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The German Research Association was formed to disseminate and exchange Germanic research information among members, to encourage and coordinate Germanic-related genealogical activities, to educate and help themselves and others interested in foreign research, and to provide a repository for Germanic reference and source materials. Annual membership is \$10 for the first member of a household, and \$5 for each additional member. The German Connection, the Association newsletter is published three times a year and regular meetings are held in February, May and September. For information, write German Research Association, P. O. Box 11293, San Diego, CA 92111.

WILD, WONDERFUL WEST VIRGINIA

Morgan County, West Virginia was formed in 1820 from parts of Berkeley and Hampshire counties. Its early land titles trace to Orange, Augusta and Frederick counties in Virginia -- and Hampshire and Berkeley counties in West Virginia. It is located between Braddock, Forbes and Shenandoah Valley roads over which many migrants traveled north, south and west in search of new land to settle. When there was no more land, their children joined the western movement. Their descendants can now seek help from Frederick T. Newbraugh's column, Warm Springs Echoes. Mr. Newbraugh will print queries free on the Morgan County area. If you desire a copy of the printed query,

please send an SASE with your request. Over the years, Mr. Newbraugh has developed a card file from the queries he's received and now has over 60,000 cards! Send your queries to Frederick T. Newbraugh, Six Rockwell Circle, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

DID YOU KNOW - when England changed her calendar from the Julian style to the Gregorian style, eleven days were dropped from the year 1752? So, it is impossible to have an ancestor born September 3 - 13, 1752 -- as that is when the changeover took place!

ANYTHING YOU CAN DO, I CAN DO

Learn how to decipher Germanic records with Edna M. Bentz' book, If I Can You Can DECIPHER GERMANIC RECORDS. A 78-page handbook that touches on various forms of Old German and Old Danish script -- terminology and symbols in German and script, and a Germanic Latin and Script Danish terminology. Also included are glossaries of illnesses and occupations. To order, send \$10.00 (California residents, add 6% sales tax) -- plus \$1.50 (first copy only) postage and handling -- to Edna M. Bentz, 13139 Old West Avenue, San Diego, CA 92129

 * PLEASE SHARE ANY ARTICLES OF *
 * INTEREST WITH MAGS' MEMBERS *
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 * NEW ADDRESS -- EFFECTIVE *
 * JUNE 1ST, 1984 *

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those who did not attend our Leesburg meeting, you missed an exceptional one. Peggy Shomo-Joyner was a most engaging speaker on the early Virginia Germans. If you would like to order the VIRGINIA PACKET, send a check for \$1.75 made out to MAGS, to Robert J. Miller, 347 Scott Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Price is postpaid.

The packet consists of twenty pages of material, including an article by Dr. John W. Wayland, on the Pennsylvania Germans who migrated into Virginia, plus bibliographical material on the Virginia Germans and Shenandoah Valley, home to many of those migrating Germans in the 18th century.

The Fall meeting will be held in the Frederick, Maryland area on October 27. Watch your mailbox for details, this summer. Our speaker for both sessions will be Pastor Frederick S. Weiser, a noted speaker, author and lecturer. Pastor Weiser is also editor of publications for the Pennsylvania German Society, as well as being a full-time minister in the Lutheran Church.

If any of our members have ideas which would provide us with new displays at our meetings, please write me with details.

Our Society is cooperating with the Genealogical Council of Maryland in the MARYLAND OLD CHURCH RECORDS PROJECT. The Council acts to coordinate activities among all such societies in Maryland. The project is a long-range effort to locate, identify and index the church records for all churches in Maryland which were organized prior to 1910. It is anticipated that the location, identity and indexing will require about three years, and another one and a half to edit and publish the findings. If the project is successful, the location of all church records will be in one publication. Our Society has been asked to locate churches in several Maryland counties.

If any member of MAGS knows of burial church records of any German cemetery,

regardless of location, please write to me. We would like this information, providing the records have never been published. The records will be accumulated and published in our forthcoming journal currently in the planning stages.

Norman C. Emerick
132 W. 25th Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

FYI -

At the recent MAGS' meeting, attendance averaged out to the following:

Maryland	-	62 %
Virginia	-	24.5%
Pennsylvania	-	3.7%
New Jersey	-	3.7%
Ohio	-	3.7%
West Virginia	-	1.8%

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

In Hamburg, that's where! At the Museum for Hamburg History, nearly five million names in the microfilm files record emigration from 1850 to 1914. If you can provide your immigrant ancestor's name and an approximate date of emigration, trained researchers can find the name of the ship he or she traveled on and its departure date. For additional information, write the German National Tourist Office, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10020 (212-757-8570) or the Hamburg North American Representation, 26 Broadway, Suite 911, New York, NY 10040 (212-514-8220). Move over McDonald's!

NEW REGISTER OF GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUBS IN U.S. - The United German-American Committee USA, Inc. (Vereinigtes Deutsch-Amerikanisches Komitee--VDAK) has a register of German-American clubs from 1926 which lists more than 4,500 clubs. No one knows how many there are today. Many old clubs no longer exist, and many new ones have been founded. In this Tricentennial year, the VDAK plans to publish a new and up-to-date register. To do this, it needs your help, by sending it the names and addresses of all

German-American clubs you know. VDAK will contact each. VDAK's address is 9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114.

MEMENTOS MARKING CELEBRATION OF
300 YEARS OF GERMAN IMMIGRANTS --

When the Heinz Moos Company of Munich, Germany closed their Baltimore office at the conclusion of the Tricentennial, they closed out their inventory by selling everything at a substantial reduction below retail levels. MAGS purchased a number of items, which have proved popular at our meetings. MAGS members can still buy these unique mementos and gifts of our German heritage. Quoted prices are postpaid by first class mail.

A 50-page softbound booklet which gives an historical sketch of the German immigrants, with tips for sightseeing adventures in Germany, and tracing family roots in the Federal Republic of Germany. (Not pictured) \$3.00

A festive pictorial calendar and historical anthology, piecing together the memorable events accompanying German immigration over the last 300 years. Fifty-three attractive illustrations, most of them in color, adorn this lovely 9½x11½" calendar. (Not pictured) \$12.00

300 Years of Germans in America/ 300 Jahre Deutsche in Amerika, ed. by Klaus Wurst and Heinz Moos is a commemorative volume tracing the background of German emigration to the United States over three centuries. Three introductory chapters are followed by 70 short, illustrated, biographies of selected individuals, from Peter Minuit, to von Steuben, to Einstein and Kissinger. 9½x11", 208 pp., over 700 illus., English/German, paperback. (Not pictured) \$16.00



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larger than pictured)

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than pictured)

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Dear Mags Members:

I would like to ask your help in regards to getting our press releases in newspapers in a variety of locales. If you have a newspaper in your community or town, I would like to know of it. Please send me the name and address.

I would appreciate your comments to better serve our society and to advertise our meetings for any prospective members. Thank you.

*Doris N. Suresch, P.R.
317 Johnson Farm Lane
Glen Burnie, MD 21061*

*** ATTENTION -- ATTENTION!!! ***

*** Please do not send dues or new memberships to the editor! She does not handle any money for MAGS. Dues-paying and new members should correspond with Beverly Hoch, 13001 Meadow View Drive, Darnestown, MD 20878 ***

Some Guidelines

for Tracing Family Roots

Many U.S. visitors to Germany are among the fifty-two million Americans whose ancestry - according to a 1982 survey - includes German roots. As opposed to first and second-generation Americans, for whom integration and Americanization was of primary interest, more recently third, fourth and later generations have shown an awakening and increasing ethnic consciousness and concern in tracing their family history back to its European origins.

As researching a genealogy can become an extremely involved enterprise, we wish to offer some guidelines for Americans who wish to look up records and documents and visit places associated with their forebears.

Several important steps must be taken at home before traveling abroad. It will be useful to write out a family tree diagram, working backwards from yourself and your immediate family. In order to establish the exact points of origin in Germany of your progenitors who migrated to the New World, it may be necessary to consult both personal and public documents. After writing down the information handed down by oral tradition in the family, it must be verified - and often corrected - by written records.

Vital statistical material is to be found in old family Bibles, which used to be handed down from father to son, and which were used to record important family dates such as births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials. Similar data can be found in diaries and old letters, on old photographs, on tombstones, and in military records. Even military souvenirs such as uniform buttons, medals, badges and patches, can point you to official lists which are worth checking. One should not even overlook worn baggage tags on old trunks, as they may tell the year the family moved from one city or county to another. Certificates of Naturalization often give the date of entry into the United States and sometimes the name of the vessel on which the immigrant arrived. The ports of arrival for most immigrants from Germany were Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and New Orleans.

The name of the ship, the date of arrival, and the original family name of the immigrant can often be clues leading to ascertaining the place of origin, which may be recorded on various public documents. The most important sources of data on immigration are now on file in the *National Archives*, Washington, D.C. 20408. The National Archives and Records Service also maintains eleven Regional Archives Branches in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Fort Worth, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Seattle. Microfilm from the National Archives may also be borrowed through local libraries. Your local public library can offer excellent help by providing books on how to search for your ancestors, and many public libraries in the large cities themselves house extensive genealogical collections.

Passenger Manifests. Beginning in 1820 each master bringing in a vessel to the chief ports in the United States was required on oath to divulge the names of his passengers, their sex, age, occupation, country of nativity and destination. This manifest was kept at the port of entry for many years, but a few years ago these manifests were deposited in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Most of them have been microfilmed and those for New York, Boston, New Orleans, Philadelphia and Baltimore are available in the National Archives. It is also possible to have individual manifests copied at a fixed fee. When writing for information, be sure to include the name of the vessel on which the immigrant came, the port of entry, the approximate date of arrival and the name of the passenger.

Census Records. The Federal Census for the years 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 are available on microfilm. It is possible to consult them in the National Archives or

by Jimmy Grant

Fr. William P. Mathesius knew his family was steeped in a Lutheran as well as Catholic tradition. But until he began tracing his non-Catholic roots, he had no idea the connection led to Martin Luther himself.

Fr. Mathesius, associate pastor of St. John the Beloved Parish, Sherwood Park, recently discovered that one of his ancestors, Johann Mathesius, was a colleague of Luther, the 16th century Roman Catholic priest whose objections to elements of Catholicism sparked the Protestant Reformation.

As far as Fr. Mathesius knows, he is the first Roman Catholic clergyman in the Mathesius family since the days of the Reformation.

"Mathesius and Luther were both Augustinian monks...they went to school together," said Fr. Mathesius, a native of Jersey City, New Jersey, who was raised in his mother's Catholic tradition. His ancestor, who lived from 1504-1565, was the first minister appointed by Luther in the reform movement, said Fr. Mathesius. He became pastor of the church of St. Joachimstal (town of St. John).

Johann Mathesius also authored the first Luther biography, now in the rare book collection at St. Charles Seminary library in Philadelphia. (Only four books were written. One is now in the rare book collection. They have established the Mathesius Institute which is a museum for the preservation of German history.)

Fr. Mathesius' grandfather came to the United States from Hamburg prior to the start of World War I. The priest's father, though not as staunchly Lutheran as his grandfather, viewed the world with decidedly Lutheran eyes, said the priest. "Only later, did he

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have parts of them copied at a fixed price. The 1850 Census was the first Federal Census to give the birthplace of the persons enumerated. The 1880 Census also lists the nationality of the father and mother of the person enumerated. These lists are an excellent source if one knows the residence of the person sought.

U.S. Naturalization Records. Registers listing foreigners who either took out intentions of becoming U.S. citizens or who finally received their naturalization papers are not to be found in a central depository. They are scattered throughout the country in the courts - municipal district and federal. They often give valuable information about the individual's birthplace, date of arrival in the United States, and sometimes the name of the vessel on which he arrived. The naturalization records for the New England states are now available in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Vital Statistics. While the registration of births, marriages and deaths shows a great unevenness throughout the country - some communities having waited until the beginning of the present century before recording vital statistics - there are a number of communities which have records going back to the 19th century. Death certificates can be very important since they often give birth date and birthplace as well as next of kin. These records are to be found in local city halls or county courthouses. In some states the records have been centralized in the state capital.

Military Records. The National Archives in Washington, D.C. has an excellent collection of military records going back to the Revolutionary War. For determining the country of origin, however, one cannot get much information prior to the Civil War. Beginning with this conflict, the records are more specific as to date of birth and often place of birth. The pension records, also housed in the National Archives, are of course also an excellent source.

Land Deeds. With the opening up of the western lands through the establishment of the Homestead Act in 1862, it became possible for immigrants to purchase land inexpensively from the Federal Government. The records of these transactions may sometimes help in determining the early years of the immigrant's life. It is necessary, however, to have a complete description of the land. The Land Record Office in the National Archives has many records which can be helpful. Otherwise it is best to go to the Registrar of Deeds in the local county courthouse.

Church Books. Many Lutheran Churches, as well as other immigrant congregations in such denominations as the Evangelical, Methodist, Baptist, and a few Protestant Episcopal Churches, kept fairly good membership records. It is quite often possible to obtain the vital statistics of parishioners from their church books.

City Directories. Directories published by cities and towns throughout the United States can be of great help in locating missing relatives. General collections of U.S. city directories and telephone books are to be found in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Each town and city library, however, usually maintains a fairly complete set of the directories of its own community.

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realize Lutherans came from Catholics. That was a surprise to him."

There have been some converts to Catholicism among his father's relatives, said Fr. Mathesius, and he wouldn't be surprised if someday his father converted, too. "He thinks the Catholics are doing a pretty good job," he said.

The recent Lutheran-Catholic agreement on the key doctrinal issue of justification was "very good" news, said Fr. Mathesius. "I'm surprised it's taken this long."

Initially, he said, Luther had no intention of separating from the church, but political intervention forced a split. Differences between the churches today are mainly of semantics, he added.

His parents now live in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Fr. Mathesius said, and family gatherings still spark occasional religious "discussions." But in the true spirit of ecumenism, "there is still chance for dialogue" in the Mathesius family, he said with a laugh.

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(Ed. note: The following column excerpts have been reprinted with permission of Schuyler Brossman who writes "Our Keystone Families."

APRIL 18, 1984 SURNAME INDEX

A new surname index to the "Portrait and Biographical Record of Tuscarawas County, Ohio" first published in 1895, has been prepared. This index was made by Ethel M. Rudy in 1984 and is available from the Trading Post, PO Box 2025, Alamogordo, NM 88311 for \$6.50 postpaid. This 16-page index has 1700 surnames.

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PENNSYLVANIA BOOKS

Anyone interested in Pennsylvania Genealogy is invited to write for a free catalogue on books available for those doing research on Pennsylvania families.

Even if you don't intend to buy any books right now, it is a nice little catalogue to have as it describes each book and tells what to expect. You can save it for future reference and maybe even use it for a checklist to check the books at the library, or ask your librarian to buy it, when you visit there again.

Write to Joseph Garonzik, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 Calvert St., Baltimore MD 21202 and ask for the free catalogue, "Pennsylvania Books."

Further information on how to conduct genealogical research may be obtained from local professionals as well as from a number of regional and national associations. These include (listed alphabetically):

The American Society of Genealogists
c/o Robert C. Anderson
90 E. Walnut St.
Belchertown, MA 01007
(Specialists publishing works on genealogy and heraldry).

Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association
P.O. Box 4462
Shreveport, LA 71104
(Concerned mainly with material relating to Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas).

Association of Professional Genealogists
P.O. Box 11601
Salt Lake City, UT 84147
(Publishers of an annual Professional Directory and the pamphlet "How to Hire a Genealogist").

The Genealogical Society of Utah
(Genealogical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints)
50 E. North Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84150
(Maintains library of over 170,000 volumes, over a million rolls of microfilm and 360 branch genealogical libraries throughout the United States, open to all readers, not only to members of the Mormon Church).

The Genealogy Club of America
P.O. Box 15861
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
(Maintains library with access to computer bank of 27 million names; gives assistance with personal research problems).

The Institute of Family History and Genealogy
173 Tremont St. Newton, MA 02158
(Emphasis on New England and the 19th century).

The National Genealogical Society
1921 Sunderland Pl. N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
(Evaluation, preservation, publication and exchange of genealogical data; large library).

New England Historic Genealogical Society
101 Newbury St. Boston, MA 02116
(Collection and preservation of materials relating to family and local history; 300,000-volume library).

New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
122 E. 58th St. New York, NY 10022
(Family history research related to New York and adjacent states; publications, library, microfilm division).

Southern Society of Genealogists
P.O. Box 295 Stewart University
Centre, AL 35960
(Research on southern families; annual directory).

Jewish Family Names and Records.
Research on civil and religious documents pertaining to Jewish families prior to immigration will be dealt with in more detail later on; here it should be pointed out that Jewish families who can trace their American roots back to colonial times were not of German origin, as the five pre-Revolutionary congregations in the port cities of New York, Newport, Philadelphia, Charleston and Savannah were founded by Spanish and Portuguese-speaking Sephardic Jews. A significant influx of German- and Yiddish-speaking Jews began with the mid-19th-century immigrants from Bavaria and Prussian Posen (now Polish Poznań). As Jewish family names were also often Anglicized upon arrival in the United States, one must try to find out the exact spelling of the name the family had before immigration.

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Tricentennial Yearbook

The Society for German-American Studies will publish a special edition of the *Yearbook of German-American Studies* to coincide with the special Tricentennial festivities in Philadelphia in October.

The Society, established in 1968, publishes the *Yearbook* and a quarterly *Newsletter*. Its purposes are to study and promote interest in history, linguistics, folklore, genealogy, literature, theater, music and other creative aspects of cross-cultural relations between people in German-speaking lands and the Americas; to produce and present research findings in these and related fields as a public service; to assist researchers, teachers and students engaged in such activities; and, generally, to improve cultural relations between German-speaking countries and the United States.

Annual membership in the Society is \$15.00 and includes the *Yearbook* and *Newsletter*. For further information, contact:

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406 Spring Drive
Millersville, Pa. 17551

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HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY - If your ancestors lived in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County, Virginia area, you might be interested in joining the area's historical society. The quarterly newsletter is filled with the activities of the Society, queries, and other useful information. The Society maintains a museum and small genealogical library for members at its headquarters in Harrisonburg. Membership dues are \$3.00 for students, \$10.00 for individuals, \$12.50 for couples -- and members over 65 get a slight discount at \$8.50 for individuals and \$10.00 for couples. If you are interested in joining, please send your dues to: Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society, 301 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Make checks payable to the Society.

Q U E R I E S

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 8½x11" clean, white paper. Please indicate desired priority for printing. MAGS reserves the right to edit. Neither MAGS or DER KURIER assumes any responsibility for accuracy. Send your queries to: Query Editor, MAGS, 9421 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

- OGLE
ADAMS #2-29 William OGLE 1751 Frederick Co MD d 1800/1821 Sinking Springs Adams Co OH. Wife Mary ADAMS b MD d 1838 Sinking Springs OH. Need info on parents
- COLE
QINANS/
WYANT/
WYANTH Hugh Haggerty COLE b 17 Sept. 1808 Essex Co NJ son of James Cole, 1776, lived in NJ & NY. m 27 Nov 1828 Susanna WINAS b 11 Feb 1808 d 11 Jul 1896 San Bernado (sic) CA. Need mother of Hugh & children. Will exchange info.
- WILLIAMS
PHILBRICK Rev Samuel WILLIAMS b 1775/80 England m Rachel PHILBRICK emigrant from Wales, in Maine. Met wife on ship coming to US in 1803/4. Family moved to PA in 1814/15. Was a Baptist Preacher in Washington or Allegheny Co PA. Need names & statistical data on their parents & children. Velma G. Clark, 3933 Boozer Drive, Jackson, MS 39212.
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- GEISTDOERFER #2-30 Gotlieb GEISTDOERFER b 3 Apr 1837 Ger d 18 Dec 1893 IL Na1 1872 fr Wurtemberg Ger. m. Caroline/Karolina GERFIN/GERFEN b. 10 Dec. 1848 Kreis Minden Westphalen Ger. Seek connection between Gotlieb to Charles & Christopher GEISTDOERFER Philadelphia PA 1840. Will exchange info on GEISTDOERFER & GERFEN/GERFIN. Elsie L. Swartwood, 9421 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.
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- GOTTSCHALCK
DUNKELBERGER #2-31 Palantine Nicholas GOTTSCHALCK immigrated--1742, settled Richmond Twp, Berks Co PA. Did he have descendant named Daniel, possibly grandson, who md ca 1814 to Hannah DUNKELBERGER, dau of Christopher, in Northumberland Co PA. Forrest A. Brandt, 28 Karen Lee Lane, Manitou Springs CO 80829
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- SORTOR/
DORTORE #2-32 Jacob & Catharine SORTOR b when & where in the Palatinate? Date of marriage? Maiden name of Catharine? Belgium to USA 1723 with sons Johannes & Hendrick. Other children? Need data on all. Family settled Somerset Co NY Peggy Lindsay Dagg, 17446 Brady, Redford, MI 48240.
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- LOOKER #2-33 Info on LOOKER family which was living in ? St. Mary's Parish by 1673 ? Was Thomas LOOKER son of Thomas & Frances Asquith LOOKER, the same Thomas LOOKER b ca 1700 who removed to now Shenandoah Co VA by 1734 ? Did he marry in MD ? Was he a Quaker ? Vera Ross Boyatt, Rt. 11, Box 2, Maryville TN 37801.
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- ROSS
ECKHOFF #2=34 Christina Janssen ROSS b in Strackholt Ger. Came as an orphan to USA in 1880-1881 to Petersburg, IL area. md John Wattjes ECKHOFF in NE 25 Feb 1886. Need to know if any relatives of hers came to the USA. Mildred A. Fleeer, 3732 Wren Avenue, Ft. Worth, TX 76133.

SUESS/
SÜSS/
SEES/
SEUSS/
RISCH/
RISH/
RUSH

#2-35 Anna Elizabeth SUESS possibly b in Lancaster Co PA ca 1735. May be related to the Balthazar SUSS who arrived in 1737 & d 1765 & was associated with the Brickersville Lutheran CH in Lancaster. md Carl RISCH sometime before 1753, a Lutheran & immediately moved to what was then Augusta Co (now Rockingham Co) VA. She d there after 1806. Need info on Anna Elizabeth SUESS. Dr. Dorothy Boyd-Rush, 1270 Smithland Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

MYER/
MYERS/
MEUER/
MEURER
ANDERSON
DONGES

#2-36 Casper MYER b 1825 in Eschelbach. Came to USA ca 1842, next appears in Easton PA md 8 Oct 1853 Ann ANDERSON b 1831 Co Meath, Ireland. Need bros & sis of Casper were they Adam, Peter, Anna Katherina (Muller) & Johann? Did any live in Essen or Coblenz? Will excg info on MYER of NJ & PA & DONGES of OH & PA.
Who was Johann MEURER of Eschelbach near Montabaur W Ger, Nassau? Who were his parents?

THOME

Who was Anna Maria THOME (Toe-may) b in Stahlhofen Ger when? Who were her parents? Mrs. Doris Myer Donges, 950 Moss Hill Drive, Ashland, OH 44805.

ARBEGAST/
ARMAGOST/
ARMACOST

#2-37 Peter Christopher b ? d 1783 MD. md Anna Margaretha b ? when ? where ? Ch: Michael, Christophel (Stophel), Peter, Mary, Jacob, Adam, Johan, Elizabetha, Margaretha & Christopher.

BORN/
BORIN/
BURNS

Michael b 1696 Erkesswiller Alsace d 1786-7 MD. md Anna Marie _____ ? Ch: Adam, Abloon, Anna Margaretha, Anna Marie, Elizabetha, Johan & one dau name unknown. Need marriage date & location of ARMAGOST-BORN union.
E. Donald Armagost, 16 Paulison Ave., Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660.

SICKMAN/
SIGMAN/
SIGMON
HALE

#2-38 Peter SICKMAN, SR b ca 1745 where ? d 1837. Believe his first wife was Mary HALE. Family lore says he came from MD to VA. He signed petition for formation of Franklin Co VA in 1785. Wish to correspond with those searching these families. Juanita Sigmon Halstead, (Mrs. E. Houston Halstead) 6 Saunders Addition, Scott Depot, WV 25560.

DIRKS
ECKHOFF

#2-39 Alma Janshen DIRKS b 31 Mar 1818 in Stracholt Ger. md. to Wattjes Tammen ECKHOFF 11 Apr 1842. She came to Petersburg IL area 1886, with three ch: Thomas Wattje, Mary Wattje, & John Wattje. Need to know where she died & is bur & other relatives. Mildred A. Flear, 3732 Wren Avenue, Ft. Worth, TX 76133.

O. HOWIE DIGGS - The Press and Journal of Middletown, PA., has instituted a new column edited by O. Howie Diggs. And O. Howie is just dying to help you dig up an ancestor or two. Readers interested in finding information -- take out an ad in the P&J "O. Howie Diggs" column. The ad lists information being sought in addition to other vital statistics known to the seeker. The column has space for birth, marriage, death and spouse information. The name and address of the person seeking the information will also be

listed. Cost of running one name is \$5.00; two names - \$7.00; three names - \$9.00; and each additional name after three is \$2.50. Each ad will run for three consecutive weeks in the Press and Journal's pages. Payment must accompany each set of queries. Mail to O. Howie Diggs, Press and Journal, P.O. Box 310, Middletown, PA 17057. Individual subscriptions to the Press and Journal are \$6.00 for PA residents and \$10.00 for out-of-town residents. Mail subscriptions to the address listed above.

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