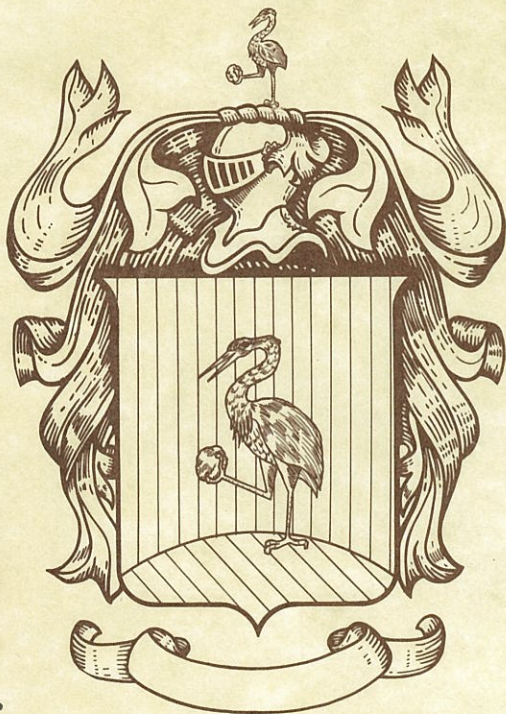


## Coat of Arms

## Historiography



The Kiessling Coat of Arms illustrated left was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Kiessling Coat of Arms design can be found in Rietstap Armorial General. Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

"De gu. a une grue avec sa vigilance d'arg., posee sur une terrasse de sin."

When translated the Arms description is:

"Red; a silver crane holding in his right claw a silver stone, on a green ground."

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest which is described as:

"La grue."

A translation of the Crest description is:

"The crane."

Family mottos are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times. A Motto was not recorded with the Kiessling Coat of Arms.

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The surname Kiessling appears to be occupational in origin, and is believed to be associated with the Germans, meaning, "one who worked in a stone quarry." The supplementary sheet included with this report is designed to give you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries of surnames indicate probable spelling variations. The most prominent variations of Kiessling are Kiesling, Kiesel and Kiesslinger.

Information available to us indicates that in 1971 there were approximately 250 heads of households in the United States with the old and distinguished Kiessling name. The United States Census Bureau in 1970 estimated that there were approximately 3.1 persons per household in America which yields an approximate total of 775 people in the United States carrying the Kiessling name. Although the figure seems relatively low, it does not signify the many important contributions that individuals bearing the Kiessling name have made to history.

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