



DER KURIER

MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY

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COME ONE - COME ALL!

Everyone is invited to attend the Spring Meeting, April 9, 1983, at the Sheraton Inn in New Carrollton, MD. Speakers for the meeting will be Gary Myer talking on "German Archival Sources and Early Germans in Maryland", and Lemar and Lois Ann Mast speaking on "Searching for Mennonite Ancestors." Exhibits, a silent auction, Stumped Roots Service, and Surname Card Index will be among the many interesting things to see and do. Cost per person is \$15.00 by March 26, 1983. Morning coffee and donuts and lunch are included in the cost. See more information and registration elsewhere in DER KURIER. Come one, come all -- and bring a friend!

SPEAKERS AT SPRING MEETING - Our morning speaker, Gary E. Myer, will talk on "German Archival Sources and Early Germans in Maryland." Mr. Myer received his M.A. degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, having previously received a B.A. from Sacramento State College in California. Subsequent to receiving his B.A., he studied at the University of Heidelberg, in Germany. Mr. Myer reads early German script and has taught German at Sacramento State, USC, and Johns Hopkins. At the present time, he is Staff

Genealogist at the Maryland Historical Society and also a freelance genealogist. As a freelancer, he travels to Germany once each year performing research for private clients. Mr. Myer recently served as a German translator on the three-volume work, PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS INDEX, by P. William Filby and Mary K. Meyer.

Our afternoon speakers, Lemar and Lois Ann Mast will talk on "Searching for Mennonite Ancestors." As a husband and wife team, they currently edit Mennonite FAMILY HISTORY, a quarterly genealogical publication with world-wide circulation, now in its second year. Together, they have authored the INDEX TO ANNALS OF CONESTOGA VALLEY, as well as a 360-page history of the Conestoga Mennonite Church entitled, "AS LONG AS WOOD GROWS AND WATER FLOWS." Lois Ann served for five years as librarian-genealogist of the Mennonite Historical Society in Lancaster, PA. She also served as assistant editor of the Mirror, the Mennonite Historical Society newsletter, and as genealogy editor of the Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage. Lemar is a carpenter who devotes special attention to the renovation of old houses, in addition to collaborating with Lois Ann in genealogical pursuits.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring Meeting - 1983

Elsewhere in this issue are details concerning the Spring Meeting, our second bi-annual meeting. We have planned what we believe will be a worthwhile day with excellent speakers, in a location convenient not only to our Maryland members, but also to those who live in Virginia and West Virginia. We are attempting to have our meetings in as wide an area as is practical for all our members. We welcome all members and their friends to attend and enjoy genealogical enrichment and fellowship.

What is Mid-Atlantic?

In choosing "Mid-Atlantic" as part of our name, our thought was to describe those states into which our early German ancestors came when landing in America. Properly, the Mid-Atlantic states are considered to be New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Different sources refer to a variance of states as being part of this group. We, of MAGS, consider the above three states as well as Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia as a part of this area, and will include the Carolinas and Georgia, even though they are in the group known as the "South Atlantic States."

Serving Our Members

There is an increasing number of members who live great distances from the Mid-Atlantic area, and I'm sure they will find it difficult, if not impossible, to attend our meetings. They joined with the purpose to serve their special genealogical interests concerning their German ancestors. Organized as a service group to our members, we must find a way to reach those people who may not be able to attend our meetings.

Our committees are in the process of establishing services to perform this function, as will be noted in reading DER KURIER. We also want suggestions from all members as to what would be in their best interests, but especially those who live further than the Mid-Atlantic area. We do not intend to form chapters, as this is the surest way to dilute responsibility and organizational structure, so we must hear from you personally in order to best serve your desires. Please write me regarding your suggestions:
Norman Emerick, 1323 Glendale Road,
Baltimore, MD 21239.

Copying Old Photos

Arrangements have been made with True Color Professional Lab, in Baltimore, to copy and make prints of your old photos. I have dealt with them for some time and find them to provide quality and professional service at reasonable prices. There is quite a wide variance available in types of prints, both black and white and color, which can be produced from copy negatives. True Color will have a display at the Spring Meeting giving complete descriptions of their services and prices. For those of you who may not be able to attend or who don't want to wait, you may contact them at: True Color Professional Lab, 2404 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218 - 301-889-3014 (ask for Mr. or Ms. Warns). They are open Monday through Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

300 Years of German Immigrants in America

In celebration of the first German settlement in America (1683), there are a number of functions that will occur in Maryland throughout the year. We will have details in the

May issue of DER KURIER. Meanwhile, watch your newspaper. For a brochure showing mementos and publications celebrating this great event, write: Heinz Moos Publishing, Rotunda Office Center, 711 West 40th Street, Baltimore, MD 21211. A display booth at the Spring meeting will also have brochures and some commemorative items.

MAGS WANTS YOU -- Can you donate a few hours of research to MAGS in the research facilities you frequent? Or do you have genealogy books that you no longer use that might be helpful to others? This is one of the services that will be auctioned off at our Spring Meeting. Send your "donations" to Membership Chairperson, Bev Hoch, 13001 Meadow View Dr., Darnestown, MD 22878.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Our membership is soaring by leaps and bounds. We welcome each and every one of our new members since the last newsletter. And thank you for the nice letters many of you have sent with your memberships. The German surnames some of you mentioned have been included in Anne Tenny's surname file, but you may want to write to her and send further details. Some of you submitted pedigree charts, one-page research problems, and two 20¢ stamps for the "Stumped Roots" service. A few who, no doubt, learned of us through Schuyler Brossman's column, "Keystone Families", did not know to include two 20¢ stamps and will need to send those to Anne Tenny so there will be no delay in processing their requests. All our new members should be receiving back issues of DER KURIER soon, if you haven't already received them.

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| The Honorable Carl B. Albert | Russell L. Maynard, Sr. |
| Clara Anderson | Mary B. McAtee |
| Patricia A. Bateman | D. G. Miles |
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| Robert L. Lindenmeyer | Raymond F. Young |
| Dorothy W. Little | |
| Jon Marlan Livazoy | |
| J. Lemar Mast | |

1709'ers UPDATE - Last summer, MAGS member, Helen Seubold, took a trip to California. While there, she visited Hank Jones, now preparing his voluminous work on the 1709'ers, the German immigrants who settled in upstate New York. Helen saw his 17,000 family group sheets, but time didn't allow her to look through all of them. She read some of the reports from his German researcher, Carla Mittelstaedt-Kubaseck. Over 500 German places of origin of the 800 settlers have been located. Mrs. Seubold also read part of the camera-ready copy, at that time completed through the M's. Hank Jones told her he hopes to be finished with the manuscript by Easter 1983. The compilation will be in two or three volumes and is sure to be a great contribution to German genealogical research.

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MAP OF GERMANY - A free map of Germany is available by sending a SASE to: German National Tourist Office, 104 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING -- SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1983

(See Map - Another Page)

SHERATON LANHAM MOTOR INN - 8500 Annapolis Road - NEW CARROLLTON, MARYLAND

8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

- 8:30 - 10:00 Registration, coffee and treats, fellowship and exhibits
- 10:00 - 10:10 Welcome and Opening Remarks by Norman C. Emerick,
Acting President
- 10:10 - 10:20 Introduction of speaker by Robert Weimer, Acting V/Pres.
- 10:20 - 11:40 GERMAN ARCHIVAL SOURCES and EARLY GERMANS IN MARYLAND
by Gary Myer, Staff Genealogist for Md. Historical Soc.
- 11:40 - 12:50 Lunch, fellowship, and review of exhibits
- 12:50 - 12:55 Introduction of speaker by Norman C. Emerick, Acting Pres.
- 12:55 - 2:20 SEARCHING FOR MENNONITE ANCESTORS by Lemar and Lois Ann
Mast, Editors of Mennonite Family History, a genealogical
periodical.
- 2:20 - 3:00 Business Meeting - All attendees welcome - General
Business and Installation of Officers for 1983
- 3:00 - 3:30 Fellowship, exhibits and opening bids for SILENT AUCTION

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*There will be a number of exhibits - in meeting area, which should be of
interest to all. The three periods during registration, lunch, and after
the business meeting should provide ample time for studying the exhibits,
discussing research and exchanging notes.*
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EXHIBITS - SILENT AUCTION - Placing of bids for items

TOMBSTONE RUBBING DEMONSTRATION - Required materials will
be on sale

COPYING OF OLD PHOTOS - Display information showing types
of copies and prints that may be obtained with prices from
professional lab

MEMBERSHIP - Arrangements provided for new members to join

SURNAMES - Displays explaining Surname Index and arrange-
ments for submitting attendees' own cards

REGISTRATION AND COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

STUMPED ROOTS - Displays setting forth inquiry types and
problem solutions using actual cases.

300 YEARS OF GERMAN IMMIGRANTS IN AMERICA - Display of
brochures and mementos from the Heinz Moos Company/Baltimore

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHERATON INN, 8500 ANNAPOLIS ROAD, NEW CARROLLTON, MD
 From either direction on the Washington, D. C. Capital Beltway, get off at Exit 20B - Bladensburg.



SEE ANOTHER PAGE FOR REGISTRATION FORM WHICH IS DUE BY MARCH 26TH

FAIRFAX GENEALOGY - Fairfax Genealogy Club meets the fourth Thursday, September through May (except Thanksgiving and in December) at Thoreau Intermediate School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna, VA. Meetings begin at 7:45 P.M. For more information, contact Joanne Bevins at 703-560-8818, or write Fairfax Genealogy Club, P.O. Box 276, Vienna, VA 22180.
 *** We welcome visitors ***

CALLING ALL WORTHINGTON DESCENDANTS - Find your "Worthington" ancestors in the "Worthington Descendants" newsletter, covering all branches of the Worthington surname. Subscriptions run \$12.00 yearly. For more information, contact Frances E. Brengle or Bette Brengle-Poole, 317 Johnson Farm Rd., Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

KRIEGER...CREAGER...CREGER -- Individuals interested in this family name will want to see the recently published "Notes on Two Krieger Families of Wythe County, Virginia," by Clifford R. Canfield. Its 237 pages follow two branches of the family in Frederick County, MD in 1753, and Wythe County, VA in the 1780's. The author, who lives in Kaiserslautern, Germany, also publishes a family newsletter for those who have purchased the book. You can order a copy of the book by sending \$15.00 to Clifford R. Canfield, Box 57, APO NY 09130.
 Another family newsletter on the Krieger/Creager family is published by Gerald C. Purcell, 1035 Franklin Rd., Apt. P5, Marietta, GA 30067. Mr. Purcell sends a free copy to those who enclose a SASE.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

As soon as a Constitution has been approved by the membership, permanent officers can be elected by MAGS; accordingly, the first election is planned for the April 9th meeting. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Philip Neth, Gary Ruppert, Thomas Reichelderfer, Joseph Norris, and Anne Tenny, Chairperson, is pleased to submit the following slate of officers:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
President	2 years	Norman Emerick
1st Vice President (Membership)	2 years	Beverly Hoch
2nd Vice President (Programs)	2 years	Mary K. Meyer
Treasurer	3 years	Robert Miller
Secretary	3 years	Catherine Dippo

Additional nominations may be made by mail. Send them, by March 15, 1983 to Philip Neth, 312 E. Main Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325. While the committee will verify each nominee's willingness to run before placing his or her name on the final ballot, it is recommended that you check first with an individual you wish to nominate.

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TRIP TO GERMANY - Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD is sponsoring Luther and the Art of the Reformation, a 17-day trip to Germany, June 29 - July 15, 1983. The trip provides a chance to see the Germany of Martin Luther, as well as visit several art exhibitions honoring Luther and the Reformation. Egon Verheyen, an art history professor at Johns Hopkins, and a native German, will be guest lecturer throughout the trip. Among the cities to be visited are Frankfurt, Worms, Nuremberg, Cologne, Munster, Leipzig, and both East and West Berlin. Cost of the trip, per person, is \$2,195. For more information, write: Steinwald Alumni House, The Johns Hopkins University, 3211 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218.

MORE ON GERMANY - Those interested in ancestors who left the Port of Hamburg between 1850 and 1934 should write Staatsarchiv, 19A-ABC Strasse, 200 Hamburg 36, West Germany. First half-hour of research is 11 marks, if the date of departure is shown within five years. Since the mark fluctuates in value, check with your bank for the current dollar value. Send bank check or international money order, NOT a personal check. Also, send two international postal reply coupons for return postage. For those lucky enough to be in Hamburg in the future, the library's hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SORRY ABOUT THAT! - Due to an unforeseen problem, the Queries Editor was unable to put together a column this issue. We apologize to all and promise a bigger column next time!

STUMPED ROOTS SERVICE -

MAGS' STUMPED ROOTS SERVICE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING TO MEMBERS:

1. Guidance When You're Stumped: We'll refer your question to a person knowledgeable in the geographic area of interest to you, in the hope that that person can tell you where specific records are, possible new avenues of investigation, etc. No actual research, so you still have the fun of doing it yourself!
2. Names of Professionals, When You're Really Stumped: If you give up and want someone to do it for you, we'll provide a list of professionals. It's up to you to get in touch with them, though.
3. Information From the Surname File: For specific surnames, we'll tell you who in MAGS is researching the same names as you. This service is free to members, but we do need to cover expenses. Please send two 20¢ stamps for Service #1, or a SASE for either #2 or #3. Address inquiries to: Anne T. Tenny, 10807 Montrose Avenue, Garrett Park, MD 20896.

For the Stumped Roots Service to work well, we need a bigger data base. So - please let Ms. Tenny know if you'd like to have your name included on the list of professionals - or be a volunteer "expert." AND DON'T FORGET to send in your own surname cards. (See example provided below.)

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
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(June 1982)

Important: include the date when you list.

CENSUS NEWS - The Census Bureau performs a service called an "age research" for people who need help proving their age or citizenship. For this, a person fills out a bureau form with the names of his parents and where they lived at the time of past decennial censuses. Then, the bureau checks two censuses and certifies whether the person was listed with those parents at that address and whether a place of birth and birthdate was given. The service costs \$12; the forms should be mailed to The Census Bureau, Pittsburg, KS 66762.

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CAPON VALLEY - HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, WV
The two-volume work of Maud Pugh entitled Capon Valley: It's Pioneers and their Descendants, 1698-1940 has been reprinted in one volume with a new and thorough index. Those interested in obtaining copies, write to William F. Lynch, 1433 Heather Lane, West Chester, PA 19380. Cost is \$32.50, postpaid.

CHURCH RECORDS -
Tulpehocken Church Records, 1730-1800; Christ (Little Tulpehocken) Church and Altalaha Church, Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania, translated by Frederick S. Weiser and published by the Pennsylvania German Society are available from the Society at \$12.50 + \$1.50 for postage and handling. Pennsylvania residents add 75¢ sales tax. To order or for a complete description of contents, write Pennsylvania German Society, P.O. Box 97, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

KANSAS PIONEERS - Researchers seeking information about Germans who moved to Kansas in frontier days would do well to obtain a copy of Joanna Stratton's book,

Pioneer Women, Voices from the Kansas Frontier, (Simon & Schuster, 1981). The book, based on over 600 manuscripts obtained by the author's great-grandmother in the 1920's from women recounting their own or their mothers' experiences in frontier times, makes fascinating reading. In addition, an appendix lists nearly 800 women by name, giving the source of information about each, the data she emigrated to Kansas, and her age at the time of emigration. There are many German names on the list.

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BE SURE TO SEE THE
REGISTRATION FORM
FOR THE SPRING MEETING
. AND THE APPLICATION
FOR MEMBERSHIP
ON ANOTHER PAGE

....see you on April 9th

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING MEETING

(Cost includes coffee, treats and lunch) . . . \$15.00 by MARCH 26TH
....WITH THIS FORM....

NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 19, 1983

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____
registration(s) - payable to MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY.

NAME _____

List additional names of
those attending:

STREET _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAIL THIS FORM -
(It must arrive by March 26th)

TO:
Beverly Repass Hoch,
Registration Chairperson
13001 Meadow View Drive
Darnestown, MD 20878
301-977-2589



I would like to be a member of MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY

- Family — \$7.00
- Single — \$5.00

Name _____

Address _____

Make check out to: MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY
and mail to: Mrs. Beverly R. Hoch (Membership Chairperson).
13001 Meadow View Drive - Darnestown, MD 20878
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SEND QUERIES TO:

Query Editor, MAGS
4925 Jamestown Road
Bethesda, MD 20816

Keep it short and to the point

Use only one family name with
as many alternate spellings
as are known

Limit each query to 50 words

Send each query on a separate
8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper

There is no charge to members
for queries. You may submit two
or more at a time, but indicate
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Each of your submissions will be
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to use them in the order received
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