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ANNUAL FALL MEETING -

The first annual Fall meeting was held at the Dan-Dee Inn outside Frederick, Maryland on September 25. After opening remarks by Acting President, Norman Emerick, the first speaker of the day, Calvin E. Schildknecht told of the origins of various German surnames and traced them after immigrants arrived in this country, citing irregular spellings and pronunciations.

Mary Keysor Meyer spoke in the afternoon, on her recent publication with P. William Filby of the three-volume Passenger and Immigration Lists Index. Mrs. Meyer recalled the detail that went into the search and compilation of more than 300,000 names listed in the index. The three-volume set identifies immigrants arriving in the United States between 1600 and 1900.

Also present at the meeting were a professional photographer, who took orders to reproduce old photos, and a professional broadcast technician, who recorded the speakers. A silent auction produced competitive bidding for the many services and books offered. Members could also do rubbings of old tombstones. About forty members and their guests attended the meeting.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED -

Three advisory appointments were made to the Board recently by President Norman Emerick. Mary Keysor Meyer is well known both for her association with the Maryland Historical Society, her writings in genealogy and her editorship of several genealogical publications. Gary Myer is a well-known genealogist in the Baltimore area and in Germany. Thomas Hollowak, an active genealogist in Maryland, is president of the Baltimore County Genealogical Society. Having people of such stature in genealogy on our Board, can only add to the quality of our performance by virtue of their counsel.

WORKSHOP PROGRAM COMMITTEE PLANS -

The Workshop Program Committee is planning several workshops for the coming months. Openings still exist for those interested in attending meetings. Workshops will be conducted on the following subjects: DOING RESEARCH IN GERMANY, LOCAL HISTORY OF GERMAN-SETTLED AREAS, BALTIMORE-ANNAPOLIS IMMIGRATION RECORDS, GERMAN LANGUAGE TRAINING, GERMAN MIGRATION PATTERNS and SOURCES OF UNPUBLISHED MATERIALS. Those who have not signed up and are interested in attending any

of these workshops, please write or call Lyla Gold, Committee Chairperson, 14640 Tynewick Terrace, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906 -- 301-598-5484. Further announcements will be made by flyer or in the next issue of *DER KURIER*.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT -

The most important news concerns the planning that has been accomplished by the Board with respect to meetings, programs, speakers and concepts which will provide the membership with a full range of activities in the coming year. Additional committees have been appointed to properly carry out the work of the Society. (See list of committees and their chairpersons below.) The time required for execution of these plans will require more detailed work in the months ahead. We will constantly be advising you of bigger and better things to come in the future issues of DER KURIER. Our membership is continuously growing, which shows there is a basic need for such a group in the mid-Atlantic area. We are happy to welcome all new members.

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If any members of MAGS wishes to write or call the committee chairperson regarding ideas or suggestions concerning the scope or objectives of any of the committees, please refer to the membership list elsewhere in *DER KURIER*. A truly comprehensive society is only possible when all members play a full part in its planning and function.

DEADLINES -

All members are welcome to submit articles to *DER KURIER* for publication. Be advised, however, that deadlines are essential to getting *DER KURIER* to you on time. We will not accept anything for a coming issue after the deadline has passed. Please include your name, address and daytime phone number with each article submitted. *DER KURIER* deadlines: August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1. Submit your articles to *DER KURIER*, 9753 Good Luck Road, #12, Seabrook, Maryland 20706.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS -

Dorothy Ringer Paul, William T. Skipper, D. Carlos Smith, Jr., Paul V. Koberg, Iris M. Gray, Philip I. Brake, Rebecca Cooke, Robert P. Finzel, Marie Melchiori, Janet Welsh, Gerald C. Purcell, Lesleigh L. Collison, William L. Mastin, Gregory Whitlinger, Walter Keeseey, Virginia Wright, Robert O. Zeller and Patricia Anderson.

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PROFESSIONALS WANTED -

Professional genealogists or record searchers who would like to be included on the *STUMPED ROOTS* referral lists are requested to send their names and addresses and areas of expertise; i.e., country, state, county, libraries -- by January 1, 1983 to: Anne T. Tenny, 10807 Montrose Avenue, Garrett Park, Maryland 20896.

WHAT HE DOES FOR LOVE . . .

In the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, in Rockingham County, near Harrisonburg, Virginia, J. Robert Swank still searches for his ancestors after more than thirty years.

In 1950, when he retired from the federal government, he decided it was time to track down his origins. Most of his older relatives had died, and he could find nothing about the Swank family in local libraries. He

visited local cemeteries and checked tombstones for the Swank name. Over the years, he copied down names and dates from all the tombstones in each cemetery he visited. But he limited his search to those families related to the Swank family by marriage.

Thirty-two years later, he has amassed information on approximately 7,000 families. He keeps the information in twenty-two ring-binder notebooks, which line one wall of his home. His filing system is impeccable. One need only give him a name, and he will check a master index. In the master index, a number is assigned to each name he has searched. The number indicates the generation of a person and in which notebook information can be found. He goes to the notebook -- and like magic -- there is the name and information. Mr. Swank has written and self-published several books on the cemeteries in Rockingham County, one of which he donated to the DAR Library in Washington, D.C. Entitled *Cemeteries of Rockingham County*, the book covers only the western side of the county, but also includes several West Virginia counties adjacent to Rockingham.

When Mr. Swank visits a cemetery, he always carries a piece of styrofoam with him. As long as a tombstone is dry, the styrofoam can be rubbed gently across it to remove dirt and debris.

If you have ancestors in Rockingham County, Virginia or neighboring areas, Mr. Swank will be glad to check his files for any information. All he asks in return is the cost of any xeroxing and postage. You can write to him --- J. Robert Swank, Singers Glen, Virginia 22850.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE PLANS -

The Research Committee has two projects to help members with their Germanic research. The SURNAME CARD INDEX, already in operation, takes family names and pertinent information and transfers them to 3 x 5 cards, kept in an index card file. This file is available at all general meetings. Individual questions about the file may be directed to the Research Committee Chairperson with a SASE.

The STUMPED ROOTS SERVICE is planned as a referral service for members having problems with their research and in need of suggestions appropriate to a specific area or time period. This service should be available by mid-January, 1983. Members will submit a problem description (one-page limit -- please) -- enclosing: two 20¢ stamps, a pedigree chart going as far back as possible on the German family in question, and a family group sheet for the oldest ancestor in that line. The problem will be referred to a MAGS member with experience in that area, while the family information will go into our files. It should be understood that only recommendations will be made by the member "expert," -- no actual research. However, if requested, a list of professional researchers with expertise in German research and/or special locales will also be provided. Allow a month for your response.

Any questions on how either service works should be directed to:
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.....and on the next page, you will
find more about the SURNAME CARD
INDEX.....

Exchanging research data with other family historians is certainly one of the nicest aspects of genealogy. By giving -- we receive! We would like to establish a working SURNAME INDEX CARD FILE to help our members help each other.....The rules are simple: Submit as many 3 x 5 cards as you wish -- using the basic format shown below. You may submit any Germanic surname you wish, for any time period. Please include at least one date.

VARIANT SPELLINGS - list more than one if you like. Listing the more common spelling in the upper top left.

TIME PERIOD - important even if you don't know exact dates..

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS - list the states where this family lived.

REPASS
REPASZ

Pennsylvania
Virginia

John Jacob, born 6/26/1737 Ziefen, Switzerland, married Ann Gerber, born 1/15/1739. Children: Hans Jacob, Maria, Johannes, Friedrich, Daniel, Samuel. Lived Northumberland Co., Pa., Hampshire and Wythe Cos., Va.

Also researching SCHRADER, FELTY, LEEDY, HARKRADER, MILGRIM, BEITELMAN)

Beverly Repass Hoch
13001 Meadow View Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

(June 1982)

IMPORTANT! Include the date when you submitted your card.

CASSETTES OF FALL MEETING SPEAKERS -

Did you miss the Fall meeting? If so, you might want to order cassettes of the two speakers. Calvin E. Schildknecht spoke on the origins of German surnames, how they changed in this country and how they vary from region to region. Mary Keysor Meyer told about compiling the three-volume Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, with fellow author,

P. William Filby. To order these professionally recorded cassettes, send check or money order for \$3.50 per cassette, plus \$1.50 postage and handling per order to: DER KURIER, 9753 Good luck Road, #12, Seabrook, Maryland 20706.

QUERIES

Please mention at least one time, one place, one German surname -- with known variant surnames. Limit each query to one family and use no more than fifty words, not counting your name and address. More than one query may be sent at a time, but each should be clearly written or typed on a separate sheet of 8-1/2 x 11 clean, white paper. Please indicate desired priority for printing. MAGS reserves the right to edit. Neither MAGS nor *DER KURIER* assumes any responsibility for accuracy. Send your queries to: Query Editor, MAGS, 4925 Jamestown Road, Bethesda, MD 20816.

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- RINEHART
BURGER/
BORGER/
BARGER
- #1-1 Francis RINEHART migrated Botetourt Co VA ca 1800 where daughter Catherine later married Henry BURGER/BORGER/BARGER. Was this Francis RINEHART Hessian deserter from VA? did he take PA loyalty oath 1782? join 5th Maryland Regt 1782? Who were his wives & other children? Nash K. Burger, 1624 Mason Lane, Charlottesville, VA, 22901.
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- KUHN/
COON/
KOON
- #1-2 Simon KUHN/COON/KOON b ca 1814 Alsace Germany b 18 Nov 1866 Philadelphia PA. Prob entered USA early 1800s. Ship-Carpenter liv Norfolk VA 1850 & Baltimore MD 1860. Exchange information. William L. Mastin, 8315 Legation Rd., New Carrollton, MD 20784.
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- WIDMEYER/
WHITMIRE
- #1-3 William WIDMEYER/WHITMIRE in Sharpsburg MD 1778 d 24 Jan 1824. Ch Christana, Elizabeth, Jacob, Margaret, Mary, Nancy, Catherine, Sarah. What was wife Magdalena's maiden name?
- LUTMAN/
LOTHMAN/
LOTTMAN
- Conrad LUTMAN/LOTMAN/LOTTMAN b Germany m Susannah (?) ca 1783 d 1845 Morgan Co VA. Near Middletown MD after Rev War prob from NJ. Need naturalization, wife's maiden name, places of birth.
- YOUSE/
YOST
- William YOUSE/YOST m Elizabeth (?) ca 1766 d 1824 Morgan Co VA. Ch (in will) Mary, John, Catherine, Peter Elijah, Elizabeth, William Jr. Need place/date of birth & wife's maiden name. Mrs. William H. Hunter, 200 Liberty St., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.
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- DOSH/
DASH/
DOSCH/
DORSH
- #1-4 John Michael DOSH/DASH/DOSCH/DORSH b. 1767/68 Germany d 1816 Baltimore City. Owned & operated bakery 41 S. Charles St 1798 until death. See brothers, sisters, parents & immigration data for family history. Exchange information.

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Mrs. Rebecca (?) DOSH/DASH/DOSCH/DORSH b. Sept 1775 pos Adams Co PA. Lived Baltimore 1798-1841 d. Abbottstown PA 1846 bur St. John Evangelical Lutheran cem. Husband John Michael DOSH. Seek maiden name, parents, siblings and immigration data. Exchange information.
Mrs. Charlotte LaMason, 2612 Wentworth Rd. Balto MD 21234

MILLER/
MUELLER/ETC
SAWVEL/
SABLE/SABEL

#1-5 George MILLER/MUELLER etc b 1789 prob York Co PA Heidleberg or Codorus twntp maybe had twin Michael. Wife Christina SAWVEL/SABLE/SABEL. Migrated Carroll Co Ohio ca 1809. Who were his parents?

SABLE/SABEL
SAWVEL
ANGEL
SHILLINGIN

Adam SABLE/SABEL/SAWVEL b 5 Mar 1761. Resided York Co PA Codorus twntp; dau Christina m. George MILLER Sr. Was Adam's wife Catherine ANGEL or Anna Catherine SHILLINGIN? Who were his parents? Berniece Miller Vaughan, 2044 Kenway, Lodi, CA 95240.



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- Family — \$7.00
 Single — \$5.00

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