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MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To replace the customary president's column, I've asked the past and present members of the Board to write "guest columns." Nancy Mossburg is the guest this time; she was first vice president and membership chairman for the last four years. Her work in maintaining membership records and monitoring dues made a strong contribution to our steady growth and relatively comfortable financial status. We certainly thank Nancy for her hard work and look forward to her continued association with MAGS.

Membership Chairman: what does that mean? A lot of work, but also a lot of fun. I had the privilege of serving as MAGS membership chairman and first vice president for the past two years. Yes, it was a lot of work, but I enjoyed it very much.

MAGS membership has just passed the 600 mark. We have people from all across the country, as well as a member from Canada. Our members are from all age groups and include both "beginners" and professional genealogists.

Serving as an officer gets one more involved in an organization and also gets one closer to the members. I encourage more people to get involved with MAGS. I want to thank all members for getting their dues in on time and for filling out the proper membership forms. I wish the very best for MAGS and its members in the future.

## MEMBERSHIP LIST UPDATE

The last MAGS membership list was sent out more than a year ago and we have acquired many new members since then -- so an updated list is indeed overdue. However, the Board recently received an offer it felt was worth a delay. MAGS member Bob Hull volunteered to prepare a "membership profile" or directory which will include in addition to standard membership information, the surnames of interest to each member and the time period and locales on which he or she is working. The surnames will be indexed to provide ease of use. To be included in the profile, MAGS members should complete the form inserted with this issue of *Der Kurier* and return to our membership chairman, Paul Fogle, as directed. Don't forget your dues, if you haven't already paid them! This is another way in which MAGS enables us to share our experiences. It is not intended however, to replace the Surname File, which is alive and well in the care of Sue Smyser. Cards are never removed from the Surname File, so there are names in it which may not appear in the profile directory.

## IN MEMORIAM

MAGS offers its sympathy to the family of June Hendrickson Faler of Emmitsburg, MD, who died suddenly on February 4, 1988. June was an active genealogist for many years, having served as registrar and councillor for the National Genealogical Society, receiving the NGS Distinguished Service Award. She was also a charter member of MAGS.

## HELP!!!

MAGS still needs your help!!! To date we have not found a new editor for our newsletter, *Der Kurier*. The new editor will not take over until September 1, 1988. The responsibilities include writing and/or finding articles that will be interesting to the membership; proofreading and editing articles that members submit for publication and working directly with the layout editor. PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!! We can have co-editors, if you would like to share the position. Contact Nancy H. Mossburg at (703) 777-1707 or write 233 Meadows Lane NE, Leesburg, VA 22075 if you are interested in the position.

## 1988 MEETING PLANS

All members should have received by first class mail, a packet concerning the 1988 Symposium of the Society for German-American Studies, which will be held on the campus of the Millersville University of Pennsylvania, April 28-30, and for which MAGS is happy to be a co-sponsor. This takes the place of a regular Spring Meeting, although MAGS will sponsor a one-day workshop in May. (See details on page 9.)

The program is extensive, and provides an opportunity to learn more of the history and culture of early Germanic settlers, not to mention, the chance of meeting others with similar interests. A business meeting on Saturday afternoon will be held for MAGS members.

Deadline for registration is March 15, and it would be wise to make early motel reservations. Anyone who failed to receive the information packet can obtain one by sending a first class stamp (NOT AN SASE) to Peter J. Linder, 3109 Ramblewood Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21043. This year's Fall Meeting will be held October 29, 1988 at the New Windsor Service Center; the speaker will be announced in the next issue of *Der Kurier*.

## MARYLAND STATE LAW LIBRARY

The Maryland State Law Library was established in 1826 to serve the government and people of the state of Maryland. Today it is a major law and social science research library with a collection of over 240,000 volumes. Its primary collection and information services are law-related, yet a significant Marylandia and general reference collection of genealogy and state histories has been carefully developed over the years.

The Library has had an active acquisitions policy which includes the procurement of any genealogical or history-related title dealing with Maryland that is published. The end result of this long-standing book selection policy is that the collection of secondary source materials on Maryland history is one of the most comprehensive in the state.

Additional holdings of out-of-state genealogical titles include basic sets of published materials, especially covering the original 13 colonies.

All are invited to discover this treasure trove of Maryland history and the staff welcomes your inquiries. A selective bibliography has been published by the Library, entitled *Sources of Basic Genealogical Research in the Maryland State Law Library: A Sampler*. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Maryland State Law Library, Attention: Shirley A. Rittenhouse, Courts of Appeal Bld., 361 Rowe Blvd., Annapolis, MD 21401.

## MORE TOURS

The following tours to Europe are scheduled for 1988:

Tourmagination 88A: Luxembourg, Belgium, June 27 - July 15; Tourmagination 88B: Luxembourg, Belgium, July 15 - August 3. For more information, contact Tourmagination, 1210 Loucks Ave., Scottsdale, PA 15683 (Phone: 412-887-6639).

Wenger Heritage Tour: France, July 9-24;  
Anabaptists History and Fellowship Tour:  
Luxembourg, France, July 15-31. For more  
information, contact Menno Travel Service, 102  
East Main St., Ephrata, PA 17522.

AAA-Lufthansa German and Swiss Heritage  
Tour: Germany, Switzerland, July 5-19. For  
more information, contact Marietta AAA  
Office, 308 Front St., Marietta, OH 45750  
(Phone: 614-374-6821).

## NAMING PATTERNS

Germans in the U.S. used the following  
patterns in naming children: 1st son after  
paternal grandfather; 2nd son after maternal  
grandfather; 3rd son after father; 1st daughter  
after maternal grandmother; 2nd daughter  
after paternal grandmother; 3rd daughter after  
mother.

## NEW COMPUTER PROGRAM

A new computer program for IBM-PCs or  
compatibles with 128K of RAM, 2 disk drives  
and a printer, is now on the market.  
FamilyFile will organize your genealogical  
records quickly and easily, using a powerful  
and sophisticated genealogy program. Menu-  
driven, the program includes easy-to-  
understand prompts on-screen, using  
descendant approach to organize your family  
data. Cost is \$175.00 plus \$5.00 shipping.  
User's Manual is \$20.00. A \$5.00 demo disk  
can be ordered to get an idea of what the  
program is like. Write CompuGen Systems,  
P.O. Box 15604, Ft. Wayne, IN 46885.

## VIRGINIA VITAL STATISTICS

The Virginia Division of Vital Records is not  
equipped to do genealogical research, however  
applications for copies of existing records can be  
made. With the exception of 1896-1912, records  
of present-state of Virginia births, deaths and  
marriages since 1853 are available. All  
applications must include full names and a date  
and place of the event. Copies of records are  
available for \$5.00 per copy. Address queries to  
Virginia Department of Health, Division of

Vital Records, P.O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA  
23208-1000.

The Archives Division of the Virginia State  
Library also has copies of all existing present-  
state of Virginia birth, death and marriage  
records prior to 1896. These records are  
available on microfilm for use by the public.  
Records are also available for most areas of the  
state from 1853-1896. For example, any  
marriage bonds prior to 1853 that are still in  
existence, as well as war records prior to and  
including the Civil War, deeds, wills and other  
court records are available. For records of  
events that occurred in that portion of Virginia  
that is now West Virginia, contact the  
Department of Archives and History, Capitol  
Building, Charleston, WV 25300.

## WAS YOUR ANCESTOR AN INDENTURED SERVANT?

The word "indenture" actually applies to the  
paper on which the contract was written. If  
there was only one copy, it was cut into two  
pieces along an irregular course. Usually,  
there were two copies that were laid together  
and the tops cut irregularly. An indentured  
servant was not a slave. Anyone (with the  
exception of slaves) could indenture themselves  
to learn a trade, as well as to earn their passage  
money to the New World. The indentured  
servant was bound by the written contract to  
work for a specified number of years and was  
not paid for his or her work. At the end of the  
indenture, the person was usually, but not  
always, given enough money to get them  
started and possibly some land.

## FREE QUERIES

*German Queries* publishes German-related  
queries as well as queries for Virginia, West  
Virginia and Rhode Island. Anyone can submit  
as many queries as they like, up to 50 words  
each, not counting name and address. Please  
do not use abbreviations and print neatly or  
type all submissions. Send queries to Bette  
Butcher Topp, W. 1304 Cliffwood Ct., Spokane,  
WA 99218-2917.

## MAGS STARTING FAMILY EXCHANGE SERVICE

MAGS is starting a Family Exchange Service for the membership. Family Exchange consists of 3" x 5" cards with the name of an ancestor and some piece of information about the person. When enough are received, they will be printed in *Der Kurier*. This is a different idea from that of the queries, and any queries should still be sent to the queries editor. To submit Family Exchange cards, follow the instructions below:

- Type or print surname of person you are submitting in all capital letters on upper left-hand corner of a 3" x 5" card.
- Type or print your MAGS membership number in the upper right-hand corner of the card. (Refer to mailing label on your latest issue of *Der Kurier* for number).
- Type or print first and middle names or initials of person under surname.
- Type or print information on person to the right of first and middle name or initials.
- Each listing must be kept within 40 spaces, i.e., count each letter and each space between words as a space, up to 40.
- Type or print your name and address on the back of the card.
- Submit up to 10 names at a time. You are charged a quarter (\$.25) per name or 10 for \$2.00.
- Make check payable to MAGS and mail with 3" x 5" cards to Doris Suresch, Family Exchange Service, 317 Johnson Farm Lane, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. If you wish an acknowledgment, also include SASE.

### SAMPLE FAMILY EXCHANGE

SMITH 1111  
John Bryan b. 1793, Calvert Co., MD

### DIE BUCHS

*Pioneers of the Virginias* contains hundreds of names of early Virginia and West Virginia families. Emphasis is on Lewis, Barker, Basham, Burnside/Byrnside(s), Carrow, Harless, Harman, Holstine/Holston/Holstein, Irwin, Kaylor, Lingel, Mayse, Meadows, Nelson, Patterson, Price, Scott, Smith, Snodgrass, Stanley, Weeks, Williams and Wilson. The book is hardbound, documented,

indexed and illustrated. Price is \$45.00, plus \$2.00 postage. Order from Billie Redding Lewis, 1104 Voncile St., Lake Wales, FL 33853.

The following may be ordered from Heritage Books, Inc., 3602 Maureen, Suite 102, Bowie, MD 20715. Shipping rate is \$2.00 per order by book rate mail or \$3.00 for the first book and \$.50 for each additional book by UPS. Maryland residents please add 5% sales tax.

*The South Carolina Gazette: Genealogical Abstracts, 1732-1735*, by Alton T. Moran. This collection is of great interest because it includes all mentions of local residents beginning with the first issue of the *Gazette* on January 8, 1732 through December 27, 1735. Data runs the gamut from the usual marriage and death notices to all kinds of interesting tidbits such as notices of runaway slaves, advertisements, auctions and lost dogs. Provides an intimate view of South Carolina in the early 1700s. Every name index included. 1987, 140 pp., paper, \$10.00.

*A Researcher's Guide to United States Census Availability, 1790-1910*, by Ann B. Hamilton. This comprehensive new guide brings together the essential data researchers need regarding the availability of U.S. census records. The introduction explains the value and uses of census records and details the kind of data to be found on each federal census. Data is presented in chart form for quick accessibility. Shows which censuses were lost or destroyed or not available. The existence of special censuses, such as the mortality, agriculture schedules or partial or reconstructed censuses is also shown, as well as the existence of state censuses, territorial records, county histories and related records. Extensive bibliography. 1987, 135 pp., paper, \$15.00.

*The German Allied Troops in the North American War of Independence, 1776-1783*, trans. and abridged by J.D. Rosengarten. Originally published in 1863 by Capt. Max Von Eelking in Hanover, Germany. Based on 30 German manuscript sources -- including journals, diaries, letters and reports -- compiled by officers and enlisted men who served in the German regiments of the British Army from Hesse, Brunswick, Waldeck, Ansbach-

Bayreuth and Anhalt-Zerbst. Reprint of 1893 ed., 369 pp., paper, \$20.00.

The following may be ordered from Friedrich R. Wollmershäuser, Genealogical Bookmailing, Herrengasse 8-10, 7938 Oberdischingen, West Germany. Payment may be made by personal check to F.R. Wollmershäuser.

*Mitgliederverzeichnis 1984 DAGV*, comp. by Ruth Hoevel. A directory of 43 German genealogical societies, giving name, year founded, address, phone number, publications, etc. Comes with a guide for English-speaking readers. \$4.00 (airmail); \$4.50 (surface).

*Genealogical Guide to German Ancestors from East Germany and Eastern Europe*, ed. by Joachim O.R. Nuthack. Trans. by Adalbert Goertz. This guide contains a great deal of information on societies and archives in East and West Germany, bibliographical information and maps for those areas that the German Empire ceded to Poland, Russia and Czechoslovakia in 1919 and 1945 (East Prussia, West Prussia, Poznan/Posen, eastern Pomerania, eastern Brandenburg and Silesia) and on the countries in Eastern Europe where Germans are still living (Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia). 1984, 160 pp., 45 maps, soft cover, \$24.50 (surface); \$27.00 (airmail).

*Auswanderungen aus Baden und dem Breisgau. Obere und mittlere rechtsseitige Oberrheinlande im 18. Jahrhundert archivalisch dokumentiert*, by Werner Hacker. Covers the territories of Baden-Baden, Baden-Durlach (in 1771, united to form the Margraviate of Baden), Austrian possessions in the Breisgau and various other minor territories. For each of them, Hacker investigates the sources on emigrants, the procedures of release from citizenship and the attitude of the authorities towards emigration. Lists 11,666 emigration cases from these territories to Hungary, Galicia, Prussia, America and other destinations. Eight-page guide for the English-speaking reader. 1980 (revised and reprinted 1985), 743 pp., hard cover, \$85.00 (surface); \$95.00 (airmail).

*Kurpfälzische Auswanderer vom Unteren Neckar: rechtsrheinische Gebiete der Kurpfalz*,

by Werner Hacker. Covers the Palatinate east of the Rhine, dealing largely with the background emigration, attitude of the Palatinate government and the sources on the emigrants. Name lists contain 802 cases of emigration to Austrian countries (mainly Hungary), 542 to America, 412 to Prussia, 393 to other territories and 207 with unknown destinations. Four-page guide for the English-speaking reader. 1983, 209 pp., 2 maps, hard cover, \$36.50 (surface); \$40.50 (airmail).

*Auswanderungen aus Rheinpfalz und Saarland im 18. Jahrhundert*, by Werner Hacker. Lists 16,834 emigrations from the Palatinate west of the Rhine, the West Rhenish parts of Baden, the counties of Falkenstein, Hanau-Lichtenberg, Leiningen and Nassau, the Duchy of Zweibrücken and from numerous small territories. Eight-page guide for the English-speaking reader. 1987, 780 pp., hard cover, \$85.00 (surface), \$95.00 (airmail).

## DO YOU KNOW ME?

Would the two ladies who ate lunch with me at the October MAGS meeting at New Windsor, please contact me? We discussed a group who make a yearly research trip to Salt Lake from the Alexandria, VA area. I am interested. Please call (804) 448-2189 collect after 5PM or write Edythe Millar, 760 Caroline Dr., Ruther Glen, VA 22546. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

The Ohio Genealogical Society will hold its Annual Convention April 15-17, 1988 at Kings Island Inn in Warren County, just north of Cincinnati. For more information, write The Society, P.O. Box 2625, Mansfield, OH 44906.

The Bluegrass-Chickamauga Vacation Corridor, Inc. has proclaimed "Find Your Family Tree in Kentucky and Tennessee" during the week of April 24-30, 1988. Genealogists and historians are invited to visit historical and genealogical societies, libraries, archives and court houses along the 350 miles of U.S. Route 127, that covers 60 Kentucky and

Tennessee counties. Assistance to researchers, and organizations sponsoring special family history events are among the activities planned. For more information, write 127 CORRIDOR, P.O. box 1200, Jamestown, TN 38556.

Samford University hosts the 24th Annual Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) on the Samford University campus, Birmingham, AL, June 19-24, 1988. The six levels of courses offered are I: Fundamentals of Research, II: Intermediate Studies, III: Southern Colonies and States: Researching from Maryland to Florida, IV: Advanced Genealogy, V: Genealogy in the British Isles, and VI: Computers as a Genealogical Tool. For more information, write The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University Library, Birmingham, AL 35229.

The National Archives will host the National Institute on Genealogical Research Program at the Archives in Washington, D.C., July 11-16, 1988. Lecturers will give talks on doing research at the Archives in such subjects as "The Union," "The Confederacy," "The Census," "Immigration and Naturalization," "War Claims," "Federal Land Records," and "Published Government Documents." For more information, write National Institute on Genealogical Research, Attn: CC1, P.O. Box 14274, Washington, D.C. 20044-4274.

George Mason University in Fairfax, VA will host the third annual Genealogy and History Institute, August 1-5, 1988, at the George Mason campus. The three levels of courses offered are Level I: Designed for the beginner; Level II: For the person who has some research experience, but who would like to build a base of knowledge; and Level III: Designed for those who want to pursue independent research. For more information, write George Mason University, Office of Community Services, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030.

### WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

As of January 1988, MAGS had 601 members. We welcome the following: Marlene Strawser Bates, Cathy Berger, Albert J. Crull, Zola L. Crull, Paul Doherty, Joan A. Eichelberger,

Robert C. Eisele, Helen B. Emanuel, Bill Fleming, Eunice B. Haden, Elizabeth H. Harman, Lorraine K. Hedrick, Harvey Huber, Olive Jones, Diane L. Keaton, Martha C. Lang, Marlene K. Langdon, Ann L. Line, Conrad S. Line, Martha Reamy, Elsie M. Ringgold, Raymond H. Ringgold, John A. Romberger, Loretta Kahl Rutkowski, Leo H. Settler, Jr., Col. William H. Sypher, John L. Wann, Jr., Dianna M. Winsor and Helen L. Zakreski.

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### GERMAN PUBLICATION WILL PUBLISH YOUR ADS

*Familienkundliche Nachrichten*, (*Family Information News*) is published six times a year in January, March, May, July, September and November. Its pages are devoted entirely to "ads" for missing ancestors and anyone can send in a query. A typical ad costs about U.S. \$15.00. Publishers prefer payment in one of three ways: 1) German DM (Deutsch Mark) check, 2) American cash, or 3) U.S. check with amount of ad, plus \$2.00 (this reimburses the publisher for cashing a U.S. check). Information should be in the form of a written narrative in English, detailing all that you know about the background of the person(s), as well as the date they departed for America. The publisher will then translate your information in German. Information must be received by the publisher at least six weeks prior to publication. You will receive a free copy of the issue in which your ad runs. For more information, write *Familienkundliche*

*Nachrichten*, Verlag Degener & Co., Postfach 1340, D-8530 Neustadt (Aisch), West Germany.

## NEW ARCHIVIST AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES

In December, Dr. Don W. Wilson became the newest Archivist to take over the reins at the National Archives. Former Archivist Robert M. Warner said, "Three years ago (1984), a very special ceremony occurred in this great rotunda. It was a joyous celebration marking the enactment of the National Archives Independence Bill.... Archivists, historians, genealogists, librarians and civic-minded Americans...all...worked to achieve this goal.... This first appointment under the new law is of greatest significance because it will, in all likelihood, determine what will happen in the future. Thus, the installation today of a worthy candidate who fully meets the terms of the law marks the true conclusion of the Archives independence movement."

In his remarks, Dr. Wilson pledged to provide the Archives with the "aggressive, creative, professional leadership" necessary to carry out its basic mission to preserve for posterity the nation's most important federal records. "Today we have more concerted collective support and appreciation of its mission by users, constituent groups, the White House and Congress, than at any time in its history. That makes now a time of opportunity as well as great obligation. As seventh Archivist of the United States, I am prepared to fully commit myself to these challenges and responsibilities."

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES: A LITTLE-KNOWN TREASURE TROVE

Like the other field branches of the National Archives, the Philadelphia branch holds microfilm copies of the federal population census schedules, 1790-1910; soundex indexes to the censuses; and other census indexes in book form. It also has the microfilm index to and military records (including pension application files) of soldiers who served in the

Revolutionary War; the Revolutionary War Rolls; the papers of the Continental Congress; and the name index of those who served in the War of 1812; various microfilm publications pertaining to immigration, such as indexes to ships' passenger lists for the ports of Philadelphia (1800-1948) and Baltimore (1820-1952) and the passenger lists themselves. The branch also maintains naturalization records and indexes to naturalization petitions for the federal courts of Philadelphia (1795-1963), Scranton (1901-1958), Pittsburgh (1820-1953) and Baltimore (1795-1952).

One of the advantages of the Philadelphia branch Archives is its location. Moved to the center of the center in 1984, the branch is now in walking distance of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia City Archives. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM and the first and third Saturdays of the month, 9 AM - 1 PM. For more information write, National Archives - Philadelphia Branch, 9th & Market Sts., Rm. 1350, Philadelphia, PA 19107 or call 215-597-3000.

## TIDBITS, MORSELS AND CRUMBS

The 1988 Conference in the States of the National Genealogical Society will be held in Biloxi, MS, April 27-30. For more information, contact NGS, 4527 17th St., North, Arlington, VA 22207-2363.

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Did you know that approximately 300,000 students in the United States study German?

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The Baltimore City Archives and Records Center will be open to the public for research from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: March 5, 19; April 9, 16; and May 7, 21. The Archives is open during the week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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If you are looking for a Catholic nun in the Soundex Census, code the word "Sister" as if it were her last name. S236 ("Sister" coded) plus the religious name used, will help find the nun in the regular census pages.

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John B. Arthaud, M.D. 3201 Woodkirk Dr., Columbia, MO 65203, is compiling a small monograph on the descendants of brothers Christian (b. 1797) and John (b. 1810) Neuhauser, natives of France who settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in the early 19th century. He is interested in hearing from descendants.

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Be on the lookout for *Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, 1850-1855*, compiled by P. William Filby and Ira Glazier. The three-volume set is due to be published in spring or summer 1988.

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MAGS member Dorothea A. Gross has just published *Recollections of My Immigrant Grandmother*, a memoir of the author's German grandmother who arrived in Fells Point, MD in 1880. For more details, write Dorothea A. Gross, 427 Lees Mill Rd., Hampstead, MD 21074.

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**SURNAME EXCHANGE INDEX:** Follow directions set up for this program or send SASE for information to Sue S. Smyser, 6266 Rose Hill Dr., Alexandria, VA 22310.

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**STUMPED ROOTS & PROFESSIONAL REFERRAL:** For information on Stumped Roots send SASE to George Billingslea, 1229 Wine Spring Ln., Ruxton, MD 21204.

**SUGGESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE:** Anne T. Tenny, 10807 Montrose Ave., Garrett Park, MD 20896-0141.

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At left is a GeneCross, a puzzle containing words that run up, down, across and diagonally. Below is the list of words contained in the puzzle. All have something to do with a MAGS members' favorite pastime. Happy Hunting!

Ancestor, Archive, Census, Family, Genealogy, German, Home, Kurier, MAGS, Name, Research, Roots, Ship, Tool

### MAY WORKSHOP AT ANNAPOLIS

A MAGS one-day workshop at the Maryland State Archives (Hall of Records) in Annapolis is scheduled for May 14, 1988. It will feature introduction and orientation to the State holdings by the Archives staff beginning at 9:30 AM; a catered lunch from 12 Noon - 1 PM; and a research session after lunch. Handouts from the Archives and their special registration form will be forwarded to members who sign up for the workshop. To cover lunch and administrative costs, there will be a charge of \$7.50. Attendance is limited to 35, so please register no later than April 25.

Send registration and fee to Peter J. Linder, 3109 Ramblewood Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21043.

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#### REGISTRATION FOR MAGS ANNAPOLIS WORKSHOP

I (We) plan to attend the workshop at the Maryland State Archives on May 14, 1988.

Enclosed is a check for \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$7.50 each.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other attendees \_\_\_\_\_

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## MAGS WELCOMES NEW QUERIES EDITOR

MAGS would like to welcome Edythe H. Millar as the new Queries Editor. Her address is listed below. Please address all future queries to her.

MAGS would also like to say farewell to Elsie Swartwood, who handled queries for the last four years. Thanks, Elsie!

### QUERIES

Please mention at least one time, one place, one German surname with known variant surnames. Limit each query to one family and use no more than fifty words, not counting your name and address. More than one query may be sent at a time, but each should be clearly written or typed on a separate sheet of 8 1/2" X 11" clean, white paper. Please indicate desired priority for printing. MAGS reserves the right to edit. Neither MAGS nor *Der Kurier* assumes any responsibility for accuracy. Send your queries to: Query Editor, MAGS, Edythe H. Millar, 760 Caroline Dr., Ruther Glen, VA 22546.

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**KOLZ** #6-18 Correction on the spelling of the name KOLZ. It is not KLOZ, but KOLZ. For queries #6-13 and #6-14 in the December issue of *Der Kurier*. Maryanne B. Lyons, 1735 Ivy Oak Square, Reston, VA 22090.

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**KATTMAN** #6-19 August KATTMAN b in Odenwald, Germany. Possible Lutheran minister in Germany. Newspaper editor 1850 in Dubuque, IA. Was he in Wheeling, WV? What happened to him? Entered America either 1848-1849. Carnal Mechling Bennett, 3456 N. 13th St., Arlington, VA 22201.

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**RITTER  
WILLJAR/  
WILLARD/  
VIELLIERD** #6-20 Tobias RITTER m 1785 Juliana WILLJAR/ WILLARD/ VIELLIERD b 1763 Moravian community at Graceham, Frederick Co., MD. They are buried Fayetteville, Franklin Co., PA. I have their granddaughter's baptismal certificate signed by them, Sarah WOLFKILL, my ancestor, b 1 March, 1824. Beginning research on RITTER family. Will exchange info. Steve Kamp, 1020 Mifflin Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.



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