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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the "ten new directions transforming our lives" cited in John Naisbitt's *Megatrends* is that of "networking." Maybe he didn't have genealogical study in mind, but the MAGS charter members certainly had a network in mind. The idea was to put a group of people with a common genealogical interest in touch with each other for exchange of information and help. Beginner, experienced researcher, and professional genealogist could all profit from sharing family knowledge, as for example in the use of the Surname File or Stumped Roots. As it turned out, many more of our members live out of the Mid-Atlantic area than had been anticipated, so networking tools are certainly called for.

For example, a number of finding aids have been or are being developed by MAGS members for our mutual benefit. One in progress is the all-name index to the first three years of *DER KURIER* being developed by members Tom Chamberlain of Bethesda, MD and Terry Asche of Washington Boro, PA; Tom did the initial indexing and Terry is putting it in her computer. It will be made available to members on completion. So will the name index to our immigrant file collection, which Cathy Dipppo of Crofton, MD has offered to produce on her computer.

Some information packets on research in the various states were put together by Beverly Hoch and sold at some of the early meetings; these will be ready again in time for the Spring meeting. Also, Norman Emerick prepared a general information packet on German research; some of these are still available and may be purchased by mail for \$5.00 by writing to the Corresponding Secretary, Phyllis Lott, 12111 Mt. Albert Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

There are undoubtedly many other ways to network, but we need to know what members' needs are and also the talents which can be put to work. Hence the questionnaire contained in this newsletter. All members are urged to fill it out and return it before the holiday mail rush.

Speaking of mail, there was a serious delay with the last newsletter which meant that some members didn't get the announcement of the Fall meeting in time to make arrangements to attend. It seems to have been the result of using the "bulk mail" privilege, which saves quite a bit of postage expense but offers no guarantee of delivery speed. Other organizations have experienced the same problem. At any rate, we now know how bad it can be, so we'll plan to get out the word well in advance of all activities. To be on the safe side, why not mark your calendar right now; the Spring meeting will be held on 24 May, 1986 in New Windsor, Carroll County, MD.

Despite mail problems, the October meeting was most enjoyable for those who made it. Don Yoder talked on Pennsylvania German research and in so doing covered historical backgrounds of German migrations in Europe, to America, and later within America. He gave a number of tips on researching PA German families and told how their family names could give clues to their backgrounds. He recommended the following books.

Olga K. Miller, *Migration, Emigration, Immigration*, Logan UT, 1974

Emil Meynen, *Bibliography of Colonial German Settlements in the U.S.*, Leipzig, 1937

Albert B. Faust, *The German Element in the U.S.*, 2 vols., Boston, 1909

[Ed. note: The latter two books have been reprinted - Meynen by Genealogical Pub. Co., 1982; Faust by Arno Press, 1969.]

Don Yoder himself has published *Rhineland Emigrants*, Gene Pub. Co. 1981, a collection of genealogical articles from *Pennsylvania Folk Life*, which should be found in most genealogical libraries.

As the major item of business, the membership approved the revised constitution as published. And a plaque was presented to Norman Emerick in appreciation for his three years of effort and dedication as first president of MAGS.

The MAGS board has approved an increase in dues, starting in September, 1986 - to \$7.50 yearly, still one of the biggest bargains in genealogy! However, if you want to pay two years' dues at this time, you may do so at the present \$5.00 rate. Mail your payment to the Treasurer, Bob Miller, 347 Scott Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Our membership year is September to September.

COMPUTERS -- FREE GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION

ROOTS-BBS is a computerized bulletin board that may be accessed by any personal computer connected to a modem. Anyone who is interested in applying computers to this type of research may tap the store of information on where to find various types of records, programs that will compute a soundex value for any name, compute birthdates from tombstone ages and more, and it's all free, except for the price of the phone call.

You are encouraged to read messages left by others and leave replies or leave your own message. The types of messages range from people interested in new hardware or software to family name queries.

The electronic remote bulletin board system (RBBS) is just like a bulletin board at your local supermarket where everyone is free to leave or take information. As one bulletin board says, "Remember--an unasked question is seldom answered!"

Three very good genealogical remote bulletin boards are:

ROOTS-BBS, which operates at 300/1200 bps, 8 word bits, 1 stop bit, no parity. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. ROOTS-BBS is operated by Brian Bonner Mavrogeorge in San Francisco. The telephone number is (415) 584-0697.

GENEALOG-RBBS, operated by Galen Pinkham in Columbus, Ohio. This bulletin board also operates at 300/1200 bps, 8 word bits, 1 stop bit, no parity. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week except Monday and Thursday from 1:00PM until 6:00PM and Saturday between 9:00AM and 2:00PM. The telephone number is (614) 488-4736.

TREESEARCH in Utah is operated by Marie Irvine and Nancy Carpenter of Array Systems, Inc. Hours are restricted to between 10:00PM and 8:00AM Mountain Standard Time. At other hours the line is used for business communications. As with the others, the communication parameters are 300/1200 bps, 8 word bits, 1 stop bit, no parity. The telephone number is (801) 479-9693.

Others that might be tried are: TREESHARE in Houston, Texas at (713) 667-5532 and GIBBS in Northern Illinois at (815) 344-4767.

There must be many more around the country, so if you are using a Genealogy RBBS or know of one, inform your editor so that the information may be passed along through *DER KURIER*.

DER KURIER'S NEW FACE

Maybe some of you have noticed that *DER KURIER* is looking different these days. We have been experimenting with several kinds of type and printers in an effort to make *DER KURIER* easy to read, look good, and to print as much material as we can without sacrificing any space.

First we changed from ragged right edges on the columns to columns that are justified on both the left and right margins. At the same time, the type of print was modified. We received a reminder from one member that there are times when some definition is lost in the printing process and some readers have difficulty reading smaller type. To overcome that we made some tests to see how much space would be lost if we increased the type size. By using proportional spacing, only a small amount of space was found to be lost.

Therefore, starting with this issue, we are going to try printing the text with

12 point Classic type, which is slightly larger than newspaper print, and headlines with 14 point bold Classic type. Titles will be in Italics, where possible and the space between columns is 3/8 inch.

Several people have said that *DER KURIER* is one of the better looking newsletters and our hope is to try to make it the best.

We are always open for suggestions and comments and would appreciate hearing from you on what your thoughts are about *DER KURIER's* new face.

LAUBACH CONNECTION?

Werner Becker-Göbel (sic) is researching all of the families of LAUBACH (Kreis Giessen) in preparation of the 1200 year anniversary of the town in 1986. If your family came from this town, please write to:

Werner A. Becher-Göbel (sic)
Bahnhofstr. 3
D-6312 Laubach
West Germany
(Reprinted from the Immigrant Genealogical Society *Newsletter*.)

ACHTUNG! WARNUNG!

Dear IGS:

On the subject of Leipzig, a warning. Beware of a researcher named Franz (Frank) Ebhardt, Stauffenburg Strasse, Leipzig. This man is a con man from the word go. He has advertised his services previously in *The Genealogical Helper* as "genealogical assistance." He took my payment of \$93.00, then told me to renew his advertisement in *The Genealogical Helper*. He told me if he saw his add (sic) in a future edition of the magazine, "he would call the archives." (sic)

I received no information from him and no refund of my money.

Richard F. Kellar
Skaneateles, New York

(Reprinted from the Immigrant Genealogical Society *Newsletter*.)

MAGS NEEDS HELP!

MAGS is looking for someone living in Baltimore who works in Annapolis to pick up *DER KURIER* at the printers' in Pasadena and deliver it to Towson. Please contact **Margaret Reese**, 1022 East Lake Ave., Baltimore, MD 21212, (301-433-8130).

NGS NEW LIBRARY

The National Genealogical Society has moved its library to Arlington, VA. The library is located on three floors in back of Glebe House, an historic Virginia home. The library is open Monday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The address for the NGS Library is 4527 Seventeenth St. North, Arlington, VA 22207-2363, (703-525-0050).

PAY YOUR DUES

Your membership is important to us. We hope that you have chosen to remain with our society. We are now in the process of reviewing our rolls and pulling names from the listing for upcoming mailings. If your dues were not paid by September 1, you will not receive the March issue of *DER KURIER*. Dues will be going up beginning September 1, 1986, so please hurry and pay now if you haven't already, and you won't miss another issue of *DER KURIER*.

The new membership chairperson, Nancy Mossburg, sends this message: I would like to encourage everyone to renew their membership. Dues are

\$5.00 for a single membership and \$7.00 for a family membership.

I would also like to welcome fifteen new members to MAGS since October 1st. We now have a total membership of 443.

Make checks payable to MAGS and mail to:

Nancy Mossburg
233 Meadows Lane NE
Leesburg, VA 22075

SEARCHING IN LOCAL GERMAN CHURCH RECORDS [IN THE U.S.]

One is fortunate in that local 19th century German churches usually carried on the European tradition of maintaining detailed church registers for baptism, confirmation, marriage and burial. This is less true for frontier churches.

How does one find the church with the ancestor's information? It is essential to know the denomination, but with German ancestors it is more important to know the geographical area and then locate the nearby "German" churches. Census entries or city directories can often pinpoint a location for the ancestor. When searching a city directory, remember to locate the "German" churches by street names.

Will one be welcomed at the church? Not necessarily, but reactions vary and you may well find a cordial reception. You must deal with the temperament [sic] of the individual who controls the records. That will be the pastor or the secretary of the parish. Tact and diplomacy are essential to open the final door to the secrets of your family contained in those books. Consider a letter of introduction to announce that you intend to visit the church and include a five generation chart and/or

family record for the family in question. The staff of the church may not be interested in genealogy but these serve as evidence of your sincerity and professionalism. If your charts are scribbled over, crossed out and messy, you may treat their sacred books the same way. Show your connection to their previous member and they may be more inclined to "open the door."

Remember, while in Europe the church records are public here they are private. Most of the records are connected with the rites of the church. The records are not intended to be vital statistics and the books are sacred to their keepers. Consider them as such and persevere. Be tactful but persistent. A modest contribution to the church should always accompany any cooperation or assistance provided by the church staff, even if the desired information was not there.

Do the searching yourself. No one else has your interest in your family and no member of the church has your knowledge of your family. Misspellings and translations between German and English can cause confusion and oversight. [Remember in Germanic research it isn't always the way that you spell the name but how the pastor/priest may have spelled the name. You may also find the records written in the old German script.] Complete abstracts of the entire entry are essential. Those responsible for running a church do not have the time it requires to do this research, especially negative research. [Many small churches do not have secretaries and others may only have volunteer help part time. Many churches do not have copying machines in the office.]

What do the records contain? The typical registers will contain baptism, confirmations, marriages and burials. They may also contain dates of birth and death. Baptismal records are useful for an approximate birth date. Because of high infant mortality, it was

the practice to promptly baptize a child. Sometimes the date of birth accompanies the baptismal record. Note the entire entry as sponsors are very important to provide clues to the married name of female collaterals and relationships among families. Sometimes the baptismal entry is the only source for the mother's maiden [geb.] name.

Confirmation records are not unimportant. They may provide the age of the ancestor or the name of a parent. Sometimes the paternity of an illegitimate child was included at confirmation but not at baptism. One example was of a 1697 baptismal record in Germany in which the child's given name was omitted although the parents' names were included. The 1712 confirmation record provided the connection by supplying the name of the ancestor, his age as 15, and the names of the parents. Marriage records vary as to information. You may find ages, parents, occupations, residences or a mere date.

What about parochial school records? Most German Lutheran and Catholic churches had schools. Since many of the children in these families spoke only German, instructions were in German. It is possible that a baby was baptized at home if not expected to live by the father of the family and that record was not entered into the church records. Or they may have called the pastor and he was unavailable and so they may have called the pastor of a neighboring church and the baptismal record may be found in the neighboring church. The family could have moved before the child was confirmed, therefore the only record of that child may be found in the school records.

Burial records will be the most important in terms of bridging the Atlantic. Sometimes these records recite the precise village of birth for an immigrant ancestor.

BALTIMORE BLOCK BOOKS

What if the church is too far away to visit? Then correspond, for it never hurts to ask. But keep in mind that often the staffs of local churches receive many requests and they are reluctant to respond. Remember they really don't have the time [or money] to do free genealogical research for anyone. Write a carefully prepared letter. Ask if there is a current church member who is a member of a local genealogical society. Always include an SASE even when sending a modest contribution. And send evidence of the connection to their former member. If you are not certain that your ancestor was a member of that church or if you do not have a specific time period, say one year, then consider a less modest contribution. Negative research takes more time and costs more. Abstracting family entries of any three generations takes many hours. It will not be free.

What if the church has disappeared? This is not the end of the trail. You might try first the nearest church of the same denomination. [It is possible that an inter-city church merged with one in the suburbs and you would not find the records in the newly merged church which may or may not have the same name as either of the two individual churches]. You might inquire about regional depositories.

Church records are a valuable source for genealogists. If one encounters reluctance when visiting or silence when writing, and this can happen even with contributions, persist politely if the information is important. While these are private, sacred records, your sincere interest in preserving your family's heritage can open the door.

-Remarks in [] are by *The German Connection* editor.

(The above article is reprinted from *The German Connection*.)

Many Germans immigrated through the port of Baltimore in the 19th century, and many decided to stay there. If some of your ancestors were among them and you want to know more about their lives, you may find the Baltimore Block Books helpful. These are supplementary to the regular land records (deeds, mortgages, etc.) maintained at the Baltimore City courthouse. For every city block, a record has been kept since 1851 showing each transfer of property on that block and giving corresponding book and page number in the land records. Microfilm copies of Block Books and land records are available at the Maryland Hall of Records in Annapolis.

The following steps are suggested for doing Block Book research at the Hall of Records:

1. Before you start, you'll need to know the address(es) where your ancestors lived. If you don't, consult the annual City Directories, which list citizens alphabetically and give their occupations and addresses. A full set of these is available at the Peabody Library in Baltimore, a partial set is in the research alcove in room 400 at the National Archives. (Note: Streets were renumbered in Baltimore in 1887 and the directory for that year gives both old and new addresses. You may need both.)
2. To find the block number corresponding to an address, use Map #298, Baltimore in 1896. It and other maps are listed in Index 111 at the Hall of Records. (There are plat books at the Baltimore Court House.)

3. Having found the block number, you can now use the *Guide to the Maryland Hall of Records: Local, Judicial, and Administrative Records on Microform*,

Volume One. This is a green book found on an open table in the Hall of Records research room. The Block Book films are listed starting on page 61, and you can find the microfilm numbers corresponding to the block numbers and dates you want, then request the film and hope you'll find some informative deeds!

NEW STUMPED ROOTS

MAGS member George Billingslea has kindly agreed to take over as Chairperson of the Research Committee beginning in January 1986. Fortunately, this will be just in time for re-starting the Stumped Roots service, which is being modified in order to provide more help to members who don't know where to turn next in their research. The idea behind Stumped Roots, of course, is not to do the research for the "stumped" member, but to offer suggestions for him/her to follow up. Per a suggestion from Mary Ruth Issenock, president of the Maryland Genealogical Society, we will submit Stumped Roots questions to a panel of five or six volunteers rather than to one person. A time limit will be imposed on answers, so help should be on its way within about six weeks. Since this approach will involve more copying and more postage, the charge will be increased.

Members who submitted problems in the past and found their answers insufficient may want to resubmit under the new system. To obtain details under the new rules, write to George Billingslea, 1229 Wine Spring Ln., Ruxton, MD 21204, for Stumped Roots instructions.

SPRECHEN SIE DEUTSCH?

Below is a list of researchers and translators, some professional, some not. If you are interested in using their services you can write to each at his/her

address and ask for more details. For U.S. addresses send an SASE. For German addresses send two International Reply Coupons.* Following the list is a form letter in German with an English translation that you may want to use when writing German searchers.

Thomas Begerow
Georg Gleisteinstrasse 59
282 Bremen 70
West Germany

Searches in the area of Bremen.

Mrs. Elke Behner
219 H Avenue
Coronado, CA 92118

Translates from German.

Inge E. Bork
5700 S. China Clay Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84118

Searches German ancestry.

Hildegard M. Geltmeyer
7 Woodhaven Ct.
Alamo, CA 94507

Translates from German.

Timothy C. Parrott
1128 Spruce St.
Iowa City, IA 52240

Translates from German, Swedish, Danish, and Dutch.

Ernst Paulsen
Friedenskamp 37
231 Kronshagen
West Germany

Searches in Schleswig-Holstein, (around Kiel).

Trudy Schenk
1230 Kensington Ave.
Salt Lake City, UT 84105

Searches German and French ancestry.

Ann C. Sherwin
1918 Medfield Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27607

Translates from German.

Herbert Siemers
Heinrich-Schulz Str. 15
D-2800 Bremen 41
West Germany

Searches in Oldenburg and Old Bremen. Will also travel to those areas with visitors, but contact him ahead of time. *Send three International Reply Coupons when writing.

Friedrich Wöllmershäuser
Stuttgarter Strasse 133
7261 Ostelhiem
West Germany

Puts you in touch with a researcher in your area of interest. (Send \$5.00 by check and two International Reply Coupons for this service only.)

GERMAN FORM LETTER

Sehr geehrter Herr Pfarrer/Sehr geehrte Herren:

Laut der von mir gesammelten Ahnenforschungsquellen stammen meine Vorfahren aus _____ (Place ancestral town of birth in blank.)

Daher bitte ich hoeflichst um einige Angaben aus den dortigen Kirchenbuechern oder Standesamtregistern. Auf der Rueckseite dieses Briefes befindet sich eine Ahnentafel, welche die von mir nachgeforschte Linie darstellt. Falls Sie keine Daten finden, die sich auf meine Ahnen beziehen, so bitte ich um die Anschriften von Kirचनाेमtern, Archiven oder Personen, an die ich mich wenden koennte. Wieviel wuerde die Rechnun fuer die erbetenen Auszuege betragen?

Fuer Ihre Bemuehungen und Mithilfe im voraus dankend. Verbleibe ich.

Hochachtungsvoll

(Sign your name here, then type underneath, so person has legible form.)

Beilage: (Enclosures) International Reply Coupons

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Dear Pastor/Gentlemen:

According to the ancestral sources I have collected, my ancestors stem from _____ (Name of town of birth.)

Therefore, I respectfully request several abstracts from the church registers or civil registers there. On the back of this letter is an ancestral chart which shows the line I am researching. Should you not have any data which refer to my ancestors, I request the names and addresses of church offices, archives or persons, to whom I may turn. How much will the requested abstracts cost? Thanking you in advance for your efforts and assistance.

Yours faithfully,

(Your signature)

(The above is reprinted from *The German Connection*.)



FrameYourAncestors

MEMBERSHIP OPINION POLL AND TALENT SEARCH

Some three years after MAGS' beginning, it's time to take stock of members' interests and needs. Although we share a common interest in genealogy and particularly in our Germanic ancestors who lived in the Mid-Atlantic region some time in the past 300-plus years, our members are widely scattered geographically and widely diversified in experience, interests, and talents. The officers are also scattered, although less widely, and all are volunteers with limited time to devote to MAGS activities -- so we need to know where to put our energies. And of course, we need to find more helpers! So please take a few minutes to fill this out and return it as soon as possible to Anne T. Tenny, 10807 Montrose Ave., Garrett Park, MD 20896. Many thanks!

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (Found on mailing label.):

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

I. If you live in the Mid-Atlantic region, please answer the following questions. Otherwise, go to Part II.

Meetings

1. Do you attend meetings?

Always _____ Sometimes _____ Never _____

Why?

2. Where would you like to see meetings held?

3. If a meeting is scheduled in your local area, would you be willing to serve as arrangements chairperson (find a meeting place, arrange for food, display space, etc.)?

4. Would you be willing to serve as an area point of contact to line up carpools, etc.?

5. Are you interested in help-each-other workshops? That is, bring your research problems and see if others can offer suggestions.

Could you help organize one in your area?

6. Do you prefer special subject workshops with a predefined subject and a speaker?

If so, list the workshops and speakers you would like.

7. Would you be willing to help a member who lives outside the area by taking notes on subjects of special interest to him, and sending him handouts?

*****Please go to Part III.**

II. If you live outside the Mid-Atlantic area, please answer these questions.

8. Have you used the following services: **QUERIES SURNAME FILE STUMPED ROOTS?** (Circle the ones you've used.)

9. What is most valuable to you in being a MAGS member?

10. Would you like a "pen pal" to take notes at meetings, collect handouts for you etc.?

11. Can you suggest other ways MAGS can help remote members?

III. Questions for Everyone

12. There are many ways to participate in MAGS, from any distance. Which of the following can you help with? Please check them and write comments if you wish.

Newsletter:

Contribute articles.
Help with production.

Research Projects:

Index ancestor charts.
Index family newsletters.
Integrate bibliographies submitted by members into one file organized by state, subject, etc.
Serve on Stumped Roots panel, providing suggestions to others by mail, on how to proceed with their research. (If yes, we'll be in touch for further details.)

Meetings:

Art work (posters, etc.).
Silent auction.
Arranging for display tables.
Hospitality.
Reservations.

Publicity:

Contact with other organizations.

Typing or telephoning.

13. Would you be able to contribute articles or compilations of source data for a quarterly publication?

Are you interested in helping with production of such a publication?

14. Do you have any suggestions or comments concerning *Der Kurier*?

15. What sort of help do you need right now that you might hope to get from a Germanic genealogy group?

16. In the next several years, what would you like to gain from your continuing membership?

17. Please use the space below and on the other side of this page for additional comments, ideas, suggestions, etc. Or for continuations to your answers to any of the above.

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. Please make direct contact, *do not go through the Queries Editor*. Send your queries to Query Editor, MAGS, 121 S. Juanita Ave., #4, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

**WOLF
BLECHER
STINGER
EDMONDS
SPIELMAN
WARWELL
ALBAUGH** #4-1 Frederick WOLF, blacksmith of Washington Co., MD. b. 6 Mar. 1776, d. 6 Aug. 1853 Washington Co. Children: Tracy m. Jacob BLECHER, Sarah m. John STINGER, Sophia m. John SPIELMAN, Simon m. Elizabeth WARWELL, Jacob m. Mary Ellen ALBAUGH, Margaret Ann m. Benjamin EDMONDS two sons & one daughter names unknown. Charles C. Wolf, C 101-85, 2152 Blue Ridge Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740

**WOLF
ALBAUGH
WELTY** #4-2 Need info. on Orpha WOLF, b. ca. 1855, daugh. of Jacob WOLF & Mary Ellen ALBAUGH. Last record 1870 census of Washington Co., MD, domestic in household of her uncle, Jacob E. WELTY in Boonsboro, MD. Charles C. Wolf, C 101-85, 2152 Blue Ridge Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740.

FELTON #4-3 Conrad FELTON b. 1816 m. Magdalana, emigrated ca. 1846 from Hessen-Darmstadt. Lived Cumberland, MD, then Somerset Co. PA. Seek info on parents & wife. Robert Felton, 1027 Gringo Rd., Aliquippa, PA 15001.

**KEENER
SCHRACK
SCHERER** #4-4 John KEENER, b. 1769 m. Barbara SCHRACK 1783-1852, daug. of Johannes 1742-1799 & Gertraut (SCHERER) SCHRACK b. 23 July 1746 Trappe PA, d. 1815 Mt. Pleasant twp, Adams Co., PA. John & Barbara KEENER resided Berwick twp Adams Co. in 1820 census. Need John KEENER ancestry, will exchange. Forrest A. Brandt, 28 Karen Lee Lane, Manitou Springs, CO 80829.

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MEMBERSHIP: \$5.00 single, \$7.00 family per year (Sept.1 - Aug. 31). Nancy H. Mossburg, 223 Meadows Lane, NE, Leesburg, VA 22075.

SURNAME EXCHANGE INDEX: Follow directions set up for this program or send SASE for information to Sue S. Smyser, 6266 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310.

QUERIES: Follow directions set up for this program or send SASE for information to Elsie Swartwood, Queries Editor, 121 S. Juanita Avenue, #4, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

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STUMPED ROOTS & PROFESSIONAL REFERRAL: For information on STUMPED ROOTS send SASE to George Billingslea, 1229 Wine Spring Lane, Ruxton, MD 21204.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>DIED</u>	<u>AGE YMD</u>
Kope, Francis M.	1910	1912	
Kope, Geo. F.	1882	Nov. 3, 1964	82
W. of Abraham	June 8, 1856	Mar. 13, 1887	
Kope, Stella I.		Sept.-25-1908	
Lohr, John		May 1, 1857	72
Lohr, Lavina W. of Henry	Jan. 10, 1847	Jul. 6, 1924	77-5-26
Lohr, Henry	Aug. 11, 1833	Jul. 9, 1893	59-10-28
Lohr, William		Sept. 11, 1834	60
Louer, Elizabeth		Buried Dec. 5, 1852	
Lower, Elizabeth	Jun. 17, 1821	Jun. 3, 1852	
Lorenz, Charles R.	Jun. 19, 1888	Nov. 13, 1963	75-4-24
McGarvey, Margaret Miss		Jan. 2, 1932	70-3-24
McChristly, John		Oct. 20, 1862	52
March, Sarah Rebecca	Sept. 17, 1874	Aug. 27, 1876	1-11-10
Dau. of Daniel & Lovina			
Marquart, Katharine			
W. of Samuel	Feb. 12, 1806	Aug. 17, 1845	39-6-5
Marquaret, Léwis S.		Aug. 25, 1845	
of Samuel & Catharine		EU. PE	4-24-1933
Meckley, Barbara		Aug. 19, 1897	73-11-10
Meckley, Catherine	Sept. 9, 1823		
W. of John			
Meckley, Elizabeth	Feb. 12, 1861	Mar. 20, 1878	
Meckley, John	Dec. 19, 1826	May 24, 1887	60-5-5
Meckley, Mary	Dec. 13, 1850	Dec. 30, 1894	44-0-27
Martin, Catherine			
Dau. of Jeremiah & Julian	Feb. 5, 1859	Jul. 21, 1861	2-5-17
Martin, Daniel		Nov. 9, 1863	72
Martin, Elizabeth	Mar. 9, 1796	Nov. 9, 1847	51-7-9
Martin, Sarah Ann,			
Dau. Jeremiah & Julian	Sept. 10, 1855	Dec. 20, 1855	0-2-10
Miller, Clarence S.	July 24, 1907	Aug. 31, 1970	63-1-7
Mongold, Paul A.	1946	Sept. 5, 1962	16
Moore, Levis S. of Jacob & Catherine		Aug. 20, 1853	1-11-2
Moore, Peter S. of Jacob & Catherine			
Moses, Martha W. of Martin T. Sr.	May 27, 1915	Sept. 25, 1978	
Moses, Martin T. Sr.	Dec. 21, 1914	Nov. 25, 1976	
Mountz, Rosannah		EU. PE.	2-6-1876
Nye, Agnes W. of Martin B.	Oct. 24, 1867	May 10, 1938	70-6-17
Nye, Beatrice A. Dau. of Roy E. & Lucinda A.		Jan. 6, 1919	
Nye, Bertha J. Dau. of Martin B. & Agnes M.	April. 14, 1889	Dec. 27, 1908	19-8-13.
Nye, Clarence E. Jr.	Nov. 28, 1927	Oct. 8, 1929	
Nye, Clarence E. Sr.	July 16, 1902	1979	
Nye, Charles S. of John B. & Sallie D. *-2	Nov. 15, 1880	Sept. 26, 1882	

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Nye, Edith Dau. of Martin B. & Agnes M.	Jan. 12, 1916	May 27, 1931	15-4-15
Nye, Elmer T.	Jul. 17, 1888	Aug. 23, 1957	68
Nye, Harold A.	1918	1919	
Nye, Harry S. of John B. & Sallie D. *-2	Nov. 4, 1878	Oct. 7, 1882	
Nye, Henry B.	Aug. 25, 1864	Jun. 6, 1936	71-4-12
Nye, Irvin S. Of Levi & Katie	Jan. 7, 1877	1878	
Nye, Jeannette Grogan	1900	Dec. 2, 1969	69
Nye, Katie W. of Levi B.	July 22, 1857	May 30, 1947	
Nye, Levi B.	Oct. 16, 1853	July 13, 1936	82-8-27
Nye, Lloyd L. S. of Martin B. & Agnes M.	Feb. 21, 1906	Oct 13, 1906	0-7-22
Nye, Lorre Dawn	Feb. 14, 1959	Feb. 12, 1959	0-0-2
Nye, Lucinda A. W. of Roy E.	Dec. 29, 1899	Sept. 6, 1926	26-8-6
Nye, Luther S. of John B. & Sallie D. *-2	Dec. 29, 1882	Nov. 6, 1884	
Nye, Marion S. of Albert & Cora	Nov. 15, 1903	Nov. 15, 1903	
Nye, Marlin	Feb. 10, 1910		
Nye, Martin B.	Jul. 17, 1867	Sept. 26, 1947	
Nye, Mary Kathryn	Sept. 16, 1905	Apr. 4, 1961	55
Nye, Maryann W. of Henry B.	Nov. 19, 1863	Jul. 31, 1933	89-8-12
Nye, Minnie W. of Elmer T.	Sept. 1, 1896	Mar. 7, 1949	
Nye, Roy E.	Aug. 8, 1896	Oct. 10, 1979	
Nye, Violet W. of Clarence E. Sr. Nornhold, Alice B.	1910	Dec. 22, 1965	55
Nee, Shiley	Apr. 11, 1873	Oct. 1, 1900	
Ney (Nye), Elizabeth	Sept. 17, 1791	Jan. 29, 1874	72-3-27
Ney (Nye), Jacob	July 22, 1790	Nov. 19, 1862	82-4-12
Ney (Nye), Michael	Sept. 23, 1827	Nov. 19, 1902	75-1-27
Ney, Sarah (Sally) W. of Michael	Aug. 20, 1831	May 30, 1926	94-9-10
Oneal, Verna May Dau. of Ammon R. & Jennie M.		Mar. 19, 1914	
Ott, Anna	Mar. 4, 1845	Jul. 22, 1910	65-4-18
Pickel, Gloria M. W. of Ray M.	Feb. 10, 1924	Jul. 2, 1964	50-4-21
Raiger, Elizabeth Dau. of Samuel & Catherine		Mar. 23, 1861	0-7-23
Raiger, William S. of Samuel & Catherine			0-1-14
Richwine, Emma B. W. of Mervin B.	May 31, 1873	Sept. 30, 1847	
Richwine, Mervin B.	Feb. 16, 1889		
Riddle, James G.	Sept. 23, 1852	Jan. 4, 1897	44-3-11
Riddle, John B.	Sept. 8, 1874	Sept. 8, 1904	29-11-7
Riddle, Rebecca	Dec. 8, 1850	May 12, 1928	77-5-1

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Roland, Amy L. W. of Basil M.	Nov. 27, 1897	Jun. 18, 1977	
Roland, Arlene R. Dau. of Basil M. & Amy L.	Jul. 16, 1923	July 6, 1923	0-0-3
Roland, Basil M.	Jul.		
Roland, Connie Lee Dau. of Carlton	Feb. 23, 1895	Sept. 1, 1954	
Roland, Jonas E.	Apr. 6, 1949	Dec. 7, 1970	21-17-70
Roush, Ellen R. W. of Wilmer D.	Jun. 11, 1918	Dec. 9, 1918	
Ruth, John	Feb. 10, 1929	Aug. 29, 1979	
Ruth, Levi S. of John & Mary	Feb. 22, 1795	July 25, 1855	66-5-3
Sanders, Christian		Dec. 12, 1852	0-1-0
Sanders, Daniel S. of Christian & Mary	Nov. 23, 1828	Apr. 22, 1911	82-4-29
Sanders, Maryann W. of Christian	May 18, 1850	Oct. 13, 1853	3-1-26
Sanders, Martin S. of Christian & Mary	Sept. 12, 1822	Nov. 17, 1901	79-2-5
Sanders, Sarah Dau. of Christian & Mary	July 20, 1852	April 1, 1855	2-3-19
Schaeffer, Martin D. Jr.	Apr. 3, 1924	Oct. 2, 1980	
Schlotter, Beckin, Elisabetha, W. of Henrich Nee Kerberin	1761	Apr. 27, 1797	35-4
Schwalm, George		Aug. 28, 1862	60-4-4
Shank, Barbara Dau. of David & Maryann	Jun. 16, 1877	Sept. 13, 1878	1-2-27
Shank, Daniel S. of Samuel & Fannie	Jan. 21, 1888	Feb. 18, 1889	0-9-28
Shank, Samuel S. of Samuel & Fannie	Jun. 11, 1884	Mar. 20, 1890	0-9-11
Shiffer, Ada E.	1912	Mar. 15, 1976	63
Shiffer, Frank W.	1885	May 13, 1959	73
Shiffer, Sadie W. of Frank Shiffer	1886	Oct. 9, 1952	
Shiley, Leah W. of Henry	May 2, 1835	Jan. 11, 1905	69-8-14
Shoop, Matilda Elizabeth	Oct. 4, 1860	Apr. 20, 1862	1-6-16
Singer, Elizabeth	Sept. 8, 1830	Jan. 28, 1911	80-4-10
Singer, John	Jan. 28, 1773	Apr. 18, 1829	56-2-12
Singer, John D.	Mar. 10, 1826	Sept. 9, 1906	80-6-1
Slessor, Amanda		EU. PE.	Apr. 10, 1916
Slessor, Elmer		EU. PE.	Mar. 1, 1911
Slocer (?) Elizabeth		Apr. 28, 1797	
Schmidt (Smith) Jacob	Jan. 16, 1785	Dec. 16, 1834	
Schmidt (Smith) Sarah W. of Jacob	Jul. 13, 1785	Jul. 18, 1824	39-0-5
Smith, Elizabeth B. W. of John B.	May 21, 1890	Mar. 22, 1930	69-9-28
Smith, John B.	Aug. 8, 1857	Feb. 11, 1839	81-11-3
Snyder, Catherine Ann	Aug. 7, 1871	Apr. 6, 1876	
Snyder, John H.	Apr. 8, 1873	Apr. 17, 1876	
Speck, Johannes Rev.	Aug. 23, 1796	Apr. 27, 1830	
Speidel, Max	1710	1788	77-9-5

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Speidel, Margareta	1708	1781	72-9-21
Speidel, Elizabeth W. of Jacob		Jan. 21, 1782	
Springer, Cathiana	Apr. 26, 1789	Dec. 29, 1851	82-8-30
Springer, Frederick	Sept. 12, 1800	Jul. 18, 1881	80-10-6
Springer, Johnnaes (John)	Aug. 10, 1765	Feb. 18, 1830	64-6-8
Stahl, Daniel B.		Nov. 9, 1853	72-1-18
Stahl, Dimes (Dines)		Jan. 11, 1815	68-5-0
Stahl, Elizabeth		Mar. 18, 1810	65-5-10
Stahl, Elizabeth B.		Nov. 9, 1817	51-7-9
Stahl, Johannes Martin B.		Mar. 8, 1815	64-6-6
Steinruck, George W.	Jul. 24, 1844	Aug. 5, 1922	78-0-12
Steinruck, Savilla B. W. of George W.	Aug. 12, 1848	Oct. 28, 1927	79-0-16
Stoll, Agnes S. W. of John G.	Dec. 1, 1858	Nov. 19, 1937	78-11-18
Stoll, Christian	Feb. 29, 1817	Jul. 7, 1858	41-4-8
Stoll, John G.	Apr. 1, 1855	Dec. 25, 1933	78-8-24
Stoll, Margaret	Jan. 16, 1817	Mar. 20, 1865	
Strock, Emma Jane Dau. of George & Catharine		Mar. 25, 1862	2-0-21
Troutman, John	Aug. 1, 1835	Dec. 6, 1906	74-4-7
Urich, Samuel	Sept. 11, 1799	Apr. 11, 1861	61-6-27
Uhrich, Samuel S. of Samuel & Sarah	Mar. 16, 1862		8-4-27
Uhrich, Sarah W. of Samuel	Oct. 22, 1811	Apr. 19, 1886	74-5-27
Vance, Barbara W. of	Dec. 12, 1816	Jan. 3, 1905	88-0-2
Vance, Isaac	Sept. 12, 1812	Mar. 23, 1884	71-6-3
Vance, John S. of Isaac	Jun. 11, 1881	Sept. 6, 1881	0-2-22
Wagner, Barbara	Sept. 15, 1790	Oct. 16, 1858	68-1-1
Wagner, Mary Edna	Dec. 25, 1904	Apr. 24, 1968	63-3-30
Walters, Catherine, Dau. of Chrisian & Anna	Jul. 18, 1820	Sept. 6, 1822	
Walters, Christian	Aug. 13, 1794	Sept. 13, 1822	
Walters, Doratha (Dorothy) W. of John	Apr. 7, 1823	Feb. 26, 1867	43-11-17
Waltz, John	Sept. 25, 1790	Dec. 27, 1843	53-3-2
Weaver, Charles B.	1883	May 24, 1974	93
Weaver, Ell M.	1861	Sept. 5, 1926	
Weaver, John H.	1913	1929	
Weaver, Paul H.	Aug. 1, 1918	Aug. 4, 1918	0-0-4
Weaver, Violet W. of Charles B.	1885	Jun. 27, 1927	42-2-19
Weisner, Alfred O.	Mar. 27, 1895	Feb. 11, 1920	
Weisner, Minnie	Aug. 20, 1873	Nov. 30, 1963	90-3-10
Weisner, Otto H.	Jul. 19, 1863	Jan. 17, 1940	76-5-28
Wert, John I.	Feb. 15, 1901	Feb. 11, 1981	
Witman, Mary W. of Henry	Jul. 15, 1831	Feb. 16, 1855	23-7-1

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W. of Jacob	Sept. 25, 1824	Mar. 11, 1848	
Witmer, Eli	Apr. 10, 1822	Feb. 16, 1822	59-10-6
Witmer, Elizabeth	Apr. 10, 1822		
Witmer, Levi M.	Jan. 9, 1859	Jan. 23, 1922	
Witmer, Mary A.	Mar. 26, 1871	Jan. 14, 1913	
Witmer, Susan	Feb. 24, 1828	May 3, 1917	
Witmer, Vivian E.	Dec. 10, 1910	Dec. 14, 1931	
Young, Emma Dau. of Aaron & Martha		Apr. 25, 1871	0-0-10

The following information was copied from the records of the Union Deposit Parish, consisting of Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Saint John Lutheran Church of Hoernerstown, and Zion Lutheran Church of Union Deposit, all of Dauphin County. It is not certain all of the following persons are buried in the Sandhill Cemetery.

Blouse, John Henry	Aug. 4, 1854	Jan. 10, 1880	25-5-6
Burdhard, Erasmus	Jun. 2, 1820	Nov. 27, 1880	60-5-25
Dillman, Christain	Jun. 5, 1810	May 14, 1876	65-9-7
Fox, Nancy Ann W. of Jacob	Jul. 1, 1802	Jul. 1, 1880	78
Frantz, John	1820 ?	1870 ?	
Glendenin, Elizabeth W. of William	Sept. 24, 1824	Mar. 9, 1880	55-5-18
Killinger, Michael	Feb. 18, 1809	Aug. 26, 1878	69-6-8
Klingle, Jacob	1872 ?	1920 ?	
Lark, William	Jul. 20, 1803	Jan. 31, 1876	72-6-11
Loy, Andrew S. of Henry & Rebecca	Feb. 11, 1871	Mar. 14, 1877	6-1-3
March, Lizzie W. of Wilmer	Apr. 7, 1852	Jul. 4, 1878	26-2-28
Nagle, Cora Stellah	Oct. 6, 1878	Jan. 30, 1881	2-3-24
Smith, Laura Amelia Dau. of Thomas & Sarah	Dec. 30, 1874	Feb. 6, 1877	2-1-7

AUGLAIZE

AUGLAIZE COUNTY WAS MADE OUT OF PARTS OF ALLSH, LOGAN, DUNN, SHELBY, MERCER AND VAN WERT COUNTIES. IT WAS ORGANIZED IN 1849. THE NAME COMES FROM A SHAWNEE INDIAN WORD MEANING "FALLING TREES".



Wapakoneta is the county seat—another Shawnee word. The city was named after a chief Wapakoneta who once lived in this area. "Wapak" is noted today as the home of astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon.

BELMONT

BELMONT COUNTY WAS ORGANIZED IN THE YEAR 1800. THE COUNTY TO BE FORMED FROM THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY BY GOVERNOR ARTHUR ST. CLAIR. ITS NAME COMES FROM THE FRENCH, MEANING "BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN" AND REFERS TO THE AREA'S BEAUTIFUL SCENERY.



MANY OF BELMONT COUNTY'S FIRST SETTLERS WERE QUAKERS. ST. CLAIRSVILLE WAS THE HOME OF THE QUAKER, BENJAMIN LUNDY, WHO FORWARDED THE FIRST ABOLITION SOCIETY.

BROWN

BROWN COUNTY WAS FORMED MARCH 1, 1807 FROM PARTS OF ADAMS AND CLEMONT COUNTIES. THE NAME COMES FROM GENERAL JACOB BROWN, A HERO OF THE WAR OF 1812. GENERAL BROWN DEFEATED THE BRITISH AT LUNDY'S LAKE, CHIPPewa AND IN A BATTLE NEAR FORT ERIE. ALTHOUGH REARED AS A QUAKER PACIFIST JACOB BROWN WAS AN OUTSTANDING SOLDIER.



THE COUNTY SEAT, GEORGETOWN, WAS THE BOYHOOD HOME OF ULYSSES S. GRANT. THE VILLAGE OF RIPLEY WAS THE HOME OF JOHN FANKIN WHOSE HOUSE WAS A FAMOUS "STATION" ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TO CANADA.

HISTORICAL CALENDAR

- OCTOBER** 1--1774 Congress established a committee to prepare an address to the King.
- 8--1784 Nelson County, KY created in honor of Thomas Nelson, signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- 27--1775 Surgeon General Dr. Benjamin Church put on trial in Massachusetts, as an informer for the British.
- NOVEMBER** 9--1775 Congress learned that George III rejected the Olive Branch Petition.
- 15--1784 George Washington welcomed to the city of Richmond.
- 21--1777 Washington began retreat across New Jersey.
- DECEMBER** 7--1784 In a letter to John Jay, Alexander Hamilton praised Baron Von Steuben.
- 23--1784 Richard Arkwright, inventor and industrialist celebrates his fifty-second birthday.
- 26--1784 Richard Henry Lee suggested sending an envoy to Spain to resolve disputes.

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