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Spring 2003 — A Busy Time for MAGS !

The calendar has been flipped to January and our thoughts turn towards spring. Included with this issue of *Der Kurier* is the registration brochure for the spring meeting. It will be held on 26 April at Blob's Park.

Marianne S. Wokeck, Associate Professor of History at Indiana University, will be giving three presentations on topics of interest to many family historians whose German ancestors came to the Mid-Atlantic region during the 1700s. Many Germans when they arrived in Philadelphia, New York, or Baltimore were sold into servitude, but information on servitude is very difficult to find. Professor Wokeck in her first presentation will provide attendees with some interesting insights into this rather difficult topic.

MAGS member and former President Cathryn S. Dippo will give the second presentation. Accompanying the Germans who immigrated to this region in the eighteenth-century were many Huguenots—folks who may have left France and settled in Germany for one or two generations before they relocated here. This may be the first time anyone has spoken at a MAGS meeting on this rather important group of eighteenth-century immigrants.

In compiling information for her book *Trade in Strangers*, Dr. Wokeck developed very interesting material that appears in the appendix. In the two presentations Marianne is giving during the afternoon she will explore some of that data—information that may prove useful in gaining additional insights into the lives of our eighteenth-century German ancestors.

The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society will be a participating society at this year's NGS Annual Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The program has received a lot of favorable comment and the early indicators suggest the NGS 100th Anniversary conference will be well attended.

Trudy Schenk, the speaker at the fall 2000 MAGS meeting, will be the featured lecturer at the two MAGS events in Pittsburgh. On Friday, May 30, MAGS will sponsor a lunch. The title of Trudy's presentation is "Humorous Anecdotes Found in Old German Records and my Experiences While Doing Research Abroad." Trudy will be giving two presentations on Saturday May 31. The afternoon lecture titled "Research in Germany With Emphasis on Primary Records" is a MAGS sponsored event.

MAGS will also have a booth in the exhibit hall. If you are planning on attending the NGS Conference in Pittsburgh, please offer to help with the booth.

John T. Humphrey, President



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April 6-13. Salt Lake City Genealogy Trip. Organized by Indiana Chapter member Sharon Kennedy, approved by Palatines to America board of directors. Details: Sharon Kennedy, 367 Nottingham Court, Indianapolis, IN 46234, e-mail: SKenn63523@aol.com

April 26. MAGS Spring Meeting. Blob's Park, Maryland. Theme: **Servitude, Church Records and Bureaucrats!** For details and registration materials, see insert in this issue of *Der Kurier*.

April 24-27. Society for German-American Studies 27th Annual Symposium. Baltimore, Maryland. Open to non-members. For more information contact German Society of Maryland, P.O. Box 22585, Baltimore, MD 21203-4585. Phone 410-685-0450.

May 13-19. CHAPMAN Family Association Meeting. Richmond, Virginia. Additional information: CFA, 770 South Post Oak Lane, #435, Houston, TX 77056-1913. E-mail: cfa@chapmanfamilies.org

May 22-25. United German Hungarian Gau-fest. Philadelphia, PA. Further information: Gaufast 2003, 4666 Bristol Road, Oakford, PA 19053. Web: <www.ughclub.com> E-mail: www.gauverband.org

May 28-31. NGS Conference in the States. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. David L. Additional information: NGS Conference, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

June 19, 20, 21. Palatines to America National Conference. Columbus, Ohio. Details: Palam National Headquarters, 611

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July 12. German Interest Group Workshop. University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Campus. Featured speaker is Marion Wolfert of Salt Lake City. For details contact German Interest Group-Wisconsin, P.O. Box 2185, Janesville, WI 53547-2185.

July 2003. Trip to Germany, focused on Leipzig area. Sponsored by German America Heritage Center. For details contact Bruce Bufe at 563-793-5900 (work) or 563-332-1820 (home). E-mail: Bruce.Bufe@risd41.org

August 17. HOCH / HIGH Family Reunion. Oley, Pennsylvania. Descendants of Rudolph and Melchior Hoch will meet near the farm where Rudolph settled in 1728. Details: Ralph P. Lorah, 610-987-3541.

October 18. MAGS Fall Meeting. Wilmington, Delaware. Details will appear in future issues of *Der Kurier* and on MAGS's Website: <www.rootsweb.com/~usmags/>

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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(Alleg, Raab, Fuhrer, Solch)

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(Zenk, Steigerwald)

Jefferson County, Ohio Cemeteries and Bible Records

Gail Komar, past Treasurer of MAGS, now lives in Jefferson County, Ohio and is co-chairing a project for the Jefferson County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

In connection with Ohio's Bicentennial, the Jefferson County Chapter has an ongoing project to identify, abstract, restore, and preserve all cemeteries in the county. Readers of *Der Kurier* can help. If your ancestors came through Jefferson County, they seek Bible records of early settlers who died and were buried in Jefferson County, the burial location if known, and any information on family or private cemeteries that may now have disappeared. Jefferson County has seen much coal strip mining since the 1920's especially on farmland causing loss of some family cemeteries. If you can help, please contact:

- Flora VerStraten, 404 Ross Twp. 259, Richmond, OH 43944, E-mail: verstratten@prodigy.net, or
- Gail Komar, 123 East Rd., Toronto, OH 43964, E-mail: gkomar@eohio.net.

FRAKTUR FORUM

by Corinne Earnest

GUNDER ON FRAKTUR

Clifford Ginter asked about the name Günter/Gunther/Ginder/Kinter on fraktur. I found only a handful of fraktur having that name, and they were made for families scattered from Pennsylvania to Ohio and Virginia. Clifford Ginter is particularly interested in this name in York County, Pennsylvania. Although not fraktur, Lewis Miller (1796-1882), a folk artist from York sketched scenes of everyday life in York when he was a young man. The York County Heritage Trust published his drawings in 1966 in a book called *Lewis Miller: Sketches and Chronicles*. On page 36 of that book, Miller pictured a number of men sliding on ice. The drawing was dated 1823. Among the men sliding on ice was John GENTHER. The picture is too small to make out details about John GENTHER, but if Miller labeled the figures accurately, GENTHER appears to have had a hunched back. Researchers having ancestors in York during the mid-nineteenth century should be aware of Lewis Miller drawings, for he presented rare opportunities to see caricatures of their ancestors. Technically, Miller's drawings are not fraktur, although Miller did make taufscheins (birth and baptism certificates), which are the most common type of fraktur. For readers interested in nineteenth century history of York County, Lewis Miller's drawings present a charming vignette of day-to-day life. The book of Miller drawings is available in the York County Heritage Trust museum shop at 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403.

Regarding taufscheins, an example was made for Johannes SCHMELZER, son of Conrad and Margaretha (KINTER) SCHMELZER. Johannes was born August 21, 1799 at about eleven o'clock at night. He was baptized October [?] 6 by Pastor BASS [probably BOOS]. Johannes KINTER and Maria BECK were sponsors. Although Johannes was born in Oley Township, Berks County, his baptism was recorded on a form that was printed in Hanover, York County. Thus, the family may have moved to York County when they had this certificate filled out.

In the July 1999 issue of *Wythe County Historical Review*, MAGS's historian, Beverly Repass Hoch, wrote an article called "Fraktur: Birth and Baptismal Records of the Early Germans." A taufschein listed by Hoch mentions the name, GÜNTHER. The taufschein was made for Margaretha ETTER, daughter of Peter and Elisabeth (DAÜTISS) ETTER. Margaretha was born July 18, 1780, probably in Wythe County, Virginia. No information concerning her baptism is given other than to say the sponsors were Peter and Margaretha GÜNTHER.

A fraktur in a private collection was made for David SCHWEIHART, son of Friedrich and Salome (KINDER) SCHWEIHART. David was born in Dover Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio on November 18, 1812. David was baptized by Johannes REINHART (no date given), and his parents were sponsors.

As customary, I am forwarding Clifford Ginter additional references to fraktur having his surname. If you have names you wish me to research on fraktur, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Corinne Earnest, MAGS Publications Chair, P.O. Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316.

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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

SHULTZ* SCHULTZ* KLEIN* KLINE*

#21-1 Seek bpl/date and par/sib Margaretha / Eva Margarethe SHULTZ / SCHULTZ m Stephanus / Stephen KLEIN / KLINE 27 Jun 1790 in Frederick, MD; d 30 Nov 1833 age 64 in Frederick, MD. Ch: Anna Maria, Elisabeth, Heinrich, Johannes, Susanna, Daniel, Stephen J, Catharina, Rebecca, Sophia.

Mary A. Kline, 103 Golden St. Norwich, CT 06360. E-mail: maryakline@aol.com

KLEIN* KLINE* CLINE* SHULTZ*

#21-2 Seek bpl/date, par/sib and occupation of Stephen/Stephanus KLEIN / KLINE / CLINE bap 6 Nov 1764 York Co. PA. m Marg. SHULTZ 27 Jun 1790 in Frederick, MD; d 11 Apr. 1830 in Frederick, MD. CH: Anna Maria, Elisabeth, Heinrich, Johannes, Susanna, Daniel, Stephen J., Catharina, Rebecca, Sophia.

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HESS* BERGMANN*

21-3 Seek par/fam of Catharine HESS, b ca 1760-1761 'of Tulpechocken'. Berks Co. PA, m Johannes BERGMANN, a Brunswicker soldier in 1785. Catharine's par poss a Johannes and Eliza Barbara HESS.

Janine Goldsmith, 6511 Commonwealth Court, Manassas, VA 20112-3429. E-mail: ggoldsmi@erols.com

GOLDSCHMIED* GOLDSMITH* BRUNST COULSTON HILTWINE RICKLEY

21-4 Seek fam/desc of Frederick (Friederich) and Josephine GOLDSCHMIED/GOLDSMITH, settled Montgomery Co. PA 1828. Ch: Wilhelmina (m John BRUNST); Christian (m LeaAnn ?); Susan (m Thomas COULSTON); Augustus; Maria (m Frederick HILTWINE); Elizabeth (m Jacob RICKLEY).

Janine Goldsmith, 6511 Commonwealth Court, Manassas, VA 20112-3429. E-mail: ggoldsmi@erols.com

**This surname, and variant spellings, is found in the MAGS Surname Exchange Index together with the researcher(s) reporting interest in the surname.*

MAGS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you plan to attend the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference in Pittsburgh May 28-31, 2003? If so, MAGS needs your help. If you would be willing to spend a few hours assisting at the MAGS booth in the exhibit hall, please let us know. MAGS members are needed to explain MAGS services, accept new membership applications, and sell various books and other MAGS items. If you can help, please contact Judith Dohner, MAGS sales manager, (6130 Sebring Dr., Columbia MD 21044) or Susannah Brooks, membership chairman, (sebrooks2@earthlink.net) or just stop by the MAGS booth at the conference.

John and Mary CULLERS of Shenandoah County, Virginia

Patricia A. Fogle

John Cullers was the second known son of Jacob and Mary Magdalene Köller. He was born in 1747, but it is not known whether he was born in Germany or Maryland, as I have not found proof of his parents immigration.

His son, Daniel, in the 1830 census, stated that both of his parents were born in Maryland. According to Maryland German Church Records, Volume 3, page 12, Mary was born in Frederick County, MD on August 30, 1751 and baptized on October 27, 1751, the daughter of Christian Müller and his wife, who is not named in the record.

John and Mary were married in Frederick County, MD on April 4, 1775, as found in "Frederick, Maryland Lutheran Marriages and Burials, 1743-1811," translated by Frederick S. Weiser. Their first child, Maria Magdalena, was born in Frederick County, MD on February 17, 1776, and baptized on March 20, 1776. John's father, Jacob, and stepmother, Maria Magdalena Abel Köller were her sponsors.

In 1777 John purchased Teboe's Fort in Fort Valley in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and the remaining seven of their children were born there. That property remained in the family until 1997, when it was sold at auction, due to the fact that the present owner had died and no one in the family was able to purchase or maintain it.

The spelling of the name Köller was changed first to Kullers, and then to Cullers after the move to Virginia. John's brother, Michael, who remained in Frederick County, MD, continued to use the name Köller until about 1800, when the spelling was changed to Culler.

Of John and Mary's eight children, three daughters, Maria Magdalena, Katherine and Mary, married and moved to Ohio. Daughter Elizabeth married and moved to Tennessee. Son Jacob, who lived in Virginia at the time of the division of the state into Virginia and West Virginia, ended up in Hardy County, WV, where he remained until his death. John Randolph moved first to Missouri, and then to Texas, where he died. Henry Samuel and Daniel remained in Shenandoah County.

From seven of those eight children there were 61 known grandchildren. I know nothing of the family of Mary, who married John Ramsberger in Shenandoah County on August 12, 1801. I believe they moved to Ohio in the 1820's but have no further information on that line.

Approximately 40 years of research by Lewis E. Martin, his daughter, Marie Martin Murphy and myself, has resulted in the finding of more than 8,100 direct descendants of John and Mary Cullers, along with more than 5,100 spouses, and there are certainly more to be found. Anyone with more information on this family may feel free to contact me at any time. [See box above for contact information.]

Editor's Note: Patricia Fogle recently completed a book called "The Descendants of John and Mary Cullers of Shenandoah County, Virginia." For more information, contact her directly at P. O. Box 128, Quincy, PA 17247-0128. E-mail: pfogle2@innernet.net

Patricia is also author of "The Descendants of Michael Köller/Culler and Eleanora Schmid Culler of Frederick County, Maryland," available at Willow Bend Books, 65 East Main Street, Westminster, MD. E-mail: WillowBend@willowbend.net

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Trade in Strangers: The Beginnings of Mass Migration to North America

by Marianne S. Wokeck

1999. Penn State University Press, University Park, PA. \$21.50 plus \$4.00 shipping/handling.

Trade in Strangers is a study of the "business of emigration" from Germany and Ireland during the 18th century to America, especially Pennsylvania. The author shows how the increasing profits in transporting emigrants determined the patterns of emigration and how immigrants lived when they first arrived in America. Transporting German emigrants began as an adjunct to English and Dutch trade with America and developed into a profitable independent form of trade, which was the precursor to the mass immigration of the 19th and early 20th centuries to the United States.

The earliest German emigrants generally traveled as family units and were wealthy enough to pay for their passage to America before they left Europe. Later, as more emigrants did not have the financial means to pay for their passage before leaving, other means of payment developed that allowed one to pay after their arrival. Wokeck discusses the differences between redemptioners and indentured servants, two terms often mistakenly used interchangeably. She also compares indenture contracts, which were negotiated in Europe versus those arranged after a person's arrival in Philadelphia.

The enactment of both colonial and German laws regulating the trade strongly influenced the patterns of emigration. For example, if a person did not have enough money to pay for his passage to America, local German governments often would not give permission for the person to emigrate, in order to protect him from the hardships and abuses suffered by others before him. If the person still

Note: The author of *Trade in Strangers*, Marianne S. Wokeck, is a featured speaker at MAGS's Spring Meeting. See insert in this issue of *Der Kurier* for details and for registration materials.

wanted to emigrate legally they might give him permission to move east (Russia, Hungary, etc), which was a less expensive and arduous trip. Some of these people did migrate to Eastern Europe; but many took their chances, negotiated passage, and set sail for America.

The author drew from both primary and secondary sources in the US (especially Pennsylvania), Germany, Canada, The Netherlands, Great Britain, and Switzerland. These sources are listed in a 33-page bibliography, which would alone be valuable to any researcher interested in 18th immigration to America. This list of sources might let the researcher know where records exist, which possibly contain information about their ancestor's migration. An appendix lists all the known ships, which carried Germans, which arrived in North America between 1683 and 1775. This chart includes the name of the ship, its tonnage, the captain's name, the original and interim ports of departure and the departure date(s), the port and date of arrival in America, the merchants who financed the voyage, and the number of passengers. There are also additional notes on many of the ships.

This is not a book where you will find your ancestors listed, unless they were a merchant involved in the migrant trade; but it is an invaluable source of information on what our 18th C. German ancestors experienced in Germany, in transit, and when they first arrived in America.

Reviewed by Susannah E. Brooks

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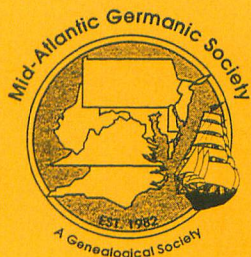
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The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society

26 April 2003 Blob's Park, Jessup, Maryland

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3:45 Awarding of Door Prizes

4:00 Adjourn for the day

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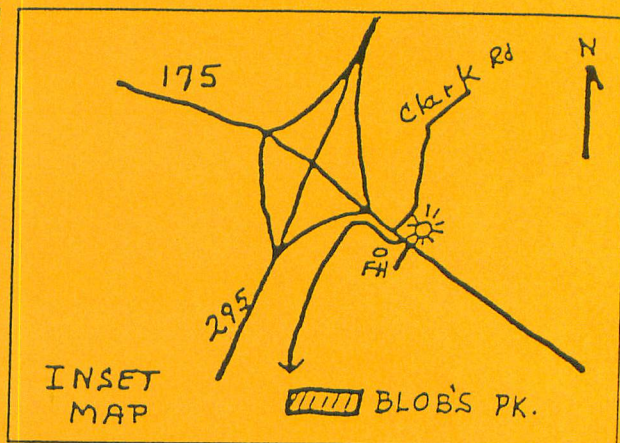
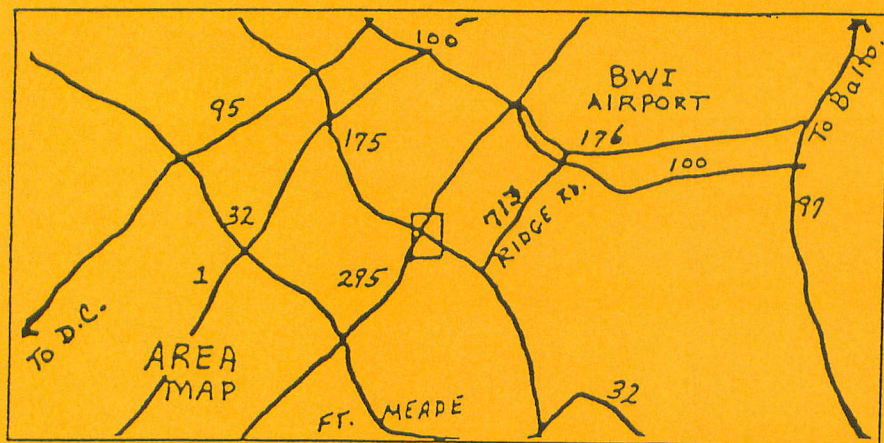
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SPEAKER BIOS

Dr. Marianne S. Wokeck, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of History at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis. She was previously Associate Editor of the *Papers of William Penn* and director of the *Biographical Dictionary of Pennsylvania Legislators*. She is an expert on eighteenth-century migration to America, and has researched extensively in European Archives, where she found a wealth of information. Dr. Wokeck's latest book, *Trade in Strangers*, explores how the German system of immigration and then the Irish system evolved from earlier haphazard forms.

Dr. Cathryn Dippe, recently retired from a multidisciplinary research staff in a federal government agency. She is author of *Friedrichstal Church Records 1698-1812*, a transcription of records for one of the few Huguenot churches to be established in Germany after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. She is currently completing the transcription of a second Huguenot Church, Welsch-Neuret. While the churches were physically close, they represent two very different communities of refugees. Dr. Dippe is a former President of MAGS and has been conducting research in Germany for more than fifteen years.

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