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Spring Meeting

MAGS will hold its Spring Meeting in Middletown, Maryland, on April 28, 1990, at the Christ Reformed United Church of Christ, whose history dates back to the mid-18th century. A luncheon of authentic German dishes will be served by the ladies of the Church, and the all-day program will feature three outstanding speakers: MAGS member, Mary K. Meyer, Gary Myer and Henry Z. "Hank" Jones.

Mrs. Meyer, the Maryland Historical Society's genealogist for many years prior to her retirement in 1984, author of numerous publications relating to Maryland as well as reference works of nation-wide interest and Fellow of the National Genealogical Society, will speak on migration patterns of the early Germanic settlers.

Mr. Myer, who studied at Heidelberg University and is an expert on early German script, has also been affiliated with the Maryland Historical Society and is presently a genealogist with the Peabody Library of John Hopkins University. His research interests have centered on early Maryland Germans, particularly those who lived in Baltimore, and he will speak on "Urban Germans."

Of interest to all genealogists researching Germanic ancestors will be three talks to be given by Mr. Jones. He is an actor turned genealogist who exhaustively combed archives in Germany, London and Ireland for his book on Palatine families in Ireland, and later returned to Europe to conduct village-by-village research on the origins of 847 families who settled in New York State in 1709-1710. He is now busy chronicling the Palatine families who came to

New York and New Jersey in the period 1717-1760, and is working with Mrs. Annette Burgert on the 250 families from the Neuvied/Westerwald region who arrived at Philadelphia in the 1740s. (Their book is reviewed in this issue.) Based on his experience, Mr. Jones will give three talks, "The Palatine Families of New York and Lessons Learned," "The Irish Palatines" and "When the Sources are Wrong." The Irish Palatines are a little-known group who migrated from the Palatinate area to Ireland, then to what is now Canada and the northern U.S.; their descendants then scattered as far south as the Mid-Atlantic by the end of the 1700s.

Hank Jones has been actively climbing family trees since the age of eight when he found an old trunk filled with fading tintypes, family letters and old newspaper clippings. He wrote his first genealogical work, the story of his great grandfather while still in high school. His search for Palatine emigrants led him to search the extant New York Palatine church books and extract every reference to Palatines during the period 1710-1776. This information when placed on family group sheets eventually totaled 17,000 sheets. He continued his research with village-to-village searches in Europe and from this came *The Palatine Families of New York* which won the prestigious Donald Lines Jacobus Award as the best genealogical work of 1986.

Middletown is located about 10 miles west of Frederick on **Alternate** US Route 40. Motels are available in the Frederick area. See pull-out insert in this issue for registration information.

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31 March 1990 Maryland Genealogical Society's Annual Seminar "Something for Everybody: Quite a Bit for Most! For information write Mrs. Patricia S. Parker, 34 Laurence Brooke road, Baltimore, MD 21228

7 April 1990 Fairfax Genealogical Society's Spring Conference "From the Bare Facts to the Whole Story" featuring John Philip Colletta. For information write Fairfax Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2344, Merrifield, VA 22116-2344.

28 April 1990 **MAGS's Spring Meeting** at Christ Reformed Church, Middletown, Maryland. Speakers will be Mary K. Meyer, Gary Myer and Hank Z. Jones.

12-13 May 1990 Virginia Genealogical Society's Spring Meeting: "17th-18th Century Life Styles" Williamsburg, Va. For information write VGS, P.O. Box 7469, Richmond, VA 23221

6-9 June 1990 National Genealogical Society's National Capital Area 10th Anniversary Conference, Washington, DC. For information write NGS Conference, 4527 17th Street, N, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

11-16 June 1990 National Institute on Genealogical Research, Washington, D.C. For information write the Institute, P.O. Box 14274, Washington, DC. 20044-4274

5-6-7 July 1990 Genealogical Conference of New York's "Crossing the Border." Speakers include Florence and Peter Christoph, Barbara Clawson, John Heisey, "Hank" Jones, Carol Kammen, Walt Steesy, Maralyn Wellauer. For information write GNYC-Rochester '90, P.O. Box 299, Interlaken, NY 14847-0299.

5-6 Oct. 1990 Virginia Genealogical Society's Fall Conference "30th Anniversary Celebration" Richmond, Va. For information write VGS, P.O. Box 7469, Richmond, VA 23221.

20 October 1990 **MAGS's Fall Meeting** at New Windsor, Maryland

29 May-1 June 1991 National Genealogical Society's Conference "Come to the End of the Oregon Trail" Portland, Oregon. Hosted by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon

If you would like your organization's special program/project placed on *Der Kalender* send the information by the first of the month prior to publication to the editor.

Please note that MAGS's zip code has changed. The new zip is 20891-2642.

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German Regiments in the Union Army 1861-1865

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by Albert W. Haarmann

Indiana

32nd Regiment. (1st German Regiment). Turner. Organized at Indianapolis and mustered in 24 August 1861. Regimental commanders: (1) Col. August Willich (born in Germany; military service in Prussia), to rank from 24 August 1861; Brig. Gen. of Volunteers, 17 July 1862; later a Brevet Maj. Gen. for meritorious during the war; (2) Col. Henry von Trebra (born in Germany), died of disease 3 August 1863; and Lt. Col. Francis Erdelmeyer, mustered out 7 September 1864. Battles: Shiloh; siege of Corinth; Chickamauga; siege of Chattanooga; assault on Kenesaw; siege of Atlanta; and Jonesboro, Georgia, 31 August - 21 September 1864. Another of the "300" regiments: 171 killed or mortally wounded; 97 dead of other causes; and 430 wounded - a total of 698 casualties out of an enrollment of 1,283. Non-veterans ordered home in July 1864 and mustered out 7 September 1864. Veterans and recruits consolidated into a four-company residuary battalion commanded by Lt. Col. W.G. Mank, 6 September 1864; later Lt. Col. Hans Blume, to rank from 16 January 1865. Mustered out 4 December 1865.

Minnesota

2nd Cavalry Regiment. Turner. Organized at Fort Snelling, 5 December 1863. Regimental Commander: Col. Robert N. McLaren, to rank from 14 January 1864; mustered out 17 November 1865; Brevet Brig. Gen. of volunteers, 14 December 1865, for faithful and meritorious services. Frontier service against Indians; battle of Killdeer Mountain, Dakota Territory, 21 July 1864. Total deaths: 63. Mustered out by companies between 17 November 1865 - 4 May 1866.

1st (German) Independent Battery Light Artillery. Organized at Fort Snelling,

21 November 1861. Battery Commanders: Captain Emil Munch, 7 November 1861 until 25 December, when he resigned; and (2) Captain William Z. Clayton, 1 January 1863 - 30 June 1865; Brevet Major, to rank from 13 March 1865. Battles: Shiloh; siege of Corinth; Corinth, 3-4 October 1862; siege of Vicksburg; siege of Atlanta; march to the sea; Bentonville, North Carolina, 20-21 March 1865. Total deaths: 38. Mustered out 1 July 1865.

Missouri

1st Regiment. (German Turners). Organized at St. Louis for 3 months service, 22 April 1861. Regimental Commander: Col. Frank P. Blair, Jr., to rank from 26 April 1861. Operations in Missouri; mustered out 31 July - 2 August 1861.

3rd Regiment. (Sigel's). Organized at St. Louis, 22 April 1861. Regimental commander: Col. Franz Sigel (born in Germany), to rank from 4 May 1861; promoted to Brig. Gen. 17 May 1861; to Maj. Gen., 21 March 1862. Operations in Missouri. Mustered out 4 September 1861.

4th Regiment. (Black Jaegers). Organized at St. Louis for 3 months service, 22 April 1861. Regimental commander: Col. Nicholas Schittner, to rank from 5 May 1861. Operations in Missouri. Mustered out 30 July 1861.

12th Regiment. Turner. Organized at St. Louis, August 1861. Regimental commanders: (1) Col. Peter J. Osterhaus (born in Prussia), with rank from 19 December 1861; promoted to Brig. Gen. 9 June 1861; to Maj. Gen. 23 July 1864; (2) Col. Otto Schadt, resigned in less than two months; and (3) Col. Hugo von Wangelin (born in Germany), to rank from 20 July 1862; Brevet Brig. Gen. 13 March 1865. Battles: Pea Ridge, Arkansas, 6-8 March 1862; siege of Vicksburg; Resaca; and siege of Atlanta. Total deaths: 208. Mustered out by companies, August-November 1864. (continued on page 36)

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17th Regiment. (Western Turner Rifles). Organized at St. Louis in August 1861. Regimental commanders: (1) Col. Francis Hassendeubel, died of wounds 17 July 1863; (2) Lt. Col. John F. Cramer, committed suicide 2 May 1864; and (3) Lt. Col. Francis Romer, to rank from 18 June 1864. Battles: Pea Ridge; siege of Vicksburg; Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, 23-24 November 1863; Resaca; siege of Atlanta; and the march to the sea. Total casualties: 219. Old members mustered out September and October 1864; veterans and recruits transferred to 15th Missouri Infantry December 1864.

41st Regiment. Turner. Organized at Benton Barracks, August-September 1864. Regimental commander: Col. Joseph Weydemeyer, to rank from 17 September 1864. Garrison duty at St. Louis until July 1865. Total deaths: 37. Mustered out 11 July 1865.

New York

Infantry

8th Regiment. (1st German Rifles; Blenker's Rifles). Organized at New York City on 23 April 1861 for two years service. Regimental Commanders: (1) Col. Louis Blenker (born in Germany) 23 April 1861; promoted to Brigadier General of Volunteers 9 August 1861; (2) Col. Julius H. Stahel, August 1861; (3) Col. Francis Wutchel, dismissed 23 August 1862; and (4) Col. Felix Prince Salm, 31 October 1862. Battles (all in Virginia): Bull Run, 21 July 1861; Cross Keys, 8 June 1862; Gainesville, 28 August 1862; Groveton, 29 August 1862; and 2nd Bull Run, 30 August 1862. Total deaths: 133. Mustered out 23 April 1863 by reason of expiration of two years' service.

20th Regiment. (United Turner Rifles). Organized at New York City and mustered in on 6 May 1861 for two years. Regimental Commanders: (1) Col. Max Webber promoted to Brigadier General of Volunteers, 28 April 1862; (2) Col. Francis Weiss resigned 4 July 1862; and (3) Col. Ernest von Vegesack, 19 July 1862 until

mustered out. Battles: Forts Hatteras and Clarke, North Carolina, 28-29 August 1861; Antietam, Maryland, 16-17 September 1862; and Fredericksburg, Virginia, 3 May 1863. Total deaths: 120. Discharged 1 June 1863 upon expiration of term of service.

29th Regiment. (Astor Rifles; German Regiment; 1st German Infantry). Organized at New York City and mustered in 6 June 1861 for two years. Regimental Commanders: (1) Col. Adolph von Steinwehr (born in Germany) to rank from 6 June 1861; promoted to Brigadier General of Volunteers, 12 October 1861; (2) Col. Clemens Soest, resigned 13 April 1863; and (3) Lt. Col. Louis Hartmann from 9 June 1862 to the end. Battles: Bull run; Cross Keys; Groveton; 2nd Bull Run; Chancellorsville, Virginia, 1-5 May 1863. Total deaths, 64. Mustered out 20 June 1863.

41st Regiment. (DeKalb Regiment; 2nd Yager Regiment). Organized at Yorkville, New York, in June 1861 for three years service. Regimental Commanders: (1) Col. Leopold von Gilsa mustered out 9 June 1864; and (2) Major Frederick Menshousen to rank from 1 September 1863, commander of a residuary battalion to the end of the war. Battles: Cross Keys; Groveton; 2nd Bull Run; Chancellorsville; Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 1-3 July 1863; Cedar Creek, Virginia, 19 October 1864; and siege of Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia, December 1864 - April 1865. total deaths: 143. Mustered out 9 December 1865.

45th Regiment. (5th German Rifles; Howe's Regiment; Honved Regiment). organized at New York City and entered service on 25 August 1861 for three years. Regimental Commanders: (1) Col. George Van [sic] Arnsburg discharged 22 January 1864; and (2) Lt. Col. Adolphus Dobke with rank from 19 May 1863 of a residuary battalion. Battles: Cross Keys; Groveton; 2nd Bull Run; Chancellorsville; Gettysburg; Resaca, Georgia, 14-15 May 1864; and Nashville, Tennessee, 15-16 December 1864. Total deaths: 154. Men transferred to the 58th New York on 30 June 1865.

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Menno Simms Historical Library and Archives



The Menno Simms Historical Library and Archives is located at Eastern Mennonite College, just off Interstate 81 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Grace I. Showalter, who was one of the speakers at the Fall Meeting is currently librarian. She will be retiring at the end of this term. However, she did state that she would still be available on a part-time basis.

The primary focus of the library's collection is the Mennonite population of the Shenandoah Valley and the German migration through the Valley. However, Ms. Showalter has always been interested in providing as broad a range of research materials as possible. Although these materials are not available on interlibrary-loan, students will respond to queries (in long-hand) with sources of information. Arrangements can be made to use a copy machine located in another part of the building.

The Historical Library has Mennonite related manuscript records and Bible records, manuscript church records, cemetery records, microfilm of local newspapers, census, and other printed church, court and historical sources.

In addition, the library has manuscript and printed material relating to church doctrine, and 16th century German, Latin and Dutch material.

Ms. Showalter's interest as a librarian in providing information that the public wants is apparent in the material available in the Library. Your editor found copies of printed material relating to Virginia families that no other Virginia library had. In addition, because of the requests for information and interest of the patrons, Ms. Showalter has attempted to include as much material as her budget would allow on Ohio and West Virginia.

Anyone who heard Ms. Showalter speak at the spring meeting is aware of her keen interest and knowledge of the Mennonites. The library will lose a vital resource when she retires. However, she assures me that she will remain in the area and continue her work as a part-time researcher for the Historical Society of Harrisonburg and the Rockingham Historical Society.

Researchers should call ahead if they plan to visit the library. Its hours follow the

College's schedule, but are essentially 10:00 - 5:00. There are no Saturday hours in the summer. The library number is (703) 434-6950. If you are interested in asking Ms. Showalter's help, her number is (703) 432-4178. If you write, remember to include an SASE.

Meeting Videos

MAGS has received a proposal to videotape the talks at our meetings, preferably one speaker per film. Of course, we would film only those speakers who consented, and we can do it only if there is sufficient interest among our members to make it worthwhile. If you would be interested in purchasing videos at \$20.00 per tape, please write to the Corresponding Secretary (address on back page) and give her your comments. Send no money; this is just an opinion sampling, and in any case we wouldn't be able to start this service until the October 1990 meeting.

German Regiments,

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52nd Regiment. (German Rangers; Sigel Rifles). Recruited in New York City and mustered in by companies from August to November 1861. Regimental Commanders: (1) Col. Paul Frank breveted to Brigadier General; mustered out on expiration of term of service, 28 October 1864; and (2) Lt. Col. Henry M. Karples, effective 1 November 1864 to the end. Battles: Fair Oaks, Virginia, 31 May - 1 June 1862; Antietam; Fredericksburg; Chancellorsville; Gettysburg; Wilderness, Virginia, 5-7 May 1864; Spotsylvania, 8-12 May 1864; Spotsylvania Courthouse, 12-21 May 1864; Cold Harbor, 1-12 June 1864; and siege of Petersburg. One of the "300," this regiment had 95 killed, 541 wounded and 116 missing, most of the latter being prisoners of war, for a total of 752 casualties. Mustered out 1 July 1865.

54th Regiment. (Barney's Rifles; Black Rifles; Schwarze Yager). Organized at Hudson City, New York, and entered service between September-October 1861 for a term of three years. Regimental Commander: Col. Eugene A. Kozlay, resigned 18 March 1863; recommissioned Colonel, 19 March 1864. Battles: Cross Keys; Groveton; 2nd Bull Run; Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. Total deaths: 142. Mustered out 14 April 1866.

68th Regiment. (Cameron Rifles; 2nd German Rifle Regiment). Organized at New York City and entered service in August 1861 for a term of 3 years. Regimental Commanders: (1) Col. Robert J. Betge, resigned 6 August 1862; (2) Col. Gotthilf Bourry de Ivernois, cashiered 25 October 1863; (3) Lt. Col. Albert Van [sic] Steinhausen, effective 12 November 1863; and (4) Col. Felix Salm-Salm, effective 8 June 1864, breveted Brigadier General 13 April 1865. Battles: Cross Keys; Groveton; 2nd Bull Run; Chancellorsville; and Gettysburg. Total deaths: 118. Mustered out 30 November 1865.

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The Anne Arundel Genealogical Society has two volumes of **cemetery records** currently available. For information write the Society, P.O. Box 221, Pasadena, MD 21122.

For Your Information

The Department of the Army is collecting **photos of Civil War veterans**. Its goal is to have a likeness of every Civil War soldier. To have your ancestor included and to obtain a free 8 X 10 copy of your photo send the photo with name, rank, unit and dates of birth and death, if known, to Michael J. Winey, Curator, Dept. of the Army, US Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5008. (From the Prince George's Co. Gen. Soc. *Bulletin* via the Howard County Gen. Society's *The Family Tree*, Jan. 1990).

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The Genealogical Club of the Montgomery Co. Historical Society is sponsoring a number of **genealogy courses**. There are morning, afternoon and evening classes beginning at various times from March 1 to May 9. For information write the Society, 103 Montgomery Avenue, West, Rockville, MD 20850 or phone 340-9853.

The National Archives is offering a six-day **workshop** "Introduction to Genealogy" beginning March 26. For information call (202) 724-0454. (From Howard County Gen. Society's *The Family Tree* Feb. 1990.)

Recommended in the *Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter* May 1989 is the book *Central European Genealogical Terminology* published by Everton Publishers. Definitions for French, Hungarian, Italian and Latin as well as German genealogical terms are given.

FRAKTUR FORUM

by Corinne Earnest

Clare M. Anderson asked some time ago if the name Henly or Hainly appears on fraktur. A Johannes Lenhard and his wife, Hanna Heinly Lenhard were sponsors at the baptism of a baby girl named Emmillia Fifter. Emelia was the daughter of Johannes Fifter and his wife Persi Lenhard. Emelia was born June 14, 1838, in Greenwich Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. She was baptized three days later by Carl Herrman and confirmed years later in 1854 by Sassemann Herrman. She married Daniel Heffner on May 27, 1856.

This certificate was completed by scrivener Martin Wetzler. Professional scriveners (ca. 1835-1910) made fraktur later than the early schoolmaster fraktur artists (ca. 1760-1850). Unlike the schoolmasters who often made and decorated fraktur by hand, the scriveners used printed forms which they often hand-colored.

Although Emelia's certificate is hand-colored, Wetzler probably was not the artist. He signed Emelia's certificate, but even if he had not, his penmanship is immediately recognizable because he made his lower case d's backward.

He sometimes signed in Hebrew as well as in German, and he added the Star of David on some certificates. He worked about 1856 through 1879 in southeast Pennsylvania. Fortunately for genealogists, he often included extra family data on his certificates besides the birth and baptism information. For example, he added Emelia's confirmation and marriage dates and her husband's name.

The Lenhards may have been Emelia's maternal grandparents. Usually sponsors were family members, and they were often the grandparents. If that is true in this case, four generations of family surnames are given - the Henlys, the Heinly/Lenhards, the Fifter/Lenhards and the Heffner/Fifters.

If you wish to have Corinne Earnest look for your family name on fraktur please send your request to the editor of *Der Kurier* by the end of the month of publication, i.e. for inclusion in the June issue, requests should be sent by the end of March. As always, first requested, first printed.



Ahnentafel

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I self

1. WALTERS Judith Ann; b 16 Sep 1942 Washington DC.

II (2 parents)

2. WALTERS Randolph Emil; b 2 Mar 1906 Poseyville IN.
3. NIMMERRICHTER Elizabeth; b 22 Sep 1917 Brandywine MD.

III b c 1880 (4 grandparents)

4. WALTER Andrew Harry; b 20 Feb 1875 Dover (Kelso) IN; d 21 Oct 1949; buried St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Poseyville IN.
5. EMGE Elizabeth Katherine; b 27 Nov 1880 Mount Pleasant IN; d 27 July 1969; buried St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Poseyville IN.
6. NIMMERRICHTER Anton; b 3 Mar 1879 Atzgersdorf (House No. 29), Vienna, Austria; d 17 Mar 1947; buried Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Washington DC.
7. BARILITZ (BARILITS) Anna; b 25 Jul 1882 Moedling, Lower Austria; d 21 Dec 1936; buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Washington DC.

IV b ca 1850 (8 great grandparents)

8. WALTER Johannes (John); b 10 Feb 1842 Freckenfeld (now in Rhineland-Palatinate, West Germany); arrived New York 11 Jun 1851 on Bavaria; m Catherine Alter 20 Nov 1865; d 13 Jul 1913; buried in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Poseyville IN.
9. ALTER (ALTHERR) Catherine; b 1845 New Trenton IN; d 11 Dec 1890 at age of 45 in Grayville, IL; buried in Catholic Cemetery, Grayville IL.
10. EMGE Emil; b 1840 Baden; m Christina Knapp 8 Apr 1863; d 11 Nov 1902; buried St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Poseyville IN.
11. KNAPP Christina; b 29 Sep 1841 PA or IN; d 24 Jan 1927; buried St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Poseyville IN.
12. NIMMERRICHTER Anton (butcher); b 23 Sep 1840 Gaudenzdorf, Meidling, Vienna, Austria; d Oct 1914 Atzgersdorf; buried Neu-Erlaa, Vienna, Austria.
13. FIBY (FIBI) Antonia; b 20 Dec 1842 Neu-Erlaa (House No. 41); buried Neu-Erlaa.
14. BARILITS Franz (butcher -- walked from Drassburg to Vienna to get patent for his sausage maker; didn't get it); b 27 Mar 1853 Drassburg (House No. 82) (now in Burgenland, Austria); m Elisabeth Blasl 3 July 1882 Moedling, Lower Austria; buried Moedling, Grave 33.
15. BLASL Elisabeth; b 29 Apr 1856 Moedling; buried Moedling, Grave 33.

- V b ca 1820 (16 great great grand parents)
16. WALTER Andreas (Andres); b 7 Jun 1812 Freckenfeld; m Anna Barbara Thuerwaechter in Freckenfeld 21 Jun 1838; m Maria Margaretha Thuerwaechter in Freckenfeld; arrived New York 11 Jun 1851 on Bavaria d ca 1897 at age of 86 in San Antonio TX.
 17. T(H)UERWAECHTER Anna Barbara; b 21 Aug 1816 Freckenfeld; d 14 Dec 1842 Freckenfeld.
 18. ALTER (ALTHERR) John; b 1815/6 Bavaria; m Eve; m Frances (b in Wuettemberg); first a miller in New Trenton IN, then owned and operated hotel there.
 19. _____ Eve; b ca 1822 in Germany.
 20. EMGE George; b ca 1810 Baden or Bavaria; arrived in U.S. btwn 1845 & 1848; m Catherine Wolb(p)ert; m Elizabeth Hoffman; lived in St. Wendel IN.
 21. WOLB(P)ERT Catherina; b 25 Apr 1820 Baden; d 9 May 1866; buried St. Wendell, IN
 22. KNAPP Phillip (John); b in Germany.
 23. SCHMIDT Mariae (Elizabeth); b in Germany.
 24. NIMMERRICHTER Franz (butcher in St. Veit an der Wien, Vienna, Austria.
 25. GIGELMAYER Catharina; Gaudenzdorf.
 26. FIBY Georg (saddle-maker in Neu-Erlaa); b 8 Apr 1812 Neudorf (now in Burgenland, Austria); m Barbara Melzer 1 Jul 1838 Atzgersdorf.
 27. MELZER Barbara (house maid in Neu-Erlaa); b 23 Nov 1815 Kaltenleutgeben (House No. 55), Lower Austria.
 28. BARILITS Andreas (farmer); b 30 Nov 1815 Drassburg; m Maria Barisits in Drassburg 9 Nov 1841.
 29. BARISITS Maria; b 21 Mar 1818 Drassburg.
 30. BLASL Simon (a "Muehlpraechter," miller?); b 21 Oct 1822 in Danrad (Tanrad), Muenzkirchen, Eitzenberg, Upper Austria; m Elisabeth Stummvoll 10 Jan 1854 Baden (St. Stephan's church); buried Moedling, Grave 33.
 31. STUMVOLL (STUBENVOLL) Elisabeth; b 5 Nov 1821 Tribuswinkel (House No. 46), Lower Austria; buried Moedling, Grave 33.
- VI b ca 1790 (32 great great great grandparents)
32. WALTER Daniel; b ca 1781, d 3 Apr 1835 Freckenfeld at age of 54.
 33. KELLER Maria Anne; b ca 1785 (Maria Walter aged 85 in 1870 census for P.O. Kelso (Dover), Dearborn county IN).
 34. T(H)UERWAECHTER (DIERWACHTER) Johann Mathaeus (Jean Mathieu); d 14 Mar 1843 Freckenfeld at 58.
 35. GNAHN Eva Maria (Eve Marie); b 3 Jul 1790 Freckenfeld.
 36. ALTER (ALTHERR) Peter; b ca 1772 in Germany.
 37. _____ Mary; b ca 1791 in Germany.
 52. FIBY Johann; Neudorf.
 53. GROSS Justina; Neudorf.
 54. MELZER Simon; Kaltenleutgeben.
 55. FASCHINER Barbara; Kaltenleutgeben.
 56. BARILITS Paul; Drassburg.
 57. ILLEDITS Maria; Drassburg.
 58. BARISITS Matthias; Drassburg.
 59. ILLEDITS Maria; Drassburg
 60. BLASL Johann (Innkeeper in Tanrad (Danrad)); b ca 1788 (NOT born in Tanrad); m 1 Jul 1811 Anna Maria Haas nee Gimplinger; d 21 Aug 1866 Muenzkirchen aged 78.

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61. GIMPLINGER Anna Maria; b 10 Aug 1787 Schiessdorf (near Muenzkirchen); m 1 Jul 1807 Laurentius Haas.
62. STUMMVOLL (STUBENVOLL) Mathias; b 25 Feb 1788 Tribuswinkel (House No.35);
63. TOIFL Anna Maria; Biedermannsdorf, Lower Austria.
- VII b ca 1760 (64 great great great great grandparents)
64. WALTER Andreas (butcher; in Napoleon's army, bought cattle for troops); Freckenfeld
65. SCHAFFNER Catharina; Freckenfeld.
68. T(H)UERWAECHTER Michael; Freckenfeld.
69. HANSS Catharina; Freckenfeld.
70. GNAHN Mathaeus; Freckenfeld.
71. KEPPEL Rahael; Freckenfeld.
122. GIMPLINGER Ignas (Ignatz); Schiessdorf.
123. GEBOLTSBERGERIN VON ASCHENBERG Theresia; Schiessdorf.
124. STUMMVOLL (STUBENVOLL) Augustin; b 28 Aug 1752 Tribuswinkel.
125. MORGEN (MORGAN) Elisabeth; Tribuswinkel.
126. TOIFL Georg; Biedermannsdorf.
127. _____ Anna Maria; Biedermannsdorf.
- VIII b ca 1730 (128 great great great great great grandparents)
248. STUMMVOLL Michael; Tribuswinkel.
249. _____ Christina; Tribuswinkel.
250. MORGAN Johann; Tribuswinkel.
251. _____ Katharina; Tribuswinkel.

Ahnentafel Committee Report

The Ahnentafel Committee is appreciative of the response of the members in providing a number of ahnentafels for publication. Because of the number of pages involved, we are suggesting that (1) most be printed in the near future in a small booklet, (2) we continue to print a few in each issue of *Der Kurier* and (3) we do other booklets as needed.

It has taken a while for the Committee and this project to get underway; consequently, some of the ahnentafels we initially received may need to be updated. If you sent an ahnentafel in at an earlier date and want to update it, please don't hesitate to do so.

Others, who have not yet submitted an ahnentafel are encouraged to do so. Please follow the examples printed in *Der Kurier*: use the standard generation numbering system and

show known birth and death dates and places. Other items, such as marriage dates and places and other places lived, which are helpful to others may be included.

Also, do not forget to provide a typed or hand-written, signed "Permission to Reprint" statement. Although this release statement may imply that the Committee will retype your ahnentafel, this will not be done because of the magnitude of the task. Some minor cut-and-paste and white-out changes may be done in developing the booklet, but in most cases the material provided will be used as the master copy.

Send all ahnentafels with permission to reprint statements to the MAGS Ahnentafel Committee, c/o James Willhite, Chairman, 200 Pickett, North #1509, Alexandria, VA 22304.

Buchbesprechungen



Kemp, Thomas Jay. *International Vital Records Handbook*. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1990. 355 pp., ix; softcover.

The ultimate in where-to how-to this book provides the address, the current cost and a copy of the form needed to obtain a marriage, birth or death certificate. No longer does it take 2-3 letters to obtain the certificate, if the record is in a state repository. However, as the book cautions, these records sometimes are found in church, county or archive repositories. Where no central repository exists which is the case in most European countries including Germany a list of the larger repositories is given. All fifty states and ten U.S. trust territories, the Canadian provinces, fourteen Caribbean countries, the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and thirty-one European countries are covered. Order from **Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.**, 1001 Calvert Street, North, Baltimore, MD 21202. Cost is \$24.95 plus \$2.50 shipping.

Davis, Eliza Timberlake. *Frederick County, Virginia, Marriages 1771-1825*. Baltimore, Md.: Clearfield Company, Inc., (1941) 1989; 129 pp.; hardcover.

Many of the early genealogical source books have long been out-of-print and it is a distinct pleasure to discover that a number of these are now being reprinted by the Genealogical Publishing Company for Clearfield Company, Inc. Frederick County remains one of the major sources of early records for German immigrants. Although the county was formed in 1738 from Orange County the first marriage records begin in 1771. There are few marriage bonds still extant and Mrs. Davis abstracted the pertinent information including parents, if mentioned. The major portion of the marriage records are ministers' returns which include only the names of the bride and groom, the date of the marriage and the minister's initials (a list of ministers is provided). Both the minister's returns and the marriage bonds are arranged alphabetically by groom with a separate index to brides. Order from **Clearfield Company, Inc.**, 200 Eager Street, East, Baltimore, MD 21202. Cost is \$18.00 plus \$2.50 shipping.

Schuricht, Hermann. *History of the German Element in Virginia* (two volumes in one). Baltimore, Va.: Clearfield Company, (1898/90) 1989. 176, 257 pp.; hardcover.

The author in his dedication states, "The history of Virginia - the mother of States - records many names of Germans who have acted their parts well in the work of civilization and deserve honorable recognition." It is his purpose to see that they are not forgotten. To that end he may on occasion identify as German someone who was not, but he preserved many records of those who would otherwise have been forgotten. The author's documentation includes a number of German language newspapers which suggest another source for the researcher. In addition to the history, one finds such things as a list of German Jewish soldiers who served in the War Between the States, lists of other German soldiers and mini-biographies of German officers. A new index by Anita Comtois is a welcome addition. Order from **Clearfield Company, Inc.**, 200 Eager Street, East, Baltimore, MD 21202. Cost is \$26.50 plus \$2.50 shipping. (continued on page 44)

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Versteeg, Dingman and Thomas E. Vermilye, Jr. *Bergen Records: Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bergen in New Jersey, 1666 to 1788*. Baltimore: Clearfield Company, Inc., (1913-1915) 1990. 124 pp., 85 pp., 91 pp.; (3 vols. in 1); indexed; hardcover.

For those who discover that their ancestors were truly Dutch and not Pennsylvania Dutch, may we suggest this reprint. Originally prepared for the *Year Book of the Holland Society of New York* this work includes baptisms, marriages and deaths for the period 1666-1788. Items of particular interest are baptisms which include the maiden name of the mother; marriages which often give marital status, place of birth and place of residence; and deaths which usually indicate some relationship, i.e., wife, son of, widow of. In addition, the history of the founding of Bergen (Jersey City), lists of communicants and an interesting article on the transposition of family names are included. Order from **Clearfield Company, Inc.**, 200 Eager Street, East, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Burgert, Annette Kunselman and Henry Z. Jones, Jr. *Westerwald to America: Some 18th Century German Immigrants*. Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1989. x, 268 pp.; index; hard cover; Smyth-sewn; **acid-free paper**.

A publication of the Pennsylvania Chapter, Palatines to America, this book documents the German origins, in the Westerwald region of more than 265 individuals and/or families which emigrated to America in the mid-18th century. Their German ancestry and, in many cases, exactly where they settled in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland and the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia is included. Both Mr. Jones and Ms. Burgert are well-known authorities on German immigration and have written other books on the subject. We welcome this first collaboration. Order from **Picton Press**, P.O. Press 1111, Camden, ME 04843. Cost is \$29.50 plus \$2.50 shipping.

Genealogical Council of Maryland. *Inventory of Maryland Bible Records, Volume 1*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1989. index (surname only); xi, 131 pp.; softbound.

Out of one good idea - a state-wide genealogical council - another grows and grows: the Council already has 400 records for volume two. Although, as the introduction states, the possibility of error is high in a work of this nature, the opportunity to provide access to records which lie in over 60 repositories and publications still makes this a worthwhile project. Only family names are listed; however dates of publication, if available, the year of the earliest birth and marriage and any places of residence mentioned provide at least a partial screening for the searcher. We look forward to volume two and hope that this project will prove an impetus to other states to follow in Maryland's footsteps. Order from **Family Line Publications**, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$11.00 postpaid.

Peden, Henry C., Jr. *Inhabitants of Baltimore County 1763-1774*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1989. index; v, 173 pp.; softbound.

The intent of the author was to fill the gap between two other compiled lists for Baltimore County. He has used a variety of sources to do so including the extant tithable lists of the period, list of letters remaining in the Baltimore postoffice, petitions, list of creditors of Samuel Hyde, prisoners in the Baltimore County jail, and, of particular interest to German researchers, "A Petition of Some German Inhabitants of Baltimore 1767." With the publication of this book researchers now have available source lists for Baltimore County for the period from 1691-1783. Order from **Family Line Publications**, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$13.00 postpaid. (continued on page 46)

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Witmer Family Bible



This German Bible was printed in Philadelphia and is inscribed with the date 1865 on the title page. There were five poems placed within the pages, one of which was signed "Written by Elias Witmer in his 100th year." Another poem was written on an order blank from the Mennonite Publishing Company, Elkhart, Indiana, while a very large (10 1/2 by 24 inches) one appears to have been dedicated to "O. (or B.) W." It is dated December 30, 1885, presumably to accompany a wedding present from Elias Witmer, Suspension Bridge, Niagara, New York. ("From Fisher Bros., York, Pa." is written on the reverse near nine cents postage.)

The following inscriptions were written in pencil on the Family Register sheet of the Bible between the Old and New Testaments.

Peter E. Witmer was born in the 26th day of August 1838 in East Donegal Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Elizabeth M. Witmer was born the 26th day of September 1841 the Sine of Waterman in Rapho Township, Lancaster Co. St. Pa.

Children:

Noah S. Witmer was born the 6th day of April 1867 in Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., St. Pa.

Sarah S. Witmer was born the 26th day of November 1869 in Rapho Township, Lancaster Co., St. of Pa.

Anna S. Witmer was born in the 9th day of September 1871 in East Donegal Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Editor's Corner

May I recommend:

The National Genealogical Society's Spring Conference;

our very own Spring Conference;

for those who have Germanna ancestors: *Beyond Germanna* published by John Blankenbaker, P.O. Box 120, Chadds Ford, PA 19317.

for those who would like to know what it was like in the early 18th century: "Community and Material Culture among Lancaster Mennonites: Hans Hess from 1717 to 1733," *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* Vol. 13:1 (Jan. 1990);

and The Lancaster Mennonite Hist. Soc. Conference on March 24. Phone (717) 393-9745.

SEE YOU AT THE SPRING MEETING!

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Barnes, Robert T. *Guide to Research in Baltimore City and County*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1989. vii, 129 pp.; index; softcover.

While guides to single repositories are not unusual, guides to city or county research are rarely found. Consequently we welcome this addition. One expects to find lists of archive and library holdings, churches, histories and biographies; however, one also gets cemetery listings with a list of the sources consulted; descriptions of political sub-divisions including changes through the years; lists of unaccessioned original records at the Maryland State Archives and much much more. Checklists for research at the Maryland Historical Society and the Peabody Library are also provided. Whether you're a veteran and or a novice researcher if you plan to research Baltimore City or County, buy this book. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$16.50 postpaid.

Smith, Dawn Beitler. *Baltimore County Marriage Licenses 1777-1798*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1989. iv, 211 pp.; softbound.

Rather than the usual flip-flop with all marriage records listed by groom's name and then bride's name, or marriages listed by groom's name with an index to the brides, this book provides a single alphabetical list with each marriage listed twice - once under the groom's name and again under the bride's name. This method makes it very easy to check for all the marriages in a given family. If the minister's name was given in the original record, an asterisk is placed at the end of the entry. No minister's names are listed. The date of the marriage is given. In the preface the author notes the periods by month for which there are no records. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$13.50 postpaid.

Winterbottom, John J. *Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland, Caretaker Records*, 3 volumes. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1989. index; vii, 259 pp.; softbound.

Although Mt. Olivet Cemetery was founded in 1845, it contains removals from earlier cemeteries. The cemetery was established by the Methodist Episcopal Church. The author used the records from the lot books. Information includes the name of the lot owner, the name of the decedent and the date of death or burial. As the author recommends, this is the place to start, other records, i.e., obituaries, should be consulted; but he has provided us with a beginning. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$57.50 postpaid.

Bedford County 1779 Tax List and 1784 Census. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1989. Index; v, 92 pp.; softcover.

These lists were originally published in the *Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series* and are republished here in the same format. Information includes name of person chargeable with the tax, number of acres, horses, cattle and sheep taxed. Non-resident land owners are also listed. This is another in a continuing series of these tax lists and we look forward to more. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$8.50 postpaid.

Wright, F. Edward. *Newspaper Abstracts of Allegheny and Washington Counties 1811-1815*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1989. index; iii, 120 pp.; softbound.

This is the fourth volume in the series and as before there is a little bit of everything: from a poetic advertisement for an runaway wife to advertisements for apprentices, from land sales to marriages, it's all here in easily readable form. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$12.50 postpaid. (Continued on page 47)

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Wright, F. Edward. *Anne Arundel County Church Records of the 17th and 18th Centuries*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1989. xii, 282 pp.; indexed; softcover.

This transcription of original records currently housed at the Maryland State Archives includes the records of the parishes of St. Anne from 1687, All Hallows from 1669, St. James from 1659, St. Margaret from 1673 and Christ Church from 1711 and the West River and Cliffs Monthly Meetings from 1662. A brief description of the parishes and the actual records included is given in the forward. Those having ancestors in this area before 1800 would do well to consult this compilation. Order from **Family Line Publications**, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$20.00 postpaid.

Skinner, V.L., Jr. *Inventories of the Prerogative Court of Maryland 1760-1763*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1989. index; iii, 145 pp.; softbound.

Mr. Skinner continues this series which now covers the period from 1760 to 1777 with his sixth volume. According to Maryland law until 1777 all probate records had to be filed with the Prerogative Court. Inventories had to be performed if the estate had moveable goods. Included in the information are the name(s) of the appraiser(s), creditor(s), next of kin and executor/administrator. In addition, these abstracts include the amount of the inventory, the date taken and the date of approval. Mr. Skinner is providing a welcome addition to abstracted primary source records for Maryland. We look forward to his continuing efforts. Order from **Family Line Publications**, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$13.50 postpaid.

Redlich, Marcellus Donald Alexander R. von. *Pedigrees of Some of the Emperor Charlemagne's Descendants, Volume 1*. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Company, (1941) 1988. index; 320 pp.; Smyth-sewn; hardcover.

Langston, Aileen Lewers & J. Orton Buck, Jr. *Pedigrees of Some of the Emperor Charlemagne's Descendants, Volume II*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., (1974) 1988. index; cvi, 408 pp.; Smyth-sewn; hardcover.

Buck, J. Orton and Timothy Field Beard. *Pedigrees of Some of the Emperor Charlemagne's Descendants, Volume III*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., (1978) 1988. index; xxix, 360 pp.; Smyth-sewn; hardcover.

While many will look at these books hoping to find a link to one of their ancestors, may I suggest another reason to open the cover - the forwards. In them you will find suggestions for research and an attestation that genealogical research should be approached with the intent of being historically accurate. One would wish that as an adjunct of this belief the authors had "cited their sources." One can't help but compare these volumes to the recently published *Adventurers of Purse and Person* which provided full source citation. (But then these families only go back to Jamestown.) Although many of the families are obviously English, many are not and, of course, they all begin with Charlemagne, King of the Franks and Emperor of the West. Order from **Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.**, 1001 Calvert Street, North, Baltimore, MD 21202.

From Our Members

MAGS member, Gail Komar, is taking pre-sale orders for her new book *John Cusick, Harrison and Jefferson Counties, Ohio*. Cost is \$22.50 and delivery is scheduled for early March. John Cusick was born in Maryland; however, a possible brother and sister was born in Pennsylvania. Write Gail Komar, 9603 Bel Galde Street, Fairfax, VA 22031-1105.

MAGS member Caral Mechling is the editor of *Mechling/Mechlin/Macklin Newsletter*. For information write Caral Mechling Bennett, Editor, 3456 13th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia 22201-4942.

Der Kurier, the newsletter of the *Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society*, is published four times a year, in September, December, March, and June. Deadline date for copy is the first of August, November, February, and May. Send all copy to **Barbara V. Little**, P.O. Box 1273, Orange, VA 22960; (703) 832-3473. *Der Kurier* is indexed in the *PERiodical Source Index* published by the Allen County Public Library.

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