

<i>Timetable</i>	<i>Our Family's Development</i>	
Folker Pfennig, * 01.06.1940 in Berlin-Karlshorst <i>Brother:</i> Roger Pfennig, * 07.07. 1941 also in Berlin-Karlshorst	<u>Parents:</u> <i>Father:</i> Walter Pfennig (*xx.xx.xxxx in Hamburg, † in Argentinien???) <i>Mother:</i> Irmingart Pfennig, geb. Thomas (*11.09.1911 in Riga/Litavia, † 27.05.1998 in Hannover)	<u>Father:</u> Occupation Civil Engineer (Member of the <i>Organisation Todt</i> in road construction and building of bridges; during World War II building bridges for the pioneers in USSR/Russia) <u>Mother:</u> stud. botanist (during World War II working for the <i>Reichsnährstand</i> in the cultivation of potatoes)
1940-1945	Our family changed place of residence for several times between Berlin, Pomera und Thuringia; our last stay was in Sondershausen/Thur., where my mother, my brother and me had been bombed out. At the beginning of 1945 we fled together with our father in a former lorry of the Deutsche Wehrmacht (German army) into Western Germany across the river Weser near Holzminden.	
Since the middle of 1945	Our place of residence became Hameln a.d. Weser. Our father got a job as a bricklayer. Our mother was sewing dresses for British officers' wives, who were living in occupied German houses.	
1947-1951	Visiting Primary School, Grades 1- 4 in Hameln (together with my brother in the same class).	
1951	Our father went to Sarobi/Afghanistan, to start working as a civil engineer, building a hydro-power plant on behalf of the Siemens und Halske Company (for the German Development Aid).	

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1952-1954	In 1952 the rest of our family makes a journey by train from Hameln to Genova, from there via Suez canal to Karachi/Pakistan on a freighter, from there to Peshawar by train, from there by bus via Turkham/Afghanistan – Jelallabad to Sarobi/Afghanistan (80km from Kabul). With only poor success we were educated by our mother with the books of the German Gymnasium (High School/College) . The reason was that there was no German School in entire Afghanistan at that time. So my brother and me had to go to a boarding school in India, in order not to loose connection to the German educational system. - In 1953 our mother travels with us two via Peshawar – Lahore – Amritsar/India – New Delhi – Dheradoon to Mussourie, Landour U.P., where we were put into an American-Presbyterian boarding school. After our mother had gone back, we had visited that school till the Monsoon Falls end of November 1953 and got back again to Sarobi. In Lahore/Pakistan our

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	father fetched us from the train. In winter 1953/54 we visited the newly founded German School in Kabul till March 1954 . After that our family went on a trip by bus, train and ship via Amritsar, Agra, Benaras, Bombay, Karachi, Bagdad, Istanbul, Genova, Zurich, Freudenstadt (Germany) back to Hameln a.d. Weser.
1954-1957	Visiting Wilhelm-Raabe-School in Hameln a.d. Weser (<i>Mittelschule</i> /High School). My brother was put into the parallel class. - In 1955 our parents got divorced. After that our father went to Argentina definitely. My brother and me stayed with our mother. - In 1957 I finished <i>Mittelschule</i> . I became an apprentice as coppersmith and plumber.- In the same year of 1957 our mother left Germany to begin work in Afghanistan (for some time even in Tabriz/Iran), „to earn the money for both of you “.
1958-1961	Three years of apprenticeship for mechanic on a shipyard in Brake/Unterweser. As being classified unfit for military services („deformable feet“) I decided to go on a trip with a brand-new VW Beetle from Wolfsburg(Germany) to Kabul/Afghanistan in 1961. There I started work as local worker at Fa. Phillip Holzmann. After 10 days the police forbade me working there. Therefore I took a job at the West-German Embassy in Kabul, where I was working till 1962.
1962-1964	After visiting the <i>Technikums</i> (Technical College) in Lage/Lippe I became a Technician for Mechanical Engineering
1964-1967	Visiting the <i>Staatliches Institut zur Erlangung der Hochschulreife</i> (later called <i>Westfalen-Kolleg</i>), a College of Further Education, in Bielefeld/NRW, where I got the University level in 1967 – In the year 1966 I got married with my first wife (she died in 1969 after a severe traffic accident happening to both of us).
1967-1972	Studies of <i>Allgemeiner Maschinenbau</i> (General Mechanical Engineering) and <i>Berufspädagogik</i> (Vocational Training) as a teacher for <i>Berufsbildende Schulen</i> (vocational schools) in the Federal State of <i>Niedersachsen</i> (Lower Saxony)/Germany.
1972-2005	In 1973 I married my second wife. Since 1974 I have been teaching at a <i>Berufsschule</i> (Vocational School) in Hannover. On the 4 th of Sept. 1981 our son was born. - Since the end of schoolyear 2004/2005 I have been pensioneer.