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The Weppelmanns from all over the world

From Australia to the Clanmeeting

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At the third family gathering were Weppelmanns from all over the world together, as they can be found on four continents (Europe, North-and Southamerica, Oceania and Africa)



About 125 family members got together at the Weppelmann's clan meeting. They can be found all over Germany, Europe and on four continents

"If I were to print the entire family tree, I'd need 2975 A4 sized pages" Franz-Josef Weppelmann, co-organiser of the third family Weppelmann meeting, says. " There are about 80 members of our family living alone in the municipality Senden." This weekend the gathering took place at Vollmer's tavern in Ottmarsbocholt. About 125 members came to first have coffee and cake and to then be illustrated the early history of the Weppelmanns from the 11th – 17th century by F.J. Weppelmann. Later, they got together for dinner, whilst having a chat and exchanging old anecdotes. The family tree goes back until the 11th century, which Franz-Josef Weppelmann has found out and has already published two books about it. " In Germany we have spread from the East Coast until the Alps" he tells. However, the clan does not only live in Germany. It can be found on four continents: Europe, North-and Southamerica, Oceania and Africa. For example Philip Schmidt came especially for the gathering from Australia. His great-great-grandfather emigrated under the name Schmidt-Weppelmann during the time of the gold fever (around 1850) to down under, because he was a goldsmith. Philip and his wife were also present at the last family meeting 12 years ago. More information about the family and their history can be found online: www.franz-josef-_weppelmann.de