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A newsletter fills several functions for members of a genealogical society: it provides members with information on the society's meetings; it is a vehicle for leadership to communicate with members; it can provide members with ideas on where to look for genealogical information, and it offers members an opportunity to put in print the results of their research. The last function is the one I would like to address in this issue of *Der Kurier*.

All genealogists spend a great deal of time looking for information on their ancestors. But information retrieval is only the first step in the process. Other important steps include the analysis and assemblage of data, and writing the story of the family or ancestor who was the object of the search.

It is easy to put off writing the story—we have all kinds of excuses—the most prominent one being “I am not finished with my research.” But what many family historians fail to realize is writing can be as rewarding and as productive as the research itself. Before anyone writes something about their ancestors they have to think about their data—a process that results in a critical evaluation of that data. As they begin to write they may realize there was a source they failed to search, or they may discover data found in one source when combined with a fact found in another source leads to new information or a previously unknown fact. But an additional benefit is other family historians discover their work—they realize you and they are working on the same family or on the same locality, perhaps even in the same records.

Bottom line, *Der Kurier* offers members of this society an opportunity to put in print the results of their research at no expense. Obviously we cannot publish a whole family history, but we can publish vignettes. Thus we encourage members to submit short articles on families, ancestors, potential sources or success stories. The hard part is sitting down to write it—the fun part is seeing it in print and hearing from colleagues who may have an interest in the same family!

If you have something you would like to publish in *Der Kurier* please contact me at PO Box 15190, Washington, DC 20003.

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- ☐ **Queries**
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- ☐ **Stumped Roots**

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October 3-5. 8th Annual International Low German Conference and Genealogical Workshop. Heritage Park, Manning, Iowa. Details: Dr. Rexanne Struve, E-mail crstruve@pionet.net, Phone 712-653-2607 or Manning Heritage Foundation, E-mail heritage@pionet.net, Phone 800-292-0252.

October 11-12. Maryland Genealogical Society Seminar. For further information telephone 800-576-8608 or visit web page www.colonialroots.com

October 18. MAGS Fall Meeting. Theme: Exploring New Records in New Venues. University of Delaware, Wilmington Campus, Wilmington, Delaware. Details: See the insert in this issue of *Der Kurier*, or contact Diane M. Kuster, Registrar, Phone 732-606-6032, E-mail: kusterdm@cs.com

November 2-9. Research Trip to Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah. Sponsored by Palatines to America. For further information contact group leader Mary Lou Delahunt, 2691 Montague Drive, Galesburg, IL 61401-1253. Phone: 309-344-5116. E-mail: delahunt@galesburg.net

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November 8. Reality Genealogy Conference. Frederick Community College Conference Center, Frederick, Maryland. Speaker: Ms. Trudy Schenk. For more information contact Ms. Pepper Scotto, President FRECOGS, 301-834-9907.

November 9. Fourth Annual German Heritage Fest. Blob's Park, Jessup, MD.

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 Fall Meeting Preview

MAGS Fall Meeting will be held October 18, 2003 in Arsht Hall at the Wilmington Campus of the University of Delaware. Scheduled speakers and their subjects are:

- Max Moeller, Director of Public Services for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, will speak on *Conducting Research at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania*.
- Joseph B Neville, Jr, a PhD historian with specialization in modern Germany, will speak on *From the Old Fatherland to the New: German-Americans, Letters from Germany, and World War I*.
- Marge McNinch, librarian for the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, will speak on *Commerical Records at the Hagley Museum and Library*.
- Susannah E Brooks, MAGS 1st Vice President, will speak on *Family History on Deposit: 19th Century Bank Records*.

To register for the Fall Meeting, see insert in this issue of *Der Kurier*, or contact MAGS Registrar Diane Kuster (see contact information in "Der Kalender" listing above).

FRAKTUR FORUM

by Corinne Earnest

SEIFERTS ON FRAKTUR

Since launching the "Fraktur Forum" series for *Der Kurier* back in 1989, I caught up with current MAGS members who requested information from fraktur on their families. Never at a loss for words while waiting for the next request, I checked surnames that interest new members of MAGS. Some of these surnames — such as, Poff, Phaff, Hoffman, Fatzinger, and Bauman — are mentioned in Bible records published in *Der Kurier* starting with the last (June 2003) issue and continuing in the current and future issues.

One name — SEIFERT — is a name I researched in 1995 and published the data elsewhere. The following information from these fraktur — all from Pennsylvania — is revised for MAGS. John Joseph Stoudt pictured a taufschein (birth and baptism certificate) with the name SEIFFERT in *Early Pennsylvania Arts and Crafts*. It was made for Catharina SEIFFERT, born July 10, 1789 in Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County. Her parents were Johannes and Dorothea SEIFFERT. Catharina was baptized by Pastor SCHWALBACH (no date given). Sponsors at her baptism included Catharina RAUB and a sponsor whose first name is missing due to paper loss, but whose surname was SEIFFERT.

On June 13, 1988, Sotheby's in New York sold a watercolor made in 1826 for Sarah SEIFER [sic]. This example has no other information. The Reading Public Museum in Reading has a taufschein that is difficult to read. The child's name was Wilson BENDER, born October 12, 1848, but I am uncertain of his parents' names. Wilson was baptized December 26, 1848. Sponsors at his baptism were Johannes and Elisabeth SEIFERT. Wilson was born in Williams Township, Northampton County.

Other examples include a taufschein made for Maria GROFF, daughter of Andreas and Elisabeth (SEIFERT) GROFF. Maria was born December 7, 1829 in Dover Township, York County. She was baptized by Pastor DEININGER in April 1830. A taufschein made for Elisa Anna, daughter of Joseph and Anna Maria (LEIDIG) SEIFERT, says Elisa Anna was born March 30, 1856 in Springfield Township, Bucks County and baptized June 8, 1856 by W. KEMMERER. Her parents were sponsors.

According to another certificate, Joseph SEIFERT was the son of Georg and Sara (WERNER) SEIFERT. He was born April 17, 1830 in Springfield Township, Bucks County. He was baptized by Pastor MILLER (no date given). Sponsors were Wilhelm SEIFERT and Elisabeth EICHELBERGER, both single. A taufschein in a private collection says Maria ROEDER was the daughter of Thomas M. and Catharina (SEIFERT) ROEDER. Maria was born July 7, 1863 in Lower Milford Township, Lehigh County. She was baptized by A. DUBS on September 29, 1863. Sponsors were her parents.

Israel Heinrich, son of Johannes and Sarah (SEIFERT) BAUMAN, was born September 27, 1836 in Bethel Township, Lebanon County. He was baptized by Pastor STEINBACHER. Sponsors at his baptism were Heinrich and Elisabetha SCHAFFER.

Two Bible records having the name SEYFERT are listed in the third volume of *German-American Family Records in the Fraktur Tradition*. One notes that Joseph RENTSCHLER married Maria Anna H. SEYFERT on November 6, 1869. Joseph, born July 26, 1833, was the son of Johannes and Anna Maria (GEISS) RENTSCHLER. Maria Anna H. SEYFERT was born November 14, 1842.

She was the daughter of Michael and Esther (HIX) SEYFERT. The RENTSCHLERS had five daughters named Enni [Annie], Kate, Mary Ann, Sarah Agnes, and Mina Esther between the years 1870 and 1883. This family was from Upper Bern Township, Berks County.

That same volume lists data from another Bible record, made for Peter and Lucian (SEIFERT) VOGEL. Peter was born April 17, 1828 in Easton, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Andrew and Sally Ann VOGEL. Lucian SEIFERT was the daughter of John and Elizabeth SEIFERT. Lucian was born April 17, 1829 in Williams Township, Northampton County. The VOGELs had Lenory, Saloma, Mary Alice, Emma, Milton S., an infant son, Carrie, and Elizabeth. The last three children died young.

If you have family 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. There is no charge to MAGS members for this research, but please be patient for a reply.

MERTZ / CRAUTHAMEL FAMILY REGISTER

Information abstracted from an English-language Bible published by the Globe Bible Publishing Co., 723 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA. Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1892, in the Office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington. The pre-printed family register bound between the Old and New Testaments has pre-printed date of 19--. The infill on this Bible is attributed to scrivener, Preston A. Leh. (Private collection)

Marriages:

Mosby D. Mertz and Delia M. Crauthamel were married in Allentown, Pa. on January 16, 1897 by W. R. Hofford, pastor of St. Johns Reformed Congregation, Laurys, Pa.

Next page:

Edna Margaret Martz, born April 18, 1907. Baptized May 26 1907 by J.D. Schindel. The sponsors were the parents.

Births of parents:

Mosby D. Mertz was born February 27, 1873. Baptized March 30, 1873 by J.S. Renninger.
Delia M. Crauthamel was born July 9, 1880.

Children:

Laura Jane Mertz was born June 4, 1897. Baptized July 4, 1897 by J.D. Schindel.
Helen May Mertz was born March 17, 1899. Baptized April 8, 1899 by J.D. Schindel.
Oscar William Mertz was born May 22, 1900. Baptized July 6, 1900 by J.D. Schindel.

SUCHANZEIGEN

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WOLF* / WOLFE* STRALEY / STRAEHLE

21-16 Seek par Jacob WOLF, b 1754, d 1823. Wife Anna STRALEY. They mar poss Lancaster, PA. Both settled Hacker's Creek on Berlin Road in Lewis Co. WV and died there; bur Wolf's Cem there.

Raymond W. Wolfe, Jr. 5135 N Post Rd. Trlr 214, Indianapolis, IN 46226

RUNZENHEIM MOSSTETTEN

#21-17 Where in Ger these towns located?

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FISHER* FISCHER* VISHER

#21-18 Seek any info on Stephen Christian FISHER b Hamburg, Ger. 2729. To Philadelphia, PA 1733. Mar in Baltimore, MD ca 1743. Mov to Lincoln Co. NC ca 1770. Died Lincoln Co. NC 1785.

Harold J. Fisher 2015 Montrose Dr. East Point, GA 30344

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

FATZINGER FAMILY REGISTER

Information abstracted from an English-language Bible published about 1891 by J.G. Fritsch, 30 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa. Family register bound between Old and New Testaments. Infill signed and dated by scrivener, August Baumann, February 27, 1901. (Private collection)

Marriages:

Charles H. Fatzinger of Schoenersville, Pa. and Edna Hoffman of Kreidersville, Pa. were married in Allentown, Pa., December 18, 1897 by A.R. Horne.

Births:

Charles H. Fatzinger was born March 7, 1863 in Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Pa. Baptized July 15, 1863 by Joshua Yeager. The sponsors were the parents.

Edna Fatzinger was born May 8, 1877 in Allentown, Northampton County, Pa. Baptized June 3, 1877 by Charles Rittenhouse. The sponsors were the parents.

Discovering My Roots in Northern Bavaria

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I have been researching the Duerling/Deuerling family for less than 3 years now. Through church records and a ship's passenger list, I had found that my great-great-grandparents, Erhardt and Margaret Hoffmann Deuerling had emigrated in 1852 from a town named Trieb in Bavaria. Using MapQuest, I found that it was a small town just outside Lichtenfels in Northern Bavaria. I had thought about going to Bavaria to visit the town and to do some research, but not knowing the language, what kinds of records might be available, or where the records would be, I assumed such a venture was hopeless.

However, at the April 27, 2002 MAGS meeting, Dr. Helmut Schmal spoke about the kinds of records that were available in Germany and how folks there often were as interested to know about the relative who went to America as we were to know about our ancestors. This started me thinking about how I might be able to research my family in Bavaria. During one of the breaks at that meeting, I flipped through the *Germany Today* that was in our handouts, and I found a small ad for Northern Bavaria Guided Tours in the back. It said that they provided "Personalized, affordable, quality guided tours (including genealogical research) of Bavaria" and gave a web site. Dr. Schmal had inspired me to action, so I decided to investigate further.

I went to the Northern Bavaria Guided Tours web site (<http://www.nbguidedtours.com/>) and looked at what they had to offer. It sounded like just what I was looking for – someone to take us on a personalized tour of the area, take care of the driving and accommodations, and translate for us. I found their e-mail address and sent off an inquiry. I arranged the whole tour using e-mail over the Internet. Sam Spinder, the owner, is an American who lives in Germany with his German wife and children. They had lived for several years in Bel Air, Maryland, and he was the chairman of the Social Studies department at Stemmers Run Middle School in Baltimore County before moving to Germany. Sam put together an itinerary based on what we wanted to see and do. He was a great help to us not only as a tour guide, but also in our research.

Having arranged the trip, I was hoping that I could meet at least one member of the Deuerling/Duerling family while we were in Germany. I belong to a mailing list called Bavarian Ancestors (<http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/intl/DEU/BAVARIAN-ANCESTORS.html>). From that, I had found information on how to find relatives in Germany using the German online telephone book, so I looked and found over 30 Deuerlings in and around Lichtenfels, which is the closest major city to Trieb. I had also found a free translation service for those doing genealogical research (<http://www.genealogienetz.de/misc/translation.html>), so I composed a letter, got it translated into German, and mailed it to nine Deuerlings whom I chose at random from the telephone book listings. I included a return addressed envelope and an International Postage Coupon, which you can get at many post offices. The recipient can use the Coupon to get free first class return postage in their country. I got a response from two of these Deuerlings and corresponded with them. Unfortunately, neither knew anything about their ancestors past their grandfathers, but they were both very friendly and tried to be helpful.

I had also found a web site (http://home.att.net/~Local_Catholic/) that tells where Roman Catholic Church records are to be found almost anywhere in the world. Through that site, I found that the Archdiocese of Bamberg would probably have the records I wanted. It also listed their web site, so I used AltaVista translations to look at their web site in English. I composed an e-mail to them asking if they had the records and got it translated. I sent it in both German and English in case

someone there spoke English. I got a very nice reply in English saying that they had the records I was looking for back to 1669. Their site suggested that if you wanted to do research that you make a reservation thus assuring you of a microfiche machine.

I made a reservation via e-mail and also asked about the church in Trieb. The staff at the Archives forwarded that question to Mr. Peter Lachner, the Pastoral Referent there. He is not a priest, but performs the function similar to what a Deacon can do here. He is married, has children, and lives in the rectory of the church. He sent an e-mail to me and suggested that I contact him and let him know when we were coming and he would show us around the church. When we arrived, we found that he had contacted another Deuerling who still lives in Trieb who came to meet us. Mr. Lachner then piled us all in his minibus for a tour of Trieb. He showed us a huge round barn, one of only two round buildings in all of Germany. It was built in 1693 for the Abbot of Langheim and is currently owned by Andreas Deuerling. Unfortunately, we were not able to meet Andreas.

After hearing from me, Konrad Deuerling, one of those I had sent a letter to, did some research at the Roman Catholic Archives in Bamberg before we got there and gave me the addresses of the houses where Jacob (my great-great grandfather) and his father Erhardt were born. We visited both houses. At the house where Jacob was born, the owners invited us into their back yard and served us a snack. They are not related to us, but seemed excited that we were related to folks who had lived in their house and had come all the way from the US to see it. That house was built in 1791. We also went across the street to the house where Erhardt was born. We were told that it has been significantly renovated and enlarged. We did not disturb these folks as Konrad had told us that the husband was very ill. However, when he had gone there, he did find out that the wife of the household's maiden name was Deuerling and was a cousin of his father whom he had never met. She did not know that a Deuerling had lived in the house back in the mid 1800s. Our genealogical research was not only yielding fruit for us but was also creating connections for German relatives who had not known each other.

Another person that I had written to was Peter Deuerling. He just retired as a civil court judge in Bamberg. He met us in Trieb and we had lunch with him in Lichtenfels. He claimed that his English was not that good, but I thought that he spoke it very well. I now write to him in English and he responds in English. He says that he enjoys practicing his English in this way.

Later in the day, we visited Konrad Deuerling and his family. He is in his forties and has three children. His wife and older daughter speak some English, but it was nice to have Sam Spinder to translate. Everyone that we met in and around Trieb was so happy to meet us and so friendly. We truly appreciated their warm welcome.

The next day, we went to visit the Roman Catholic Archives in Bamberg. It is a beautiful building and is very well equipped. The people there were most helpful, but it was good that we had Sam to translate for us. We were able to find the birth records of all of Erhardt and Margaret's children, including two that died in their first year. No records of them existed in the US. The baptism records are very complete, giving the child's name and date and time of birth as well as the parent's names, occupation, address, place and date of birth and information on the sponsor. We found that Erhardt was a Schneidermeister (a master tailor), which confirmed what I had found in his 1860 US Census record. We were also able to go back two and possibly three more generations in the family. Erhardt's father Georg was born in a little town called Wolfslach, located just a few miles from Trieb. His wife was Barbara Unrein of Trieb. He was a soldier who was paid to join the army in place of someone else. George's parents were Johann Heinrich and Eva Margarethe Deuerling also of Wolfslach. We think that Johann's parents were Conrad Deuerling and Margaret Holzman of Wolfslach although that is going to take more research to confirm. Unfortunately, we ran out of

time and will need to go back to continue our research as these records are only available at the Archives in Bamberg.

Peter and Konrad have both done some research since I first contacted them and their ancestors are also from Wolfslach. We visited Wolfslach and it is a very tiny town, probably only one block wide and two blocks long. I have to believe that since all of our ancestors are from this little town, we must be related. There is a small chapel there and on the front of it were plaques in memory of those who had died in WWI and WWII. There was a Deuerling from Wolfslach who died in each war.

We visited many other places in Bavaria, such as Nuremberg, Regensburg, and Rothenburg ob der Tauber. We also visited the little town of Deuerling on the outskirts of Regensburg. I thought that our last name came from the town rather than the town being named after us. We were able to confirm that no Deuerlings currently live in Deuerling and as far as we can tell, no Deuerlings have ever lived there. When surnames came into use, one method for taking a name was to use the place that you came from. For example Peter from Deuerling could become Peter Deuerling. That is how we believe the surname came into being. Although we know that the town of Deuerling dates back to the twelfth century, we have no clues yet as to when my ancestor left.

My wife Nan, whose ancestors are also German, and I plan to go back to Bavaria in May of 2003. We will spend more time at the Archives where I hope to be able to record all of the Deuerlings in Wolfslach and figure out their relationships. This time, we will spend some time in Southern Bavaria as well, starting in Munich. We have started taking German lessons at Zion German Lutheran Church (downtown Baltimore right across from City Hall), so maybe we will be able to speak and understand at least a little of the language this time.

I am pleased that I attended the Spring 2002 MAGS meeting where Dr. Schmal spoke so enthusiastically about trying to locate relatives in Germany. His encouragement led to this exciting detective work that has opened doors to my ancestors and broadened my extended family.

Stumped Roots Report: DIEHM

By Alice Knoeller Yos

Stumped Roots is a unique genealogical research service available only to MAGS members. See "MAGS Services" on inside back cover (p 59) for details on using this service. This report summarizes a *Stumped Roots* case submitted by Mildred Smith and researched by MAGS *Stumped Roots* Editor Susannah Brooks.

"For thirty years" Mildred Smith wrote, "I have been trying to fill in the route my family took to Southwestern Pennsylvania." She lists these items and asks for more information.

- "John Deihms and family were in Bedford County by 1773 then moved on to Fayette and Washington Co. Pike Run

Twp. where some of the family still own the land."

- John Adam (Diehm) was on the ship "Janet" with Mark Breinig.
- Mark Deams/ Diems was born on Dec. 4, 1754, in Berks Co in the Tulpehocken area, son of John Diehm and Anna Christina. He was sponsored by Mark Breinig.
- Mark Breinig and wife also sponsored Maria Margaret Diehm, daughter of John and Anna Christina at the same place on 1759.
- Adam, son of John and Anna Christina Diehm was born in 1761 and Jacob, another son, in 1764 in the Middletown,

MD area. In 1764 they were attending church "in the schoolhouse across the first hill from Middletown." This comes from church records in Frederick, MD

- Additionally Mrs. Smith found at the Allegany College Library in a book, "Settlers of Maryland 1766-1786" by Peter Wilson Coldham a listing for: "Tiem, John Fdr. Co. "Worse & Worse" 41 acres 17 July 1768." Ms. Smith asks for any additional information about how they received this property.

Stumped Roots, in the person of Susannah Brooks, replied:

The family probably traveled on the "Great Wagon Road" from Philadelphia to Lancaster and York to western Maryland.

At the Maryland State Archives Susannah found entries for John Team (aka Tumm, Diehm, Deem, etc) in the *Debt Book Card Index*. These books show the name and acreage of the property, annual rents paid and any outstanding amount. She says, "I could not determine whether John Diehm owned "The Gap" – 50 acres and "Worse and Worse" – 41½ acres or if "Worse & Worse" was part of the land known as "The Gap."

She consulted earlier books in the series by Coldman and found that Matthias Ambrosia purchased "The Gap" on 10 Nov 1752. John Teem was issued a patent on 7 Dec 1765 and, at the time of the survey 7 Feb 1766 he already had a house on the property.

Colonial Maryland Naturalizations, by Jeffrey and Florence Wyand lists John Deame, German, in Frederick Co. Sept 5 & 21, 1762. He was listed as a member, but no church is named (presumably Reformed Otterbein, which is listed for the preceding group of men).

The question remains whether or not this John Diehm was Mrs. Smith's ancestor? Basically the time span of the records fits. However at least 5 Johann (Hans) Adam or

Adam Diehms (Diem, Dihm, Tiem) came to America between 1749 and 1754. There was also a Diehm family in Washington Co in the 1720's. One of these could be the John Diehm who owned "Worse and Worse". Only by placing these people elsewhere could she prove conclusively that this is her ancestor.

Johann Adam Diehm (H. Adam Diem) is probably the one who arrived with Marz Breinig 7 Oct. 1751 on the ship, "Janet". They are listed in *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, by Strassberger and Hinke, p 474.

In *Auswanderung aus Rheinpfalz und Saarland* by Werner Hacker they are both listed for manumission and emigration on 27 Apr. 1751. Johann Diehm is shown as being from Waldmichelbach, Lindenfels and Marz Breinig as from Sigilsbronn. These places appear on maps of southwestern Germany as Wald Michelbach and Seidelsbrunn which are less than 2 miles apart. The only way to ascertain that this is the correct location for her ancestor is to look for their baptism, confirmation and/or marriage records in the Protestant church books from Wald Michalbach (including Seidelsbrunn) for 1654 –1875. These can be ordered though a local Family History Center.

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BAUMAN FAMILY REGISTER

Information abstracted from a German-language Bible printed in 1805 by Gottlob Jungmann, Reading. Four-page family register bound between Old and New Testaments. This Bible also has a six-page family register tipped in, in front of the Bible. (Private collection)

[In the front of this Bible on the page glued to the boards, is a chain-of-ownership record that begins in German script:] "Johannes Bauman, his Bible." [It continues in German script:] "Beniamin Bauman, his property, 1832." [And it ends in English script:] "Daniel Bauman, his property."

[On register bound between Old and New Testaments:]

Marriages:

Johannes Bauman married Anna Borkholder on April 2, 1811.

Johannes Bauman was born April 20, 1787.

Anna Borkholder was born January 23, 1792.

Births:

Levÿ was born February 18, 1812.

Isaac was born November 27, 1813.

Beniamin was born June 11, 1816.

Daniel was born December 15, 1819.

Sara was born September 23, 1826.

Anna Burkholter was born January 23, 1792. [This section struck through.]

Marriages:

Beniamin Bauman married Maria Fretz [?] January 8, 1837.

Maria Fretz [?] was born March 6, 1815.

Births:

Faÿenne was born January 31, 1845. "Daughter of Daniel and Sussanna Bauman."

Johann was born August 20, 1846. "Son of Daniel and Susanna Bauman."

Deaths:

Levÿ Bauman died October 11, 1815, bringing his age to 3 years, 7 months, and 22 days.

Isaac Bauman died February 18, 1815, bringing his age to 1 year, 2 months, and 22 days.

[The family register that is tipped into this Bible is attributed to Gottlieb Schmid. It is in front of the Bible before the title page. It begins with a bookplate that says in German fraktur lettering:]

"Family register of the owner of this Bible, Daniel Baumann in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pa., in the United States of North America, 1852."

Marriages:

On January 7, 1844, Daniel Baumann, son of the late Johann Baumann in Brecknock Township, in Berks County, Pa., married Susanna Lang, daughter of the late John Lang in East Cocalico Township, Lancaster Co., Pa. [Daniel and Susanna Baumann were] married by Pastor Trumbauer.

Births:

Daniel Baumann was born December 15, 1819. His wife, Susanna Lang, [was born] February 22, 1824.

Children:

Fayenna, born January 31, 1845.

Johann, born August 20, 1846.

Anna Maria, born February 21, 1850.

Daniel, born August 11, 1851.

Susanna, born November 28, 1856.

Deaths:

Johann Baumann died September 4, 1848 at the age of 2 years and 15 days.

Fayenne Baumann died September 16, 1848 at the age of 3 years, 7 months, and 15 days.

Susanna Baumann died November 12, 1863 at the age of 6 years, 11 months, and 14 days.

SHIPMAN FAMILY REGISTER

Information abstracted from an English-language Bible published by the New-World Publishing Company, Philadelphia. John C. Copper and S.J. Vandersloot, S.W. Cor. Seventh and Market Sts. No date. Family register bound between the Old and New Testaments. Register written in English in a decorative hand and signed: "Drawn by Wm. H. Muench, March 14th and 15th, 1879." (Private collection)

Marriages:

John Shipman was married to Harriet S. Reed [on] March 15, 1864 by R.M. Creighton.

Births:

John Shipman, son of John and Mary Shipman, was born December 5, 1825 in Lower Augusta Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Hart. [sic] S. Shipman, daughter of Jesse and Charlotte Reed, was born August 31, 1836 in Shamokin Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

The following children were born in Shamokin Township, Northumberland County:

Ida Kate, born February 1, 1865.

Lizzie Ann, born December 12, 1866.

Jessie Oliver, born November 21, 1868.

Deaths:

John Shipman died September 5, 1887, aged 61 years and 9 months.

Harriet S. Shipman died August 20, 1905, aged 69 years.

Ida C. Shipman died July 28, 1907, aged 42 years, 5 months, and 27 days.

Elizabeth A. Eckman died November 15, 1920, aged 53 years, 11 months, and 3 days.

AHNENTAFEL - SLAGLE (Virginia)

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I

1 **Esther Marie SLAGLE**, b 23 Dec 1928.

II

2 **William Robert SLAGLE, Sr.**, b 27 Aug 1898, Aaron's Creek, Halifax Co VA; m 2 Jan 1921, Annie Vera PURYEAR, Granville Co NC; d 13 Nov 1964, South Boston VA; bur Virgilina Virginia Cem. Occup: Auto mechanic, merchant (grocer), postmaster of Virgilina VA, rural mail carrier. Rel: Congregational Christian.

3 **Annie Vera PURYEAR**, b 22 Dec 1902, Buffalo Junction, Mecklenburg Co VA. Occup: Housewife, merchant (in grocery business with husband). Educ: Graduate of Virgilina High School. Rel: Congregational Christian.

III

4 **Langdon SLAGLE**, b 8 Mar 1869; m Rosa DAVIS; d 3 Jun 1945; bur Buffalo Bapt Ch, Mecklenburg Co VA.

5 **Rosa DAVIS**.

IV

8 **William Henry SLAGLE**, b 11 Feb 1836, PA (?); m 3 Dec 1857, Nancy Ann WILKERSON; d 11 Nov 1922, Clarksville VA; bur home place.

9 **Nancy Ann WILKERSON**.

V

16 **John SLAGLE, Jr.**, b abt 1800, Adams Co PA; m 1832, Harriette HORTON, Richmond VA; d 1852, Halifax Co VA. Occup: Tanner, mill operator (Aaron's Creek and North Fork Creek, Halifax Co VA).

17 **Harriette HORTON**, d 1901.

VI

32 **John SLAGLE, Sr.**, b abt 1766; d 25 Oct 1814, Mount Pleasant Tp, Adams Co PA.

VII

64 **Col. Henry (Heinrich) SLAGLE/SCHLAGEL**, b Jul 1735, Lancaster Co (now Adams Co) PA; m (1) ---; m (2) ---; d 14 Feb 1811, Adams Co PA. Rel: Luth.

VIII

128 **Christoph Friedrich VON SCHLEGEL**, b 24 Oct 1676, Saxony, Germany; m 15 May 1718, Anna Marie AISTER; d 22 Apr 1772, York Co PA. Occup: Farmer, miller, landowner. Rel: Luth.

129 Anna Marie AISTER, d 1779, Adams Co PA.

130 Nicholas KEEFABER. [Or KLEE. See Ahnentafel - Slagle (Maryland) #66.]

IX

256 Christoph Gottlieb VON SCHLEGEL, b 30 May 1640, Germany; m 15 Nov 1675, Dorteia Christina HERTL; d 19 Jun 1697, Germany.

257 Dorteia Christina HERTL, b 11 Sep 1654, Germany; d aft 9 May 1698, Germany.

258 John Jacob AISTER.

X

512 Christoph VON SCHLEGEL, b 1 Jan 1613, Germany; m 2 Sep 1639, Magdalena TILISCH; d 2 Jul 1678, Germany.

513 Magdalena TILISCH, b 9 Sep 1621, Germany; d 28 Jan 1646, Germany.

XI

1024 Paul VON SCHLEGEL, m 1606, Maria FABER.

1025 Maria FABER, b 30 Oct 1586, Germany; d 6 Oct 1676, Germany.

XII

2048 Ernst VON SCHLEGEL, b Saxony, Germany; m Sybilla HOPNER.

2049 Sybilla HOPNER, b abt 1546, Germany.

[According to the contributor, Robert S. Fulghum, information from this Ahnentafel came from "a four-page description of the family," later published by Faye Royster Tuck. "Slagle Family History," *The Gazette Virginian*, 22 August 2001 (South Boston, VA), p. 10B. It came to Dr. Fulghum by way of his brother-in-law, Jack L. Slagle of South Boston, Virginia.]

AHNENTAFEL - SLAGLE (Maryland)

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I

1 Alexander Russell SLAGLE, b 24 Dec 1900, Baltimore MD. Educ: Graduate of Gilman Country School; B.A. 1922, Princeton University.

II

2 Charles William SLAGLE, Jr., b 1 Jan 1870, Baltimore MD; m 14 Nov 1895, May RUSSELL; d 18 Jan 1961. Occup: Business and finance. Educ: Pennington Academy, NJ; Princeton graduate (?). Rel: Roland Park Presbyterian Ch.

3 May RUSSELL, b 15 Nov 1874; d 23 Sep 1949. Educ: Graduate of Madame Lefevre's school for girls, Baltimore MD.

III

4 **Charles William SLAGLE**, b 11 Mar 1828, Hanover PA; m 8 Nov 1860, Rachel Anne MATTHEWS, Baltimore Co MD; d 7 May 1905, Baltimore MD. Occup: Businessman, many connections and director of committees, boards, etc.

5 **Rachel Anne MATTHEWS**.

6 **Alexander H. RUSSELL**, m Sarah Amelia KEACH.

7 **Sarah Amelia KEACH**.

IV

8 **David SLAGLE**, b 26 Apr 1802, Adams Co PA; m 25 Mar 1827, Hannah WINEBRENNER; d 6 Jul 1870.

9 **Hannah WINEBRENNER**, b 13 Oct 1800; d 7 Jun 1867.

10 **Benjamin MATTHEWS**, m Mary Brown LITTIG.

11 **Mary Brown LITTIG**.

V

16 **John David SLAGLE**, b 13 May 1770, Adams Co PA; m 1796, Catharine MAYER; d 3 Jan 1851, Hanover PA.

17 **Catharine MAYER**, b 29 Dec 1771; d 9 Apr 1842.

18 **Peter WINEBRENNER**, m Mary BAURGELT.

19 **Mary BAURGELT**.

VI

32 **Jacob VON SCHLEGEL/SLAGLE**, b 10 Jun 1723; m Mary Catherine KLEE.

33 **Mary Catherine KLEE**, d 18 Mar 1775.

34 **Philip MAYER**, m Eva Dorothea GELWIX; d 1800.

35 **Eva Dorothea GELWIX**, b 9 Feb 1743; d 16 Aug 1791.

VII

64 **Christoph Friedrich VON SCHLEGEL**, b 24 Oct 1676, Saxony, Germany; m 15 May 1718, Anna Marie AISTER; d 22 Apr 1772, York Co PA. Occup: Farmer, miller, landowner. Rel: Luth.

65 **Anna Marie AISTER**, d 1779, Adams Co PA.

66 **Nicholas KLEE**. [Or KEEFABER. See Ahnentafel - Slagel (Virginia) #130.]

VIII

128 **Christoph Gottlieb VON SCHLEGEL**, b 30 May 1640, Germany; m 15 Nov 1675, Dorothea Christina HERTL; d 19 Jun 1697, Germany.

129 **Dorthea Christina HERTL**, b 11 Sep 1654, Germany; d aft 9 May 1698, Germany.

130 **John Jacob AISTER**.

IX

256 **Christoph VON SCHLEGEL**, b 1 Jan 1613, Germany; m 2 Sep 1639, Magdalena TILISCH; d 2 Jul 1678, Germany.

257 **Magdalena TILISCH**, b 9 Sep 1621, Germany; d 28 Jan 1646, Germany.

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513 **Maria FABER**, b 30 Oct 1586, Germany; d 6 Oct 1676, Germany.

XI

1024 **Ernst VON SCHLEGEL**, b Saxony, Germany; m Sybilla HOPNER.

1025 **Sybilla HOPNER**, b abt 1546, Germany.

[According to contributor Robert S. Fulghum, he wrote this Ahnentafel using the book, *The Slagle Family in America Descended from the Schlegel von Gottleben Family of Germany*, published in 1967 by A. Russell Slagle of Baltimore.]

AHNENTAFEL - SCHMIDT

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I

1 **Robert Schmidt FULGHUM**, b 3 Mar 1929, Washington DC; m 17 Jun 1953, Esther Marie SLAGLE, Virgilina VA. Occup: University Professor and Medical Educator, Microbiology researcher. Educ: B.S. 1954, Roanoke College; M.S. 1959, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Ph.D. 1965. Rel: Protestant, Meth.

II

2 **James Hooks FULGHUM, Sr.**, b 18 Sep 1905, Macon GA; m 5 Apr 1928, Frances Witcraft SCHMIDT, Washington DC; d 16 Dec 1982, Roanoke VA; bur Roanoke VA. Occup: Salesman, manager, real estate. Educ: B.A., Mercer University, Macon GA. Rel: Bapt.

3 **Frances Witcraft SCHMIDT**, b 17 Apr 1909, Delair NJ. Occup: Mother, housewife, real estate agent. Educ: High School, but did not graduate due to elopement while on Senior Class trip. Rel: Episcopal.

III

4 **Charles Mallory FULGHUM**, m Matilda SLADE.

5 **Matilda SLADE**.

6 **Alphons Robert SCHMIDT**, b 27 Feb 1844, Hamburg, Germany; m 20 Jun 1908 (age 64), Frances Clopper WITCRAFT, Delair NJ; d 11 Jun 1934, Riverton NJ. Occup: Architect, owner and manager of fire insurance inspection company. Rel: Luth.

7 **Frances Clopper WITCRAFT**, b 3 Sep 1888, Delair NJ; d 1969, Roanoke VA (?); bur betw Riverton and Cinnaminson NJ. Occup: Housewife; later after being widowed, clerk at Wannamakers store in Philadelphia PA. Rel: Episcopal.

IV
12 **Carl Ludwig Edward SCHMIT**, b 16 Mar 1809, Rohrburg, Germany; m Emma Charlotte SCHAUMANN; d prob in Hamburg, Germany. Occup: Engineering firm owner, Hamburg, Germany. Rel: Luth.

13 **Emma Charlotte SCHAUMANN**, b Germany. Rel: Luth.

14 **John Randolph WITCRAFT, Jr.**, b 20 Jan 1858, Philadelphia PA; m 5 Jan 1882, Mary Bennet CLOPPER, Camden NJ; d 6 May 1931, Merchantville NJ.

15 **Mary Bennet CLOPPER**, b 23 Feb 1856, Camden NJ; d 16 Nov 1927, Merchantville NJ.

V
24 **George Heinrich Ludwig SCHMIDT**, d 1822, Rohrburg, Germany. Occup: Luth Pastor, Rohrburg, Germany.

28 **John Randolph WITCRAFT, Sr.**, b 9 Apr 1822; m 8 Feb 1851 or 1857, Mary Elizabeth TODD; d 31 Oct 1898.

29 **Mary Elizabeth TODD**, b 25 Sep 1825, Mt Holly NJ.

30 **John Crawford CLOPPER, Jr.**, b 6 Mar 1820, Cortlandt AL; m 17 Apr 1845, Frances DALTON; d 28 Jun 1885.

31 **Frances DALTON**, d 14 Nov 1896.

VI
56 **Abner WITCRAFT**, m 13 Jun 1818, Frances ---.

57 **Frances ---**.

60 **John Crawford CLOPPER, Sr.**, b 27 Sep 1793; m 18 Apr 1816, Anna Marie KAUCK, Philadelphia PA; d 28 Sep 1825, Cortlandt AL.

61 **Anna Marie KAUCK**, b 10 Jul 1796, Philadelphia PA; d 23 Aug 1825, Cortlandt AL.

62 **Thomas DALTON**, b 17 Apr 17---; m Mary MILLER.

63 **Mary MILLER**.

VII
120 **John CLOPPER**, b 26 Oct 1760; m 4 Apr 1790, Sarah NOBLE, Philadelphia PA.

121 **Sarah NOBLE**, b 13 Aug 1770; d 26 Feb 1835.

122 **Christian KAUCK**, m Marie DIEMERN.

123 Marie DIEMERN.

VIII

240 Cornelius CLOPPER, b 23 Apr 1735; m 7 Mar 1757, Rachel LOW, NY (?).

241 Rachel LOW.

242 Anthony NOBLE, m Sarah CRAWFORD.

243 Sarah CRAWFORD.

IX

480 John CLOPPER, b 1712; m 6 Jun 1734, Elizabeth Ten EYCK; d 27 Dec 1786.

481 Elizabeth Ten EYCK, b 2 Apr 1710; d 28 Mar 1750.

486 John CRAWFORD.

X

960 Cornelius CLOPPER, b 1689; m 6 Sep 1711, Catherine GREVENRAET; d 20 Jan 1740.

961 Catherine GREVENRAET, d 1777.

962 Coenraah EYCK, m Annatje EPS.

963 Annatje EPS.

XI

1920 John CLOPPER, b 1665 (?); m 5 May 1688, Margaret HAGEN.

1921 Margaret HAGEN.

XII

3840 Cornelius Jansen CLOPPER, b Bergen (?), opposite Zoom, Netherlands; m Heyltj'e PIETERS; d NY (?). Occup: Blacksmith.

3841 Heyltj'e PIETERS.

[According to contributor Robert S. Fulghum, information for this Ahnentafel came from Dr. Fulghum's mother and from John R. Witcraft, *Cornelius Jansen Clopper and his Descendants* (Philadelphia: Dispatch Press, 1912) and John R. Witcraft, *Origin of the Witcraft Family*, Parts I and II (Philadelphia: B. Hepworth & Co., The Dispatch Publishing House, n.d.)]

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