 | JOANNIS PETRI KOBER/MARIAE ANNAE HELMES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1358 | KOBER, JOANNES PETRUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | JOANNIS PETRI KOBER/MARIAE ANNAE HELMES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1392 | COPPER, JOANNES THEODOFUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | JOAN COPPER/SOPHIA HOMAN | | | | | | | | | |
| 1706 | KOBER, JOANNES VALENTINUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | JACOBUS KOBER/MARIA EVA | | | | | | | | | |
| 1415 | COPPER, JOANNES VINCENTIUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | REINHARDT COPPER/AGNES | | | | | | | | | |
| 59 | KOBER, JOANNES WILHELMUS | | | | | | | | | |
| | MARIA ELISABETHA CORNELV | | | | | | | | | |
| 1056 | KOBER, JOBST | | | | | | | | | |
| 707 | | | | | | | | | | |

A = ENTRY ALTERED FROM SOURCE; *, @, > = RELATIVES NAMED IN SOURCE. SEE "SYMBOLS" IN INSTRUCTIONS.
 A = ADULT CHRISTENING B = BIRTH C = CHRISTENING D = DEATH OR BURIAL ALL OTHERS = MISCELLANEOUS
 F = BIRTH OR CHRISTENING OF FIRST KNOWN CHILD H = MARRIAGE No. CENSUS W = WILL

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December 11th, 1995

Dear Mr. Gober,

Thank you for your letter of the 29th November and the enclosed cheque. I will employ a record agent in London for you and will write with any results as soon as I can.

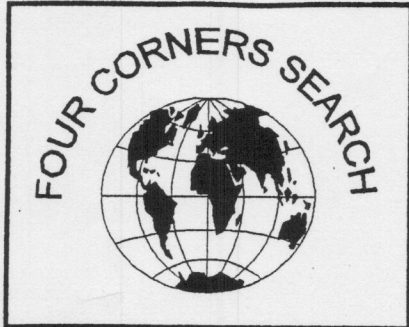
I have enclosed a photocopy of the German IGI re John Gober, which is where the surname seems to occur. It gives an idea as to how many there are.

Hope that you have a pleasant Christmas and best wishes for 1996.

Yours sincerely

Diana Grant

Diana A. Grant



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January 9, 1996

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Dear Mrs Grant,

Thank you for your letter, stamped addressed envelope and cheque for £3.00 received last week. We have pleasure in enclosing the extracts for the name of Gober from the database we hold. In all search cases we have covered all the States searching Land Records, State Records and published family pedigrees. The indexes consulted do not accurately breakdown the age of the entry but only give a span of years so we cannot be sure that they cover only the yerars you mention in your letter.

On the right hand side of the listing is a reference file number headed CD# . If you are interested in pursuing any of these we are willing to access the files in the States and get a copy of the relevant entry in the indexes. The cost for this would normally be £22.50 access fee* and £0.30* per copy. Accessing the same file costs no more but there is the copy fee . It usually takes anything up to four weeks to arrange access and transfer the data. (* The following files can be accessed at a cheaper rate of £5.00 each with a copy fee of £0.10. Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 5, 20, 21, 22, 27, 34, 42, 44, 100, 101, 102, 111, 112 138, 140, 141, 160 and 164.) The information from the Census files is limited but does give the necessary information to subsequently obtain copies of the census entries.

Meanwhile if there is anything else we can help you with please do contact us. We are taking the liberty of enclosing our latest brochure with this letter.

Yours sincerely
On behalf of Four Corners Search Ltd.

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Selected FamilyFinder Index Entries

| Name | Archive Date | Archive Description | CD # |
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| Gober, (Son) | 1500-1950 | Family Pedigrees 1 | 100 |
| Gober, Daniel C | 1500-1990 | Family Pedigrees | 15 |
| Gober, George | 1634-1790 | Census: Colonial | 136 |
| Gober, Henrietta | 1500-1950 | Family Pedigrees 1 | 100 |
| Gober, Jhn | 1500-1990 | Family Pedigrees | 15 |
| Gober, Joyce Janell | 1500-1992 | Family Pedigrees 3 | 102 |
| Gober, Lucinda | 1500-1990 | Family Pedigrees | 15 |
| Gober, Marcia | 1500-1992 | Family Pedigrees 3 | 102 |
| Gober, Margaret A | 1500-1990 | Family Pedigrees | 15 |
| Gober, Martha | 1634-1790 | Census: Colonial | 136 |
| Gober, Minnie Lee | 1500-1992 | Family Pedigrees 3 | 102 |
| Gober, Orilia P | 1500-1990 | Family Pedigrees | 15 |
| Gober, Pete | 1500-1950 | Family Pedigrees 1 | 100 |
| Gober, Rebecca | 1500-1990 | Family Pedigrees | 15 |
| Gober, Rita Kay Delmer | 1500-1992 | Family Pedigrees 3 | 102 |
| Gober, Sarah | 1500-1990 | Family Pedigrees | 15 |
| Gober, Thomas W. | 1760-1908 | Land Records: Arkansas | 250 |
| Gober, W. Percy | 1500-1992 | Family Pedigrees 3 | 102 |
| Gober, William | 1500-1990 | Family Pedigrees | 15 |
| Gober, William | 1634-1790 | Census: Colonial | 136 |
| Gober, William Jr. | 1634-1790 | Census: Colonial | 136 |
| Gober, William V | 1700-1908 | Land Records: Louisiana | 252 |

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February 26 1996

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Dear Diana,

Thank you for your letter of the 31st January and cheque for £50.00.

Please find enclosed the following:-

Photocopy of the will of Jonas Gobar - probate P.C.C. 1704.

I have carried out a total of three hours research at the P.R.O. and the Society of Genealogists into the name Gobar, but I am afraid that apart from the enclosed will and single references to the name found in parish register extracts from the City of London and Kent, the findings have been completely negative.

The will was located during a search of the P.C.C. calendars to wills and administrations for the period 1701 to 1749 inclusive, now almost completely indexed on an annual basis. It relates to a Jonas Gobar, a mariner of Spitalfields, London, with wife Deborah and daughters Mary and Ester. Possibly there is a link here to Peter Gobar in 1758, also a mariner.

The two other references to the name were found at the Society of Genealogists. In the **Great Card Index** I found the following:-

Gobar. Elizabeth - 11 October 1689 (1609? unclear) - Burial, widow of John G., of Stockbury, formerly wife of Henry Bateman - Rodmersham, Kent.

Boyd's Inhabitants of London produced the following:-

Gobber. Henry, Barber Surgeon, & Jane Wilson of St. Botolph Aldgate - Married May 7, 1654 at St. Catherine Coleman. Reference 39769.

Unfortunately I found no allusion to the Nancy Meakin and William Thomas Gobar noted by the previous researcher. As these relate to the U.S. it may be that they were extracted from American sources. Given that there are literally hundreds of volumes relating to the U.S.A. at the S.O.G. for example, it may well be that the references were found there. It would take a great deal of time to go through these however and of course they may well have been covered by an American researcher. I did take a brief look at two such publications, but did not spend a great deal of time on purely U.S. sources for reasons already stated. Another possible source for the information would be 'Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica', also held at the S.O.G. and with a great many U.S. references. This series of publications is however covered by the Marshall and Whitmore genealogical guides, but to what extent I am unsure. Neither of these sources make mention of the name Gobar. It is intriguing that the previous researcher was not allowed to make

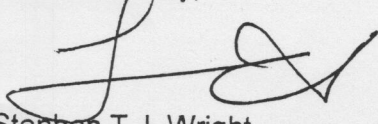
copies or take notes. Given the lack of references this sounds like a damage limitation exercise to cover poor procedure to me!! A third option might be the Curren-Briggs index 1550-1700 (privately held by Noel Curren-Briggs), which also has numerous U.S. entries, though the period of coverage is perhaps too early.

I have supplemented the county probate searches a little, and have covered all basic sources at the S.O.G., as detailed.

Given the almost complete lack of the name in basic sources, and the fact that the only probate entries relate to mariners, we might assume that the Gober family either originated from one or two parishes in a specific area, or from outside of England, e.g. Ireland? The reference to Kent however is interesting and would bear following up. Henry Gobber in London may perhaps be a 'one off', though the Barbers Company archives at the Guildhall may throw more light on this individual.

I have stopped at three hours research but would be pleased to continue if you feel that further enquiries in London are merited. I shall therefore retain a balance of £5.00 (£50.00 payment less 3 hours research at £15.00 per hour), until I receive your reply.

Yours sincerely,



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April 21 1996

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Dear Diana,

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd March and cheque for £40.00.

I have conducted searches of the sources outlined in your letter, but I am afraid that I found not one conceivably relevant mention of the name Gober amongst them. I have set out as follows the records consulted:

- 1) Apprentices of Great Britain 1710-1774 - no references to Gober.
- 2) Barbers Livery Company - only freedom records survive for the period when Henry Gobber married Jane Wilson, the apprenticeship archives commencing only in 1657. However, a check on the register of Freedoms 1522-1665 (Ms. 5265/1 indexed), failed to reveal any entries for the name Gob(b)er or variants. I noted at the most relevant period only a Henry Goare made free in December 1646, and am wondering if Boyds records at the S.O.G. have mis-transcribed the name.
- 3) American Sources - I have consulted a considerable number of publications from the shelves of the S.O.G.'s American collection, including those ticked on the P.R.O. listing you sent, herewith returned. I did find numerous mentions of the name Gober, but all were from the 'Passenger and Immigration Lists Index' Filby & Meyer (1981, 1982, 1987, 1988 and 1995), as per the P.R.O. listing, and almost without exception they referred to a family of Gober's from Germany who arrived in Baltimore c. 1823. The christian names in question were Theodore, Caroline and M(--?, full name not supplied). Other references related to a Christopher Gober & family who arrived in Texas in 1852, also from Germany, and a John Baptist Gober who settled in Buffalo, N.Y. in 1838, origin not noted but presumably France or Switzerland.

The only references to Gober from the above source which actually related to the relevant period were for possible variants of the name. In 1695/96 an Anne Gobard settled in Carolina, being either French or Swiss in origin, and in 1663 a John Gobert arrived in Maryland and/or Virginia, origin not stated. As the 'Passenger and Immigration Lists Index' is an extremely well known series of publications in the U.S.A. I have not supplied the full American source references. I would find it hard to believe that your client is not already aware of these records and even if he/she is not they can surely be readily consulted locally. All original sources would be in the U.S. anyway.

I have enclosed a list of the other U.S. publications consulted. As the three hour limit had been reached I did not refer to any Irish sources. Bearing in mind that there are 21 shelves of Irish records perhaps it is just as well! It would really be better for a researcher in Ireland to do this as he or she would be far more aware of the more profitable sources to consult. I suspect that the name Gober is more common in Ireland than in England. It would be difficult for it not to be!!

The total search time as mentioned was three hours (£45.00). If I can be of further help in

American publications consulted (not including those indicated on the P.R.O. listing)

Historical Southern families Boddie
Colonial men & times Harper
Prominent families of the U.S.A. Burkes
Distinguished families of America "
American families with British ancestry "
Mariners of the American Revolution MCBG
American colonists in English records Sherwood
English adventurers & Colonial settlers Currer-Briggs
" wills of Colonial families "
Genealogical gleanings in England Waters
Munsells Genealogical index
Genealogies catalogued by the Library of Congress LOC
Encyclopaedia of Frontier biography Thrapp
The Cornish in America Rowse
Book of emigrants in bondage Coldham .
English convicts in Colonial America "
Various passenger lists 1620-1776
Complete book of emigrants 1607-1776 Vols 1-4 Coldham
Emigrants from England to the American colonies "
Omitted chapters from Hottens 1600-1700 Brandow
English origins of American colonists Genealogical Publ. Co.
17th century Colonial ancestors Hutton
Ancestral roots of certain American colonists before 1700 Genl. Publ. Co.

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May 11th, 1996

Dear Mr. Gober,

Sorry for the delay in writing to you. I regret that again the results have been disappointing.

This session of research has now been completed, please find enclosed the notes and copies of Stephen Wrights letters etc.

I also consulted The Four Corners Search Index, please find enclosed letter and list. None of the entries seem to fit in with your research, though it might be worth following up number 136. A further fee is necessary to be able to access other information, see letter.

I have not consulted the Currier-Briggs Index.

No monies are now in credit.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course as to whether you wish to carry on.

Yours sincerely

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