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MAGS Programs for 2001

In order to be successful, the family historian has to know many things, among them, where to find records and how to use them. MAGS members over the years have been fortunate to have many presentations that discussed a variety of record groups, both in this country and in Germany, that can be used to find information on German ancestors. In contrast, presentations that explore the "how to use them" side of the equation have been limited.

At MAG's Spring Meeting that will change. Morning presentations, to be given by Dr. Thomas W. Jones, President of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, will focus mostly on the "how to." Dr. Jones will explore a variety of means and methods that successful genealogists use to get around seemingly insurmountable obstacles. The families he will use as examples and the area of the country where they were researched are not the objects of these presentations. What attendees should focus on are the methods he used to reconstruct these ancestral families.

The afternoon will prove equally exciting as Dorothy-Boyd Rush and John Humphrey give a two-part presentation that will also move in a new direction. They will explore and contrast differences in the way records were kept during the colonial period in two colonies of interest to many MAGS members—Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Many genealogists researching German ancestors in Virginia and Pennsylvania assume tracking ancestors in these two colonies is the same. German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania or Virginia faced two very different legal systems, two different religious superstructures, and diverse economic environments. Areas of research to be contrasted include: immigration, servitude, land acquisition, church records, naturalization, and probate. The Spring Meeting will be held 28 April 2001 at Blob's Park. (See insert in this issue for details.)

The Fall Meeting will go in an entirely different direction. The meeting will be held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on October 27, 2001. It will be co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America. The location will be at the Holiday Inn, located near the National Visitors Center and the Gettysburg Battlefield. The subject of this meeting will be the Civil War.

John Humphrey, MAGS Program Director and 2nd Vice President



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MAGS reserves the right to edit submissions for length and style. Any material published becomes the property of MAGS. Deadline for submissions: the first of January, April, July and October. Submit to: John W Bieber, 25 Rolling Road, Claymont, DE 19703. E-mail: long.hair@att.net Phone: 302-798-7210.

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March 2001. *The German Americans* premieres on PBS! It will be an unprecedented celebration of German contributions to American culture. Four generations share stories, including actor Eric Braeden, Susan Eisenhower, corporate leaders, educators, scientists and other prominent members of the community. Check local listings or call your local PBS station for dates. (Source: *German Life*, Feb/Mar 2001.)

March 19, 2001. "Research a Revolutionary War Ancestor." Craig R. Scott, a professional genealogist and historical researcher will discuss pension files, compiled military service records, last and final payments, manuscript collections and other records. Carroll County Public Library, Dixon Room, 50 East Main Street, Westminster, MD, 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Carroll County Genealogical Society, Inc. Website: <<http://www.carr.org/ccgs/ccgs.html>>.

March 31, 2001. Fairfax Genealogical Society Spring Conference. Theme: Following the Tracks. Kathleen W. Hinckley, CGRS will present "Be Your Own Detective: Locate Lost Family & Friends" and "Are You Prepared for the 1930 Census?" at the Best Western Tysons Westpark Hotel, McLean, VA. Write to PO Box 2290, Merrifield, VA 22116-2290.

April 28, 2001. MAGS Annual Spring Meeting. Blob's Park, Jessup, MD. Theme: **Genealogical Research: Some New Perspectives.** Thomas W. Jones will speak on *Case Studies—Valuable Education Tools for Genealogists* and *Five Ways to "Prove" Who Your Ancestor Was*. Dorothy Boyd-Rush and John T. Humphrey will present a two-part lecture on *Early Germans – One Ethnic, Two Very Different Traditions: Virginia and Pennsylvania*. Fees: \$30 (Members); \$35 (Non-members), if registered by 13 April 2001. See insert in this issue for further information.

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May 16-19, 2001. National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States. Theme: Explore New Frontiers. Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland, Oregon. Write to 2001 NGS Conference, 4527 17th St. North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399, or FAX 703-525-0052. Web: <<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>>.

August 16-Sep 8, 2001. National Genealogical Society research trip to Northern Germany: Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen, Hannover, and more. Visit archives or sightsee: St. Michaelis Kirche in Hamburg; the port at Bremerhaven; Pergamon Museum, San Souci Palace, Brandenburg Gate, and Reichstag in Berlin. For details contact John Humphrey at 703-525-0050. Web: <www.ngsgenealogy.org>

September 12-15, 2001. Federation of Genealogical Societies. Annual Conference at the River Center/Adler Theatre in Davenport, IA. Theme: Great River Bend Genealogy. Contact FGS, PO Box 200940, Austin, Texas 78720-0940 or 1-888-FGS-1500. E-mail: FGS-office@fgs.org Web: <<http://www.fgs.org>>.

If you would like your event or program placed on der Kalender, please send the information to the MAGS Editor by the stated deadline (see inside front page).

MAGS Welcomes New Members

A maximum of four surnames being researched by each new member appears *in parentheses and italics* following the new member's name. Space does not permit more than four surnames or most spelling variations. MAGS encourages all members to submit their research names to the Surname Exchange Index and to have the Index searched to determine if others are also researching the same family

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(Beard, Fisher, Corbin)

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(Geissler)

Fee Increases at NARA

The US National Archives and Records Administration has announced new fees that went into effect in November 2000. Some of these new fees are not cheap. For example: 1) A copy of Passenger Arrival lists (NATF Form 81), \$17.25; 2) Federal Census requests (NATF Form 82), \$17.50; 3) Military service files more than 75 years old (NATF Form 86), \$17.00; 4) Complete pension file more than 75 years old (NATF Form 85), \$37.00. For further information, go to: <<http://www.nara.gov/nara/newfees.html>>.

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FRAKTUR FORUM

by Corinne Earnest

ROTHERMEL on Fraktur

Alan Wolfgang asked about the name ROTHERMEL on fraktur. In the March 25, 1996 issue of *Antique Week*, I published an article about ROTHERMELs on fraktur, a copy of which I sent to Alan. Since 1996, more examples have become known. One of these clears up the maiden name of Catharina BREYFOGEL, who was mentioned on one fraktur. In the *Antique Week* article, I wrote the following:

"Claude W. Unger put together a collection of fraktur which were listed in *Pennsylvania Folklife* (formerly *The Pennsylvania Dutchman*, see January through July 1951 issues). His list includes several taufscheins (birth and baptism certificates) that mention ROTHERMELs. One was made for Salomon BREYFOGEL, son of George and Catharina (FREYFELNEISE) BREYFOGEL. Salomon was born January 11, 1780 in Richmond Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was baptized by Reformed minister, Philip Jacob MICHAEL. Sponsors at his baptism were Peter and Magdalena ROTHERMEL. An added note says Salomon died in 1817 and was buried November 13, 1817."

A taufschein made for Salomon's older sister has since become known. It was made for Ester BREYVOGEL whose baptism was sponsored once again by Peter and Magdalena ROTHERMEL. Ester was born about two o'clock at night on August 21, 1775 in Richmond Township. She was baptized by Pastor MICHEL [sic], but no date was given. The mother's maiden name on this example is given as TREIBELBIS. Information from this example was published in 1934 in *An Early Eighteenth Century Reformed Church: A Contribution in Church and Family History* by Dr. Irwin Hoch DeLong.

Two taufscheins in a private collection were made for William HOCH, whose mother was a ROTHERMEL. One of these was recorded in English, the other in German. William HOCH's parents were Benneville and Susanna HOCH. Susanna's father was John ROTHERMEL. William was born in Richmond Township on May 10, 1865. He was baptized by J.S. HERMAN on December 12, 1865. His parents were sponsors. The only difference between the two certificates aside from language is that the pastor's name on the German example is given as Sassaman HERMAN.

A related example in a private collection was made for Beneville HOCH, Jr., who was born February 4, 1853 in Richmond Township. Beneville, Jr. was baptized by S. HERMAN on May 30, 1853. His parents were sponsors.

A taufschein in a private collection was made for Peter John ROTHERMEL, son of Peter and Carolina (HOCH) ROTHERMEL. Peter John was born on April 20, 1870 in Rockland Township, Berks County. He was baptized on August 7, 1870 by Aelfred [sic] HERMANN. Sponsors were Isaac BOBST and "Carolin HOCH, the mother of the child." A note on reverse of this example says Peter ROTHERMEL died of dysentery on Sunday, November 29, 1903 at General Soldiers' Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, California. His age was 33 years, 7 months, and 9 days. Peter was buried at National Soldiers' Cemetery in San Francisco.

Along with the copy of the article I sent to Alan, I also sent information from several other as yet unpublished fraktur that mention ROTHERMELs. If you have names you wish me to research on fraktur, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Corinne Earnest, P.O. Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316.

SUCHANZEIGEN

Please mention at least one time, one place, and one German surname with known variants. Limit each query to one family. Use no more than fifty (50) words, not counting your name and address. There is no charge for members of MAGS. Non-members please include \$1.00 (check payable to Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society) per query with your submission. 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 by 11 inch 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 Edythe H. Millar, Queries Editor, MAGS, 511 FOREST GLEN CIRCLE, MURFREESBORO, TN 37128. E-mail: ehoffmillar@netscape.net

SCHULTHEIS*

#19-1 Seek info on csns Phyllis Shirley SCHULTHEIS, b 1931 and Marilyn Lee SCHULTHEIS b 1934. F: William F. SCHULTHEIS, Jr. CPhM, USCG, d 31 Dec. 1944, Baltimore, MD. Mo: Florence (?) SCHULTHEIS. Lived 2003 Penrose Ave., Baltimore, MD ca 1944-45

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MOYERS* MEYER* MYER* MEIER* MOJER*

#19-2 Seek par & w Peter MOYERS, d Pendleton Co., VA/WV 1795. Poss from PA. Ch: Jacob; Lewis; George; Peter, Jr.; Philip; Charlotte; Mary.

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CAMP* VAN CAMP KEMP* RUBENKAM* REVERCOMB* ZIMMERMAN*

#19-3 Seek info Johannna, Jamine, Jemima m Jacob RUBENKAM, REVERCOMB, 1774 Shenandoah Co., VA. Remar John ZIMMERMAN, Culpeper, Co. VA 1805. Grace R. Smith 5520 18th Rd., No. Arlington, VA 22205-3001 E-mail: grace.r.smith@Juno.com

BUSS* EICHELBERGER*

#19-4 Seek par, poss siblings, death date, bur site of Reuben H. BUSS (b 1829, d ca 1890-1900). Liv and d in Northampton Co. PA, Lower Saucon area. Mar Catherine EICHELBERGER (b 1827, d 4 Nov. 1918). Ch: James; Peter; Milton H.; & Levi F.

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*Information on this family is available through the Surname Exchange Index.

LEININGER INFORMATION

by Dr Thomas H Leininger*

The September 1997 issue of *Der Kurier* included a Fraktur Forum about the GLUCK / GLICK family (*Der Kurier*, Vol 15, No 3, p 39). The closing paragraph noted that late frakturs (late 19th / early 20th century) often omitted the mother's maiden name. The baptismal fraktur of Bessie B LEININGER was cited as an example. Her fraktur documents that she is a daughter of William G and Agnes H LEININGER, born June 7, 1888 and baptized February 4, 1900 in Mohnsville, Pennsylvania by H J GLICK.

I knew most of these people and can furnish new information.

William G LEININGER was a hosiery manufacturer in Mohnsville – now (since 1907) incorporated as Mohnton. He and his siblings carried as their middle names their mother's

maiden name GRILL. Bessie and her sisters carried as their middle names their mother's maiden name BEHM. They were:

Bessie B, married Clayton REBER

Luella B, married John GRIMES

Stella B, married Luke LUTZ

Edna B, married Claude RUTH.

There were 5 other siblings who died in infancy.

The presiding pastor's name was Henry J GLICK. His wife Martha was a baptismal sponsor.

* Dr Thomas H Leininger, Waldeshohe, 268 Church Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540. Dr Leininger, a retired dentist, chanced upon a copy of the September 1997 *Der Kurier* at the Fall 2000 meeting of MAGS, and generously wrote to share his information on the Leininger family.

BUCHBESPRECHUNGEN

Palatine Origins of Some Pennsylvania Pioneers by Annette Kunselman Burgert

2000, AKB Publications, 691 Weavertown Rd., Myerstown, PA 17067-2642. 574 pages including 3 indexes and 30 pictures or maps. Cost: \$45 plus \$4 shipping/handling from the publisher.

In this book Annette Burgert, a member of MAGS, has expanded information contained in her earlier (out of print) Pennsylvania German Monograph Series on 18th C. emigrants from Hassloch, Böhl, Hochstadt, Mutterstadt, Friedelsheim, Gönnsheim, Lachen, Speyerdorf, and Freinsheim. The book contains additional information about some of the emigrants included in the earlier monographs as well as the addition of emigrants from the same towns who were not included in the original works. There is also information on emigrants from 27 small villages in this area of the Pfalz, which has never been published before.

As is usual in Ms. Burgert's books, she includes German as well as American records for each emigrant or emigrant family. The records usually include church records (German and American) as well as citations from probate records, emigration/immigration records, and other appropriate records. Each entry includes the name of the village listed in the records as well as the modern name and postal code for the town. In most cases the name of the ship the immigrant sailed on and its date of arrival are given. Each of her sources is meticulously cited, making it easy for a researcher to locate the original records or microfilms of them. There is an every-name index as well as a European place index and an index of ships.

Also included in this book is a 35-page appendix consisting primarily of a list of Palatine emigrants for whom there is documentation of their Swiss origin. This is presented in chart form showing the person's name, his parent's name (in most cases), the

village in which he lived in the *Pfalz* (Palatinate), the year the event containing the evidence of Swiss origin took place, the type of record, and the Swiss Canton and/or village the person or his family came from. With this information the researcher may be able to extend his research back for one or more generations in Switzerland.

Reviewed by Susannah E. Brooks

Monongalia County, (West) Virginia Records of the District, Superior, and County Courts, Vol 10: 1815-1819 compiled by Melba Pender Zinn

1999, Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Pl., Bowie, MD 20716; 1-800-398-7709. Item #Z364, softcover, 379 pages, indexed. \$33 plus \$4 shipping.

In 1778, Monongalia County, (West) Virginia, was formed from Augusta County, Virginia. Just two years earlier, Land Commissioners were appointed by the Virginia Assembly to settle land disputes. Prior to this, no deeds, grants, or surveys had been allowed in this region, because the "British King had forbidden all white settlers to enter the western wilderness." Thus, those who settled this area of what was then the western part of Augusta County, had settled illegally. Following the Revolution, Virginia offered 400 acres free to those settlers who arrived before 1773 and could prove they had built a home or raised crops. According to the author, Melba Pender Zinn, Monongalia County Court records were burned in 1796.

In this book, Zinn carefully examines thousands of envelopes of documents, each numbered for quick reference, and she gives the essence of the contents of each. These records begin in 1815 and continue for four years. Just checking through them gives a picture of the area through legal transactions concerning land, criminal acts, inheritance disputes, adoptions, debts, business

transactions, road improvements, lawsuits, business licenses, and more.

These records include wonderful glimpses into lives of the inhabitants during this time. For example, #260 (p. 242) says Ezekiel Burrows was a native of Delaware and was about 59 years old in 1818. During the Revolution, he enlisted for six months in the Flying Camp. Afterwards, he enlisted for two years as a Minute Man. He lost his discharge papers, but maintained he impaired his health during military service and was still in a "low state of health." Many German names appear in these records, so this book is worth checking for researchers who believe their ancestors may have settled in or passed through this area early in the 19th century.

Reviewed by Corinne Earnest

**The History of Mecklenburg County
[North Carolina] and the City of
Charlotte, from 1740 to 1903**

by D. A. Tompkins

1999, Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Facsimile of 1903 original published by Observer Printing House, Charlotte, NC. 2 volumes bound as one. 250 pp including index. Book #3T564. \$40 plus \$4 s/h.

Volume I has 192 pages of narrative text, a detailed table of contents, an index to illustrations, and a seven-page index. The arrangement of the second Volume is similar. It consists of 250 additional pages presented "like an appendix," containing ample discussions of important events, a collection of biographies, and many official documents: e.g., Andrew Jackson's Birthplace, Customs of the Pioneers, Eighteenth Century Money, History of Mining in Mecklenburg, black and white Illustrations including portraits of prominent historical figures. Copies of maps and documents, scenes depicting lifestyles

and activities typical of the times, and other contemporary items of interest, are interspersed throughout.

Tompkins takes a chronological approach to the early Piedmont North Carolina settlement. Beginning with the advent of exploration into the Americas with Columbus, he briefly chronicles European and North American historical milestones from that time. Thus, some background behind the early colonists' push into the Mecklenburg region, about 1740, is provided, setting the stage for a comprehensive picture of the growth and maturation of this part of the Southern United States. The early history of settlement in Mecklenburg, includes the beginnings of Charlotte; the Revolution and life at the close of the eighteenth century; aspects of daily life between 1800 and 1860, including a view of slavery concerned primarily with the economic impact on Southern life in general and on life in and around Charlotte particularly; the Civil War and Reconstruction, and the burgeoning progress fostered by Charlotte and Mecklenburg residents through the last 25 years of the nineteenth century.

The author details aspects of daily life, including governmental organization, religion, education, medicine, and commerce. He mentions the first wave of German immigration from the Palatinate who settled in New Bern (named for the Swiss town) between 1709 and 1710.

About 1740, "a stream of Scotch-Irish and German immigrants from Pennsylvania and the Valley of Virginia poured southward along the whole of the Piedmont section," in which they began the settlement of Charlotte.

Chapter V details the German link and formation of Mecklenburg County in 1762. Chapter VI explains how Charlotte was incorporated November 1768, to serve as the

county seat. The name "Mecklenberg" comes from the duchy of Mecklenberg-Strelitz in North Germany. The city of Charlotte is named for young Princess Charlotte, sent from there to marry King George III of England and become his queen in 1761.

Indian "troubles" and "that peculiar institution" of slavery are treated from a detached and impersonal point of view. He focuses on the economic effects of Indian attacks in the mid 18th century. Similarly, he emphasizes how, "that Southern dependence upon slave labor" forced an economic stranglehold upon the economy of Charlotte, surrounding Mecklenburg, and all the South.

Reviewed by J. Michael Shrader

**A History of Rowan County,
North Carolina**

by Rev. Jethro Rumble

1999 facsimile reprint of 1881 original. Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD (Book Number 3R856). Index, illustrated, 428 pages from the original. Softcover \$31 plus \$4 shipping and handling.

Rowan County was established in 1753 in the interior of North Carolina and was the parent of thirty counties in that state. Rowan County was home to many settlers who moved south from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia along the Great Wagon Road. Included among the Pennsylvania migrants was Squire Boone who was accompanied by his Daniel of Kentucky fame. Among the numerous German settlers were the Moravians who settled at Bethabara.

Rumble in his classic history identifies some early settlers in Salisbury, the early county seat. A separate chapter deals with the old families of Rowan; however, of interest to MAGS members the search of names reveals

most of the families named were of Scotch-Irish origin. Chapter 28 has information on Germans; that is, it gives some history on the Lutheran Church in Rowan County.

A search for references to the Moravians, early settlers on the Yadkin Creek in then Rowan County, discloses Rumble did not consult the wealth of original records located in the Moravian Archives at Winston Salem. As is typical of many county histories written at the end of the nineteenth century, source material and documentation are not included.

Despite its obvious shortcomings, *A History of Rowan County* is a good starting point for any genealogist with interest in western North Carolina families.

Reviewed by John T. Humphrey

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY
DEED ABSTRACTS: BOOK "1"**

by Richard S. Hutchinson

2000, Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Ph: 1-800-398-7709. Item #31434. Softcover, 141 pages, evername index. \$27.50 plus \$4 shipping.

Middlesex County was one of New Jersey's original counties. Most documents abstracted in Richard Hutchinson's Deed Abstracts, Book One, were recorded by the county clerk about 1790 to 1795. However, many of the documents date from 1720 into the first part of the 1800s. These documents are mostly concerned with land transactions, but divorce decrees, powers of attorney, creditors' agreements, releases of dower, and other types of records are included as well.

This books gives glimpses into how the American Revolution caused problems concerning land transactions. For example, a man named James Hude "suffered the loss of

a very Considerable part of his papers in the House where he resided in New Brunswick and afterwards a number more in New York...." These papers "were burnt plundered and destroyed by the British Troups...."

In another instance, a property in Princeton was sold several times until it ended up in the hands of one George Stainforth whose "offending Allegiance" caused the land to be confiscated and resold. Thus, at times, land ownership and boundaries became confused due to interruptions in normal business transactions and loss of property caused by the Revolution.

Quaker families and families having Dutch surnames, as well as English families are well represented in this book. German names appear less frequently. They include Schenck, Muller, Furman, Hageman, and more. If your ancestors settled in New Jersey between the Raritan and Delaware Rivers and from New York to Philadelphia, this book is worth checking. Hutchinson carefully abstracted names of wives, children, siblings, parents, previous and adjoining property owners, and witnesses. The book has an everynames index, making it easy to use.

Reviewed by Corinne Earnest

Monmouth County, New Jersey Deeds

by Richard S. Hutchinson

2000, Heritage Books, Inc. 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Book #31479, 156pp incl. Index. \$26.88 plus \$4 s/h.

The year 1683 is early in New Jersey history. One of the original counties, Monmouth, was formed in that year as early settlers, including many persecuted Quakers, migrated from Long Island, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and even Barbados.

The early deed books recorded at the County Courthouse in Freehold, the county seat, contain details of the formation of government as well as many types of records that include the entries for deeds identifying those early pioneers.

Mr. Hutchinson abstracted for this book the early shire or County Court documents of subdivision. There are four books, each with deeds of specific years: 'A' BOOK (1669-1680), 'B' BOOK (1685-1690), 'C' BOOK (1691-1696), and 'D' BOOK (1697-1714).

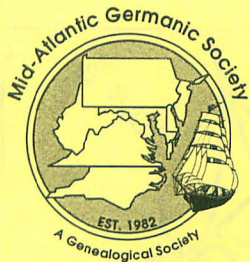
These books also contain details other than deeds, e.g., the first assembly minutes and orders, lists of the names of early settlers and the lot or lots they acquired. There are a few brief looks at the difficulties those early settlers faced, appointments, elections, court cases, juries, powers of attorney, business deals, marriages, arrests, etc.

There is an index for quick checking the surnames and pages listed where the facts are found.

Reviewed by Carl M. Shrader

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The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society

Annual Spring Meeting

28 April 2001 - - - - Blob's Park, Jessup, MD

Genealogical Research: Some New Perspectives

- 8:30 a.m. Registration -- Juice, pastries, coffee, tea
9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks
9:10 a.m. **Case Studies: Valuable Education Tools for Genealogists**
..... Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL
10:05 a.m. Recess
10:35 a.m. **Five Ways to "Prove" Who Your Ancestor Was** Thomas W. Jones
11:35 a.m. Business Meeting
12:00 Noon Buffet Luncheon
1:15 p.m. **Early Germans --- One Ethnic, Two Very Different Traditions: Virginia and Pennsylvania, Part 1** Dorothy Boyd-Rush, Ph. D.
and John T. Humphrey
2:15 p.m. Recess
2:45 p.m. **Early Germans --- One Ethnic, Two Very Different Traditions: Virginia and Pennsylvania, Part 2** Dorothy Boyd-Rush, Ph. D.
and John T. Humphrey
3:45 p.m. Awarding of Door Prizes
4:00 p.m. Adjournment

Speakers: Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, is president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists and Book Review Editor for the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Dorothy Boyd-Rush, Ph.D., is President of the Virginia Genealogical Society and Book Review Editor for the *Association of Professional Genealogists' Quarterly*. John T. Humphrey is Education Manager for the National Genealogical Society in Arlington, VA, Second VP of MAGS and the PA Chapter of Palatines to America.

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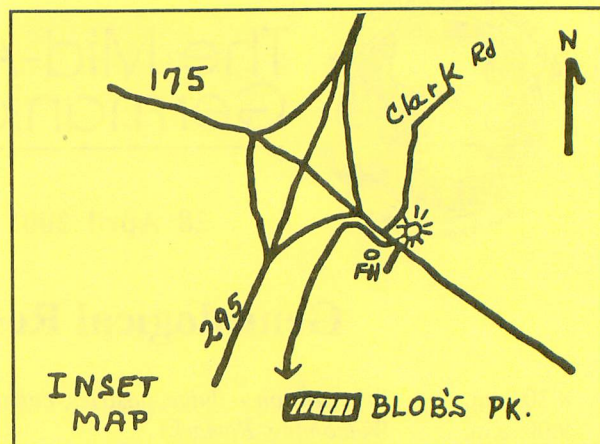
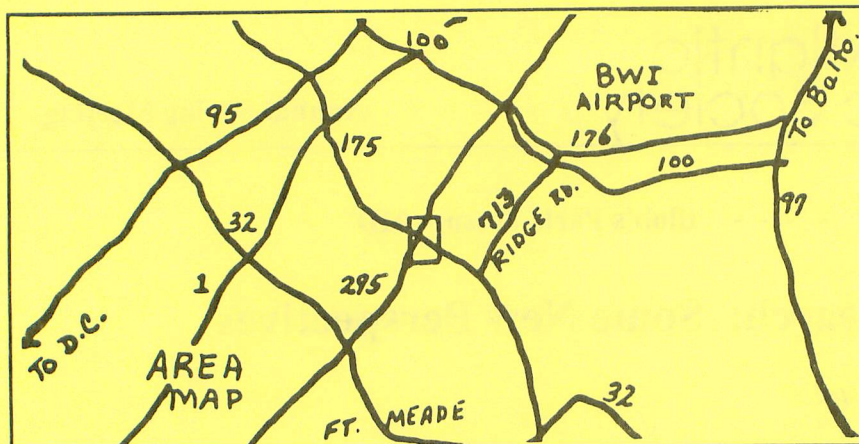
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Lodging: The Red Roof Inn is located at 8000 Washington Blvd.--3/10 mile from I-95--just south of MD 175 on Route 1 (Washington Blvd). The Inn is holding a block of rooms with two double beds until **March 28, 2001**. For reservations phone **1-800-THE-ROOF**, mention MAGS Group #B187000452. Rate is \$71.50 incl. tax. An alternative reservation choice: Best Western, 6755 Dorsey Rd (Rt 176), south of RT 100 & just east of Rt 1. Call 410-796-3300 for individual reservations.

Travel/Transportation: The Balto-Wash Airport is 5 miles away; Balto. Inner Harbor-15 miles; Annapolis-20 miles, and Ft. George G. Meade-7 miles; Washington, DC-30 miles. Visitor information can be obtained from The Maryland Office of Tourism Development located at 217 E. Redwood St. Baltimore, MD 21202 (410-767-3400); and the Annapolis & Anne Arundel Co. Conference and Visitors Bureau, 26 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401. Hrs: 7 days a week, 9 am-5 pm. Call 410-280-0445 to receive a 90+ page Visitors Guide or www.visit-annapolis.org. To schedule a tour, visit Three Century Tours, 48 Maryland Avenue, Annapolis, MD or ph: 410-263-6401.

Sites for Research: Research facilities include the Maryland State Archives, 350 Rowe Blvd., Annapolis, MD, (Hrs: Tu-F, 8:30 am-4:30pm, Sat, 8:30 am-12Noon and 1 pm-4:30 pm); the Maryland State Law Library, Court of Appeals Bldg.--across from the Archives (Hrs: Mon, Wed, Fr, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Tu & Th, 8:30 am-9:00 pm, Sat, 9:00 am-4:00 pm).

Other Sites of Interest: (1) National Cryptologic Museum, Ft. George G. Meade, MD (1-301-688-5849), Hrs: Weekdays (exc. Holidays), 9 am-3 pm; Sat, 10 am-1 pm. Other hours by appointment. (2) Historic Savage Mill, 8600 Foundry St, Box 2022, Savage, MD (1-800-788-MILL) contains many small shops, incl. antique stores, clock shops, French bakery, local brewery. (3) Ft. George G. Meade Museum, Bldg. 4674 Griffin Ave. Hrs: Wed-Sat 11-4, Sun 1-4. Info: 301-677-6966. Newly remodeled with new exhibits since 1999. (4) Arundel Mills Mall, opened Nov 2000. Located on SW corner of RT 100 and Ridge Rd. North section of Ridge Rd is now Arundel Mills Blvd. Take exits 10 or 10A off of RT 100 on to Arundel Mills Blvd. (5) National Wildlife Visitor Center, Patuxent Research Refuge, located off Powder Mill Rd, 2 miles east of the B-W Parkway, just south of Laurel, MD. Hrs: 10-5:30 everyday. This is the largest science & environmental education center in the Dept. of the Interior.

Highlights of the Sessions:

Case Studies: Valuable Education Tools for Genealogists -- Are you seeking more learn-at-home opportunities to increase your skills in genealogy? Are you ready to share some family information? Case studies are a marvelous tool--for learning, for teaching, and for publishing.

Five Ways to "Prove" Who Your Ancestor Was -- Case studies will be used to illustrate five ways--some reliable and others not reliable--in which genealogists "prove" an ancestor's identity: using information provided by other genealogists; using information from a single source; following a chain of evidence to find a reliable source; citing evidence from multiple sources; and weighing conflicting evidence.

Early Germans--One Ethnic, Two Very Different Traditions: Virginia and Pennsylvania, Parts 1 & 2 -- Researchers assume that tracking Germans is the same everywhere. It's not so! While Germans living in the colonies of Pennsylvania and Virginia can be characterized as one ethnic group, possessed of a similar language and culture, they faced two different legal systems, two very different religious "superstructures" and diverse economic environments. What impact did the differences of the 18th century have on the success or failure of research in the 21st century?

SCHNEIDER FAMILY AHNENTAFEL

Submitted by Colonel William Schneider (Ret.), 20484 Langley Dr., Sterling, VA 20165

I

1 Colonel William Powers SCHNEIDER USA (Ret), b 5 Jun 1925, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii; m 1 May 1968, Patricia HERVEY, Pasadena CA. Occup: Entrepreneur. Educ: USMA 1946; Caltech MSCE 1950. Rel: Roman Catholic.

11 Laura Lavinia KNAPP, b abt 1848, VT; bur abt 1870.

12 Mathias MILLER, b 1 Sep 1819, KY; m 12 Feb 1852, Rebecca Ann OWSLEY/OUSLEY, Pike Co IL; d 22 Aug 1874.

13 Rebecca Ann OWSLEY/OUSLEY, b 15 Mar 1836, PA; d 2 Sep 1890.

II

2 Captain Adolph Piening SCHNEIDER USN (Ret.), b 26 Aug 1895, Two Rivers WI; m Iris Auré; divorced; d 2 Apr 1982, Carmel CA; bur 5 Apr 1982, ashes at sea off Monterey Peninsula. Occup: Naval Aviator. Educ: USNA 1917. Rel: Christian Scientist.

3 Iris Auré, b 18 Feb 1898, Honcut, Shasta Co CA; d abt 1975, Pomona, Los Angeles Co CA.

V

14 Thomas C. WOODS, b 1840, KY; m Lucia POWERS.

15 Lucia POWERS.

16 Jacob SCHNEIDER, m Anna Marie SIMMONS.

17 Anna Marie SIMMONS.

III

4 William Washington SCHNEIDER, b 9 Jan 1865, Sheboygan, Sheboygan Co WI; m 1885, Minnie Laura PIENING, Sheboygan (?); bur Rosedale Cem, Washington St, Los Angeles CA.

5 Minnie Laura PIENING, b 14 Nov 1869, Manitowoc, Manitowoc Co WI; bur Rosedale Cem, Washington St, Los Angeles CA.

6 Edgar Eugene MULLER, b 29 Aug 1870, San Francisco; m Eulalie Powers WOODS; d 27 Dec 1942, San Francisco; bur 30 Dec 1942. Occup: Principal, Lakewood School 1923, Superintendent of Schools, Alameda Co 1938-42. Educ: High School; Honorary Degrees; Graduate Work at UC Berkeley.

7 Eulalie Powers WOODS, b 7 Sep 1874, IL; d 7 Oct 1954, San Diego CA; bur 9 Oct 1954, San Diego. Occup: Housewife. Educ: College. Rel: Christian.

20 Maas PIENING, b 12 Feb 1793, Vormstegen (a suburb of Elmshorn?), Germany; m Maria Elsabe THIES; d 2 May 1848; bur 7 May 1848, Elmshorn, Germany.

21 Maria Elsabe THIES, b 20 Aug 1794, Kaltenkirchen; d 25 Sep 1881, Elmshorn, Germany; bur 29 Sep 1881, Elmshorn, Germany. Occup: Widow, housewife. Rel: Lutheran.

26 John Ransome OWSLEY, m Mildred SCHAEFFER.

27 Mildred SCHAEFFER.

IV

8 Adam SCHNEIDER, m Jan 1841, Anna Maria KOPP.

9 Anna Maria KOPP.

10 Adolph Christian Heinrich Wilhelm PIENING, b 23 Dec 1834, Elmshorn, Germany; m Laura Lavinia KNAPP; d abt 1900, Manitowoc, Two Rivers, WI. Occup: Multi-talented.

VI

40 Johann PIENING, b 18 Jan 1749, Rha (Raa?); m 8 Nov 1789, Magdalena HELL, Elmshorn, Germany; d 23 Apr 1825. Occup: Schoolmaster. Rel: Lutheran.

41 Magdalena HELL, b 5 Jun 1764, Lieth on the Sandwege; d 10 Mar 1825, Raa; bur 15 Mar 1825, Elmshorn, Germany.

42 Jochim THIES, m Anna Maria PAETZEL.

43 Anna Maria PAETZEL.

VII

80 Juergen PIENING, b Elmshorn, Germany; m 19 May 1746, Margaretha OLDE, Elmshorn, Germany; d 1 Jul 1785, Elmshorn, Germany; bur Elmshorn, Germany.

81 Margaretha OLDE, b 1720; d 1 Mar 1790, Raa; bur 7 Mar 1790, Elmshorn, Germany.

82 Maas HELL, b Feb 1709, Kurzenmoor/Kurzen Mohr; m 13 Jan 1739, Margaretha KOOPMANN, Elmshorn, Germany; d 16 May 1801, Lieth Sandwege; bur 21 May 1801, Elmshorn, Germany.

83 Margaretha KOOPMANN, b 10 Mar 1722, Lieth; d 15 Oct 1766, Elmshorn, Germany; bur 19 Oct 1766, Elmshorn, Germany.

VIII

160 Johann PIENING, b 1675; m Metta Catharina MUENSTER, d 13 Apr 1746, Elmshorn, Germany; bur 19 Apr 1746, Elmshorn, Germany.

161 Metta Catharina MEUNSTER, b 1761, Stahlbuch; d 12 Mar 1825, Langeloh; bur 18 Mar 1825, Elmshorn, Germany.

162 Marten OLDE, b 5 Apr 1685; m Margarethe ENGELBRECHT; d 21 Nov 1764, Elmshorn, Germany; bur 27 Nov 1764, Elmshorn, Germany.

163 Margarethe ENGELBRECHT, b 1689; d 1735.

164 Harm HELL, b 1676, Kurzenmoor; m 22 Oct 1705, Rebecca TIMM, Seester; d 28 Feb 1718, Kurzenmoor.

165 Rebecca TIMM, d 13 May 1759.

166 Clauss KOPMAN, m Magdalena ---.

167 Magdalena ---.

IX

322 Mars MUENSTER, m Catharina MAAS.

323 Catharina MAAS.

324 Gerd OLDE.

328 Maass HELL der Grosse, b 1646, Kurzenmoor; m 1680, Margarethe ---, Seester; d 27 May 1706, Kurzenmoor.

329 Margarethe ---, b 1661; d 14 Jul 1744; Kurzenmoor.

330 Juergen TIMM.

X

656 Harm HELL, b 1611, Kurzenmoor; d 1675, Kurzenmoor.

XI

1312 Johann HELL, m Margarethe ---.

1313 Margarethe ---.

Online Genealogy Lessons

Rootsweb has free online genealogy lessons written and compiled by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG, Rhonda McClure, and Julia M. Case (available both in HTML and PDF), with links to relevant online resources at Rootsweb and elsewhere on the Internet. Example: Lesson 26, GERMANIC ANCESTORS (also Austrian, Dutch, Belgian, Liechtensteiner, Luxembourger, and Swiss). Index to lessons: <<http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/guideslist.html>>. (*Baltimore County Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Summer 2000.)

Althornbach Records

Sometimes a book is found that includes information about a town in Germany. John Georg Blum compiled *Familienbuch Gemeinde Althornbach, 1800-1875* from microfilms of church records. He deciphered the old German script used in the birth, marriage, confirmation and death records from Althornbach in Kreis Pirmasens, Palatinate (*Pfalz*). This was a true labor of love. For availability contact John Blum, N9585 Sweetheart City Rd., Wausaukee, WI 54177. (*German Interest Group Newsletter*, August 2000.)

LIBRARY NEWS: RECENT ACCESSIONS

Carl M. Shrader, Library Administrator

From time to time we have mentioned in this column that the Library accepts donations. We have been very fortunate that members have accepted the idea and those who use the Library have benefited. More than 50% of the Library materials have been free gifts from MAGS members, authors, publishers and book sellers, etc.

Now we want to embrace a new thought suggested by an active board member, Marilynne Ocando. Her idea is, we set up a WISH LIST of items needed to fill gaps in the MAGS library collection. Here are the first two books needed to complete a set.

Library Wish List

1-"Monocacy and Catoctin", *Some Early Settlers of Frederick and Carroll Counties, MD and Adams County, PA., also Descendants c 1725-1985*" Vol. I, C.E. Schildknecht, Editor, © 1985. Beidel Printing House, Inc., Shippenburg, PA 17257.

2 -"Monocacy and Catoctin", *Some Settlers of Western Maryland and Adjacent Pennsylvania and Their Descendants 1725-1988*" Vol. II, C.E. Schildknecht, Editor. © 1989 and published by Family Line Publications, Westminster, MD, 21157.

Thanks Marilynne!!

The March 2001 Book List will contain the following New Acquisitions since last *Der Kurier*, now available for loans to all MAGS members registered in the Library.

Accession #1387: Purchase. Catalog #F184.B181, Vol. I-II, 1997. Compiler/Editor: Jane Baldwin

THE MARYLAND CALENDAR OF WILLS, *Wills from 1635 (Earliest Prodated) to 1685 and from 1685 to 1702*, Volume I, (original pub.1904), 219 + index lxiv pgs. Vol. II, (orig. pub.1906), 252 + index lxxv pgs. reprinted in one volume. Clearfield, Baltimore, 1997, 5½" x 8½", soft bound.

#1388: Purchase. Catalog #F184.B181, Vol. III-IV, 1997, Compiler/Editor: Jane Baldwin

THE MARYLAND CALENDAR OF WILLS, *Wills from 1703 to 1713 and from 1713 to 1720* Volume III, (orig. pub.1907), 258 + index lxxiii pgs. Vol. IV, (orig. pub.1914), 240 + index lxvi pgs. reprinted in one volume. Clearfield, Baltimore, 1997, 5½" x 8½", soft bound.

#1389: Purchase. Catalog #F184.B181, Vol. V-VI, 1997. Compiler/Editor: Jane Baldwin

THE MARYLAND CALENDAR OF WILLS, *Wills from 1720 to 1726 and from 1726 to 1732* Volume V, (orig. pub.1917), 240 + index lxx pgs. Vol. VI, (orig. pub.1920), 254 + index lxxviii pgs. reprinted in one volume. Clearfield, Baltimore, 1997, 5½" x 8½", soft bound.

#1390: Purchase. Catalog #F184.B181, Vol. VII-VIII, 1997. Compiler/Editor: Jane Baldwin

THE MARYLAND CALENDAR OF WILLS, *Wills from 1732 to 1738 and from 1738 to 1743* Volume VII, (orig. pub.1925), 263 + index lxx pgs. Vol. VIII, (orig. pub.1928), 282 + index lxxxvi pgs. reprinted in one volume. Clearfield, Baltimore, 1997, 5½" x 8½", soft bound.

#1391: Purchase. Catalog #F142.B7S857 Vol. I, 1998. By John E. Stillwell.

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL MISCELLANY. Data Relating to the Settlement and Settlers of New York and New Jersey, Volume I, Reprinted by Clearfield, Baltimore, MD. 5½" x 8½", soft bound, 483p.

#1392: Purchase. Catalog #F142.B7S857 Vol. II, 1998. By John E. Stillwell.

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL MISCELLANY. Data Relating to the Settlement and Settlers of New York and New Jersey, Volume II, Reprinted by Clearfield, Baltimore, MD. 5½" x 8½", soft bound, 503p.

#1393: Purchase. Catalog #F142.B7S857, Vol. III, 1998. By John E. Stillwell

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL MISCELLANY. Data Relating to the Settlement and Settlers of New York and New Jersey, Volume III, Reprinted by Clearfield, Baltimore, MD. 5½" x 8½", soft bound, 546p.

#1394: Purchase. Catalog #F142.B7S857, Vol. IV, 1998. By John E. Stillwell.

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL MISCELLANY. Data Relating to the Settlement and Settlers of New York and New Jersey, Volume IV, Reprinted by Clearfield, Baltimore, MD. 5½" x 8½", soft bound, 440p.

#1395: Purchase. Catalog #F142.B7S857, Vol. V, 1998. By John E. Stillwell

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL MISCELLANY. Data Relating to the Settlement and Settlers of New York and New Jersey, Volume V, Reprinted by Clearfield, Baltimore, MD. 5½" x 8½", soft bound, 575p.

#1396: Donated: Heritage Books. Cat. #F242O3C885, 1987.

OHIO COUNTY (WV) INDEX Volume 1 8½ x 11 soft bound, 224 + index LXIXp.

Accession #1397: Donor: Heritage Books. Catalog #E184.G3.H183, 1993.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC AND BEYOND 5½ x 8½, soft bound, 324p.

#1398: Donor: Mary Ellen Wilmoth Catalog #CS71.K89

CRÖBMANN'S IN PFUNGSTADT (1552-1750), THE PATH OF THE CRESSMANS FROM LORSCH, GERMANY TO SPRINGFIELD THROUGH TRAPPE and Assorted other *Crossmann Family Genealogy* with 8½" x 14" and 11" x 17" charts of 12 Generations of Crossmans by John Kressman.

#1399: Donor: Robert and Maryllyn Reisinger Catalog #CS71.R34.

REGISTER of the REFORMED CONGREGATION of the SHILOH CHURCH of Shiloh, West Manchester Twp., York Co., Penna (1917 - 1949), 8½" x 11" paper, 34p.

#1400: Donor: Robert and Maryllyn Reisinger Catalog #CS71.R34

REGISTER of the SHILOH CONGREGATION of the REFORMED CHURCH of Near Weiglestown, York Co., Penna (1883 - 1919), 8½" x 11" paper, 42p.

#1401: Donor: Leon Walters. Catalog #GT470.Y63, 2000, by Don Yoder.

HEX SIGNS, *Pennsylvania Dutch Barn Symbols & Their Meaning*. Also by Thomas E. Graves. Stackpole Books,

Mechanicsburg, PA. 8½" x 11" soft bound, 86p.

#1402: Donor: Leon Walters, Catalog #F146.G3.J62.

DER REGGEBÖGE, THE RAINBOW, Twice Annually publication of the Pennsylvania German Society. Kutztown, PA. Vol 33, #1-2, 1999; Vol. 34, #1, 2000.

Catalog#F146.G3.P412, ES ELBEDRITSCH, A Small Newspaper in a Light Vein--"with fun", 2000 Meeting, Special Issue. The Pennsylvania German Society, Kutztown, PA.

#F146.G3M67, THE MIRROR, vol. xxxii #2, 2000. Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, PA.

#1403: Donor: Leon Walters, Cat#F146.G3.P412. 2000, Editor: Bill Donner.

PENNSILFAANISCH DEITSCH BARICHTA. Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Culture Society, Kutztown, PA Newsletter. Spring, Summer, Fall 2000. Also HERITAGE CENTER NEWS, #20, Summer '00 for friends of the Society.

#1404: Donor: Mrs. R.E. Bardsley, Cat#F158.61.M585, 2000. By Claire Messimer

KNOWN by the WORK of HIS HANDS, "*Joseph Brownmiller never dreamed the (tomb) stones he created would become a signpost for a culture future generations would study for clues as to how lives were lived.*" Volume XXXII, The Pennsylvania German Society, Kutztown, PA. 2000, 8½" x 11", hardbound, 231p.

#1405: Donor: Mrs. R.E. Bardsley, Cat#CS68.M938, 1997. By Dennis K. Moyer.

FRAKTUR WRITINGS AND FOLK ART DRAWINGS Of the Schwenkfelder Library Collection. Volume XXXI, The Pennsylvania German Society, Kutztown, PA. 1997, 8½" x 11", hardbound, 301p.

#1406: Donor: Marilynne Ocano, (Compact Disc Digital Data #CDR 41)

Family Tree Maker's Family Archive VIEWER, Version 6.01. System Requirements: A CD-ROM drive needed w/ Windows 95 or 98, a 486 or higher IBM PC or compatible, 8 MB of RAM, VGA, display running at least 256 colors, and 20 MB free hard disk space. Broderbund®.

#1407: Donor: Marilynne Ocano, (Compact Disc Digital Data #CDR 42)

Family Tree Maker's Family Archives, PENNSYLVANIA VITAL RECORDS, 1700 - 1800s from Genealogical Publishing Co., Family Archive CD 172. "This CD contains images of virtually every article on births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths that ever appeared in . . . Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography and The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine." (System Requirements: A CD-ROM drive needed and you must have version 3.02 or higher of Family Tree Maker for Windows - or - version 3.02 or higher of the Family Tree Maker Viewer from Broderbund®).

Railroad Retirement Records

In addition to giving excellent advice on researching railroad retirement and pension records, this site offers suggestions on research before 1937 and references other sites where valuable data may be obtained for specific railroad lines. Website: <<http://www.rrb.gov/geneal.html>>.

Saving Graves

A group calling themselves "Saving Graves" has posted online a petition calling on the U.S. Congress to pass a National Cemetery Protection Act. Their Website is <<http://www.savinggraves.com>>. (Extracted from *Immigrant Genealogical Society*, September 2000.)

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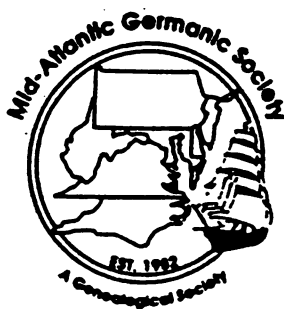
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