

## SUMMING UP THE KIVETT FAMILY

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People often wonder just how big is this Kivett family that we think all first got started in America by Pieter and Anna. Because we seem to run into a Kivett relative these days almost everywhere we go, it must be pretty large. No one can be sure just how many there are, but some reasonable estimates can be made. The following is presented not in the interest of preciseness, but as a statistically derived approximation of the number of Kivetts that in over 10 generations have sprung from this single distant immigrant and his wife.

Generation # 1: Pieter & Anna Kieviet		1
Generation # 2: Pieter & Anna's Children	From Pieter's will & census records:	8
Generation # 3: Pieter & Anna's Grand-children	From various records: [about 8 / family]	70
Generation # 4: Pieter & Anna's G-Grand-children	From various records: [about 6 / family]	400
Generation # 5: Pieter & Anna's G-G-Grand-children	Estimating 5 per family and intermarrying	2,000
Generation # 6: Pieter & Anna's G-G-G-Grand-children	Estimating 4 per family	8,000
Generation # 7: The author's generation	Estimating 3 per family	24,000
Generation # 8: The author's children's generation	Estimating 2 per family	48,000
Generation # 9: The author's grand-children's generation	Estimating 2 per family	96,000
Generation #10 & Higher:	Guessing 1/4 as many as Generation # 9	24,000
Total estimated descendants of Pieter & Anna:		202,479

Of course, far fewer of these would carry the Kivett name, because only half of Pieter and Anna's 8 children were males. As the generations progress those retaining the Kivett name get arithmetically less prevalent, assuming just half the children produced in each subsequent generation are males and the females marry and produce offspring bearing the non-Kivett names of their husbands. For example, statistically only 1 out of 16 of those who are members of Generation #5 would produce children bearing the Kivett name – only 1 of 32 in Generation #6, and so on. In actuality, perhaps even fewer than this would be named Kivett because of the often observed, but not fully documented, proclivity in later generation Kivett genes to produce fewer than 50% male offspring. This has an effect to further astoundingly reduce the number of people bearing the name Kivett, even for slightly less than 50% male proportions. Working all this out in a computer spreadsheet with 50% males after Gen. #3 gives these results:

<u>Assumptions</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Still Alive</u>	<u>Named Kivett</u>	
	[from above]	[using assumptions]	<u>Total</u>	<u>Alive</u>
All of Generation #1 - #5 are now deceased.	2,479	0	552	0
Maybe 5% of Generation #6 are still alive,	8,000	400	720	36
along with maybe 75% from Generation #7 alive,	24,000	18,000	1,080	810
and 90% of Generation #8 alive,	48,000	43,200	1,080	972
and 90% of Generation #9 alive,	96,000	86,400	1,080	972
and 95% of Generation #10 & Higher alive.	24,000	22,800	270	257
Estimated living descendants of Pieter & Anna:	202,479	170,800	4,782	3,047
A reduction to 45% males after Gen. #3 gives:	202,479	170,800	3,376	1,968
[A 35% reduction in the number of living Kivetts!]				

### IN CONCLUSION:

**It is estimated that by the year 2000 over some 10 generations there had become about 200,000 descendants of Pieter & Anna Kieviet, but less than 5,000 [ 2.5%] of these were ever given the last name Kivett at birth.**

**About 170,000 [ 85%] of these Pieter Kieviet descendants would still be alive, but less than 3,000 [ 1.5%] of them born named Kivett or Kivette. LOTS OF RELATIVES, BUT JUST A FEW NAMED KIVETT(E).**

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