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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The May meeting was well attended and enjoyable. Most members found the New Windsor Service Center ideal for our meetings, both as to place and facilities, and those of us who stayed overnight were pleased with the accommodations and their price. At the business meeting it was decided that MAGS should try to hold one yearly meeting at New Windsor, when and if a regular schedule can be arranged. The Board is looking into that.

Another wish of the membership was to have a regular schedule for meetings. Accordingly, the Board has determined that meetings will be held on the fourth Saturday in October and the fourth Saturday in April of each year. This will begin with our next meeting, which has been rescheduled for the 25th of October, 1986. It will be at the Holiday Inn in Manassas, VA; we hope this will make it easier for our Virginia and West Virginia members to attend. And Civil War buffs might want to stay over the weekend and explore the battlefields.

We shall have two speakers at the October meeting - Milton Rubincam and Mary K. Meyer. Mr. Rubincam, Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, Fellow of the National Genealogical Society and a Certified Genealogist, is eminent in the field of genealogy and is an authority on Pennsylvania.

He will talk on "Research in Pennsylvania" with emphasis on German research. Mary K. Meyer, our 2nd Vice President and eminent in her own right, will speak to us on "The 1709ers," a German group which settled in New York state in 1709. The speakers'

biographies appear on the meeting flyers mailed out with the auction literature you should have already received. Additional flyers may be obtained by writing to Phyllis Lott, Corresponding Secretary, 12111 Mt. Albert Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21043.

The Board is also considering several possibilities for special publications. But first we need an editor! Anyone interested in editing special publications for the Society is urged to get in touch with one of the officers. We also need a translator for some letters written to Germany from Baltimore, MD at the turn of the 19th century, which we hope to publish. Again, we need volunteers.

RESTORATION OF PASTORIUS HOME

The boyhood home of Franz Daniel Pastorius, leader of the first German settlers in America (1683), was acquired in 1983 by the Pastorius Home Association in Germansville, PA and their sister organization in Germany.

Located in Bad Windsheim, West Germany, renovation has been underway to restore this historic building to its original charm and beauty, by a combined voluntary effort of German and American citizens. The restored Pastorius House will contain a boys' and girls' dorm, lecture hall, library, kitchen and dining room, entrance and reception hall and eight guest rooms each with double occupancy and private facilities.

Anyone is invited to visit and stay at the Pastorius House anytime. The home officially

opened in July, 1986 and is open all year round. An educational, cultural, historical, or genealogical program will be held every day of the year, and one may take part in any of the activities, relax, or use it as a home base when travelling through Europe.

In addition, there will be an annual graduate level German language seminar for adults, intensive fun-filled language camp for youngsters, aged 12-16, and an undergraduate fall and spring semester.

If MAGS members are interested in contributing to the continuing DM1.5 million restoration, make your contributions payable to Pastorius Home Association, Box 66, Germansville, PA 18053.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES IN MARYLAND

Genealogical Society of Allegheny County

The GSAC meets on the third Thursday of every month, March through December, except July at 1:00 PM at the Allegheny Community College. Dues are \$7.00 single, \$10.00 couple, \$5.00 newsletter.

Currently recording cemeteries of Allegheny County. *Old Pike Post* quarterly newsletter. *Old Pike Travellers*, free query column, appears twice a month in the *Cumberland Sunday Times*. Rules: Up to 50 words, pertaining to Allegheny County or a 100 mile radius. No limit on the number. Printed on a first-come basis. Send SASE for the approximate date of publication to *Old Pike Travellers*, P. O. Box 3103, LaVale, MD 21504. Library - 30 volumes specializing in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Librarian, Mrs. Statler, Rt. 3, Bedford Rd., Cumberland, MD.

Anne Arundel Genealogical Society

Meetings for the AAGS are on the first Thursday of every month September through May at 7:30 PM at United Methodist Church, 651 Benfield Rd., Severna Park, MD. Dues \$10.00 single or \$15.00 family.

Newsletter *Anne Arundel Speaks* is published

quarterly. *Anne Arundel County (MD) Wills Index, 1778-1918* is now available from the Anne Arundel Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 221, Pasadena, MD 21122. It costs \$9.00 plus \$1.50 postage and \$.45 Maryland sales tax.

Their 350 volume library is housed at the Maryland State Law Library. The AAGS conducts periodic genealogy seminars and workshops and is interested in obtaining original material related to Anne Arundel County for publication in their quarterly.

Baltimore County Genealogical Society

The BCGS meets the fourth Sunday of each month, September through June at 2:00 PM at the Perry Hall Presbyterian Church, 8848 Belair Rd., Perry Hall, MD. Dues are \$10.00.

The BCGS publishes the newsletter *The Notebook* four times a year and holds 2-3 research and/or family Bible copying days yearly. The data on tombstones at St. Peter's Cemetery are to be published. Their library of 230 volumes is in 190 folders in a vertical file at Perry Hall Presbyterian Church.

Calvert County Historical Society and Genealogical Committee

The CCHSGC meets the third Friday of January, May and September at St. Paul's Parish Hall, Prince Frederick, MD. Dues are \$12.00, \$15.00 and \$250.00 for a life membership.

The *Newsletter* is published in January and July and the *Calvert Historian* in April and October. Monographs are published at irregular intervals. Their 250 volume library is at the CCHS headquarters in the Public Library, Prince Frederick, MD.

Carroll County Genealogical Society

Meetings for CCGS are held the third Monday of each month, September through June, except January, at 7:30 PM at the Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main St., Westminster, MD. (NOTE: Advance registration is required for non-members. Call the library at 301-848-4250.) Dues are \$5.00 for a single member and \$7.00 for a family.

The CCGS publishes a quarterly newsletter *The Carrolltonian* and is currently copying cemetery inscriptions and Bible records and working on an index to Carroll County marriage applications.

Genealogical Section of the Catonsville Historical Society

Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, except January, at 7:30 PM in the Hillcrest Elementary School Library, 1500 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD. Dues are \$7.00 (\$5.00 Historical Society plus \$2.00 Genealogical Section).

The *Catonsville Times* carries their monthly genealogy column. They are currently working on compilation of genealogical research aids. The Catonsville Room in the Catonsville Library holds historical and genealogical information on Catonsville residents.

Cecil County Genealogical Society

Meetings for the CCGS are held the first Saturday of the month, October through June, at 1:30 PM in the Tory House, Charlestown, MD. Dues are \$5.00. Publish a quarterly *Newsletter*.

Dorchester County Genealogical Magazine

The subscription rate is \$12.00 per year for this bimonthly periodical. Queries are free to subscribers and \$1.00 each for non-subscribers. They may be sent to the editor. Their library donations are part of the Dorchester County Historical Society Collection of the Dorchester County Public Library.

Harford County Genealogical Society

Meetings are held every third Sunday, January, March, May, July, September and November at 2:00 PM at the Churchville Presbyterian Church. Dues are \$7.00 and they publish a bimonthly newsletter.

Heritage Genealogical Society

The HGS meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Meetings are held at 3603 Lineboro Rd., Manchester, MD 21102. Dues are

\$3.00. Their newsletter, *Tap Roots*, is published quarterly. The HGS Library is located at the society address. This society is just starting out and is eager to build a surname file, family group sheets, etc. They will accept any information on surnames or family histories and will share their collection.

Howard County Genealogical Society

The HCGS meets on the second Wednesday of the month, September through June, at 7:45 PM at the Wilde Lake High School, Trumpeter Rd., Columbia, MD. Dues are \$7.00 single and \$10.00 family.

The Family Tree is the society's newsletter and is published monthly September through June. They have recently completed an 80 page surname index and corresponding location index that is available from the society. Currently, they are working on Bible records copying and a Council Church Records project. They also conduct an inventory of Howard County cemeteries, that is a continuing project. The HCGS provides speakers to the public schools and other organizations on genealogical topics. Their library collection is housed at the Howard County Historical Society Library, 8328 Court Ave., Ellicott City, MD.

Howard County Historical Society

Quarterly meetings are held in January, April, June and September at the Museum and Library, 8238 Court Ave., Ellicott City, MD. Phone 301-461-1050 for information. Dues are \$10.00 single and \$12.50 joint.

The HCHS publishes a quarterly newsletter. Their current projects include inventory and computerization of museum artifacts, indexing Howard County marriage licenses (1858-1930) and cataloguing and improving storage methods for the photograph collection. They have an 1100 volume library housed in the Historical Society building. It specializes in Howard County material, but also includes volumes on surrounding counties and general Maryland historical and genealogical references. Civil War documentation predominates. Hours are 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Tuesdays and the first and third Saturdays. The society supports the activities and projects of all other Howard County historical organizations

and has a close working relationship with the Howard County Genealogical Society. They endeavor to promote preservation of historical sites, cemeteries, and family memorabilia.

Lower Delmarva Genealogical Society

Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month, September through May, except January, at 7:30 PM at the Wicomico Free Library, Salisbury, MD. Dues are \$5.00.

The society publishes *More from the Shore*, their newsletter, in the Fall and Spring. Volunteers provide genealogical research assistance to the public on Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Wicomico Free Library. They are currently working on collecting Bible records and gathering material for a sequel to Torrence's *Old Somerset*.

Prince George's County Genealogical Society

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through June, at 7:00 PM at the Greenbelt Branch Library, 11 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Dues are \$8.00 single and \$12.00 couple.

They publish a monthly *Bulletin*, September through June. Once or twice a year they hold a beginner's genealogy seminar. Current projects include: gleanings from Prince George's newspapers of 18th century marriages and probate records of Prince George's County. Their library is located at 12207 Tulip Grove Dr., Bowie, MD 20715, and contains 475 volumes and about 300 U.S. and Canadian periodicals. Hours are Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

St. Mary's County Genealogical Society

The SMCGS meets at 7:30 PM usually on the third Monday of September, October, December, February, April and June in the multi-purpose room of the St. Mary's County Technical Center, Rt. 5, two miles south of Leonardtown. Dues are \$8.00 single and \$12.00 family. Students and senior citizens are half price.

They publish *The Generator* monthly except July and August. Current projects include a

genealogical workshop for members and the public, bus trips to research centers, fund raising projects, maintaining surname card files, publication of tombstone inscriptions, early church history, DAR Membership Roster (1915-1984), St. Mary's County Will Index and other items of interest.

Upper Shore Genealogical Society of Maryland

Meets the third Sunday of the month, September through May, at 2:00 PM at the Diocesan House, Episcopal Cathedral, Goldsboro St., Easton, MD. Dues are \$8.00 single and \$12.00 family.

They publish *Chesapeake Cousins* semi-annually and a newsletter four times a year. Vols. I & II, *Caroline County Cemeteries, Beneath These Stones* is now available by writing to USGS, P. O. Box 275, Easton, MD 21601 for a price list.

(Thanks to *The Coördinator* for the above information.)

(Ed. note: Please send notices for other societies to Editor, *Der Kurier*, 8645 Tower Drive, Laurel, MD 20707-1244.)

ANCESTOR HARDSHIPS: COULD WE BE AS BRAVE?

(Ed. note: Below is a synopsis from the article, "The Wreck of the Ship *John* in Delaware Bay, 1732," published in the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, April 1889.)

"They had been in the water 13 weeks out of Gravesend. Storms and the northwest wind, thunder and lightning had kept the ship from landing. In December there was so much ice in the river, that the captain couldn't enter Philadelphia until March 6. There had been reports of the wreck of the Ship *John* upon a shoal 10 miles above Lewes. The captain of the *John* allowed each passenger to take one bundle of belongings. The first life boat was readied, but after all the baggage had been put in, there was little room for people. Seven passengers finally managed to get in, but the sailors, paying no attention to them began to shove off. The wind whipped the boat around and it went

headfirst into the water. Four of the people came up, but one died soon after. The captain then decided to try and lighten the ship in order to stay with it as long as possible. Twenty tons of ballast were heaved overboard. The main mast was cut away to no avail. Someone saw an approaching ship and guns were fired to give a distress signal. Fires were also lighted. The other ship ignored the signals and sailed away. The passengers then tried to make their own boat. Two sailors and a clergyman were to go in it and get help. They were on the open sea for 24 hours, the sailors' legs freezing and the clergyman dying of exposure. The passengers continued to wait for five days and nights, hoping for rescue. On the sixth day, a sloop came into view and took everyone aboard."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving to a new address, please notify the MAGS membership person, Nancy Mossburg, 233 Meadows Ln. NE, Leesburg, VA 22075. Since *Der Kurier* is bulk-mailed, the post office will not forward it to your new address as they do first class mail.

GEORGE PEABODY LIBRARY OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

The George Peabody Library in Baltimore, MD has a collection numbering more than 250,000 volumes, including 40,000 volumes in the Genealogy Collection.

The Library is especially noted for its British genealogical sources which include county histories, heraldic visitations and parish registers. The Library periodically holds research days for visiting genealogy groups, mounts special genealogical-related exhibits and, with the assistance of the Peabody Genealogy Group, hosts workshops on genealogical resources in the Library. The Library now maintains a surname index for use by its patrons.

Hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Saturday during the school term and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM during the summer.

(Thanks to *The Coördinator*.)

NEW BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FROM KEGLEY BOOKS

Kimberling Church, Wythe County Virginia; Annotated Baptismal and Cemetery Records, by Beverly Repass Hoch, Mary B. Kegley and Timothy Smith.

The Kimberling Church of Wythe County is one of the older in southwest Virginia and the early German records have been preserved. The compilers have transcribed the baptismal records and the information from the tombstones presently existing in the cemetery. The result is a book of 139 pages, with information about many German families of the western end of Wythe County in the Black Lick community.

Because of the unusual German spellings, it is often difficult for those unfamiliar with the language to recognize the present spelling of the local names. Consequently, annotations of the records have been provided giving the current spelling, as well as information from the deeds, wills and printed records on these founding families of Wythe County. Each entry is documented, and a bibliography provided.

The baptismal records begin in 1779 and continue through 1868. There are about 400 tombstone records. A short introduction to the community and the ministers who serve is also included.

The Kimberling Church was originally established as Lutheran and Presbyterian (or Reformed) jointly, but gradually the Presbyterians were unable to locate pastors to serve and they intermarried with the Lutherans to such an extent that they no longer remained a separate entity.

The book has 22 pages of index including such names as Armbrister, Berk, Brandstetter, Buchanan, Cassell, Copenhaver, Dobler, Etter, Groseclose, Hounshell, Kegley, Musser, Phillippi, Snaveley and Umberger.

The price for each book is \$12.00; shipping and handling \$2.00. Order from and make check payable to Kegley Books, P. O. Box 134, Wytheville, VA 24382.

U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP SALES LOCATIONS

The U.S. Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) recently closed its Eastern Distribution Branch at 1200 South Eads St., Arlington, VA and consolidated it with its Western Division Branch in Denver.

All mail orders for current maps should be addressed to U.S. Geological Survey, Map Distribution, Federal Center Building 41, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225.

IMMIGRANTS TO WESTERN MARYLAND

Dr. Calvin E. Schildknecht of Gettysburg, PA is currently compiling a list of settlers in western Maryland for publication. Names, origin, previous village, town or region, alternate spelling of names, dates of immigration and places of settlement will be included in the list. References on where the information was found will be given when available.

Dr. Schildknecht asks anyone who has ancestors in western Maryland to send him the above information for inclusion in the list. Send information to Dr. C. E. Schildknecht, 135 Doubleday Ave., Gettysburg, Pa 17325.

Deadline for information is January 1, 1987.

DESCENDANTS WANTED

A fellow genealogist living in Germany is interested in locating present day descendants of a collateral line that settled in Baltimore, MD around 1800. The original immigrants were Johann Georg Richstine, his wife, and several children.

It is not clear that the male line survived into the 20th century, but some of the female lines Donsee, Butzer (Putzer), VonHollen, Tinken, (Thomas Long) Jones of Baltimore, Van Dusen

of Philadelphia around 1880 and Bird of Elizabeth, NJ in the late 1880's. Anyone knowing of such ancestors is urged to get in touch with Anne Tenny, Box 141, Garrett Park, MD 20896-0141.

IT'S NOT THE REAL THING

A company called American Genealogies, Inc. in Plainfield, NJ is producing a family album for \$29.85 that "gives" you the names of possible families with your surname. The same information can be found by checking telephone directories at any large public library.

MENNONITE INDEX

The Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas is publishing an index which lists nearly 15,000 Mennonites who immigrated to the United States during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Over 200 ships are included. This volume supplements Clarence Hiebert's now out-of-print *Brothers in Deed to Brothers in Need* by listing immigrants on 75 additional ships and indexing every Mennonite name found, including those in Hiebert's book.

Genealogists may use this index to discover the date their ancestors arrived, the ship carrying them, the port of arrival, and the names, ages and occupations of family members.

Twenty-three family names appear over 150 times in the index, including Becker, Boese, Dick, Enns, Friesen, Harms, Hofer, Jantzen, Kroeker, Nickel, Penner, Peters, Ratzlaff, Reiger, Reimer, Schmidt, Schroeder, Thiessen, Unruh, Voth, Wedel, Wiebe and Wiens. In part this data explains why these particular names are very common in many General Conference and Mennonite Brethren congregations today. Schmidt, the most popular name, has 500 entries in the index. One ship alone had 14 Jacob and 11 Marie Schmidts. Of course, some family names have only one entry in the index: Dietrich, Ginzi, Graf and Hanneman are examples.

The *Index to Mennonite Immigrants* is available

from the Mennonite Library and Archives, Bethel College, North Newton, KS 67117 at a price of \$20.00 U.S. per copy (shipping and handling included).

MARYLAND RECORDS SERVICE RAISES FEES

The Maryland State Department of Mental Hygiene's Division of Vital Records increased its fees to \$3.00 for all copies of birth, death and marriage certificates on July 1, 1986.

The fee increase, legislated by the 1986 General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Harry Hughes, will allow the division to automate its operations, enabling it to serve and answer mailed requests in less than a week.

For information; call the Division of Vital Records in Baltimore at (301) 225-5988.

NEW MICROFILM AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

These microfilms are now available in the microfilm reading room at the National Archives:

M1389, 28 rolls, "Indexes to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Francisco, California, 1893-1934"

M1410, 429 rolls, "Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Francisco, 1893-1953"

Early lists of immigrants from Canada through St. Albans, VT, Detroit, MI and Buffalo, NY have been found and will be microfilmed. Dates are not yet available.

MEDICINAL PLANTS USED BY OUR ANCESTORS

The following is a list of plants that our ancestors used in treating and curing ailments and complaints.

Anise: colic or nausea in infants
Bamagillion (Balm of Gilead): salve for cuts and sprains
Beavernell: scarlet fever
Beet leaves with mustard: Poultice for rheumatism
Black Cohash: colds
Black Walnut: squeezed and liquid dropped in ear for earache
Blood Root: blood builder for cattle and other livestock
Boneset (ague weed): Brings out a sweat and for colds; to make complexion lighter
Calamus or Sweet flag: upset stomach
Camomile: Mild indigestion, aches and pains of cold
Catnip: Mothers drink nine days after giving birth; also for stomach ache, colic, jaundice. Used as a poultice for hives, boils, and pimples
Chestnut leaves: Whooping cough
Cinquefoil or five finger grass: fever
Coltsfoot or crowfoot: coughs from colds
Dandelion: kidney disorders and cough syrup
Devil's Tongue: whooping cough
Dog Fennel: diphtheria and poison oak
Elder bark: bruises and sprains
Elm bark: pinkeye
Fern: headache
Fireweed: for children with "summer complaint"
Flax (seeds): remove foreign matter from eye
Foxglove or feverweed: fever
Garlic: sore throats and croup
Ginseng: general tonic
Goldenrod: prevent colds and to help diarrhea
Golden Seal: laxitive, tonic and for overacid stomach
Heart Lock: used in grease to make salve for cuts and bruises
Hops: Placed in cloth sack (hoppesack) in or near oven or fire, then applied to cheek for toothache.
Horehound: flavoring and for treating colds and fever
Horsemint: colic and nausea
Horse Chesnuts: carried as a prevention against rheumatism
Horse Radish: frostbite
Indian Turnip: mixed with honey for cough
Jimson Weed: prevent athlete's foot
Liver Weed: boiled in grease and rubbed on chest to break up cough or cold
Mountain Ditz: colds

Mullein: used in tea for gallstones, and with honey as a cough syrup

Nettle: diarrhea

Nightshade or Thorn Apple: poison

Peach leaves: boils

Pennyroyal (Tickweed or Squawmint): promote perspiration and bring out fever and for sick stomach and colds

Peppermint: relieve stomach ache and just as a pleasant beverage

Pine rosin: with beeswax for a general salve

Pipsissewa: kidneys

Potato (raw): in a poultice for sty in the eye

Pumpkin seeds: in tea for kidneys

Queen Anne's Lace: bloom was made into tea to relieve backache

Rattleweed: colds

Red Beet: leaves for a poultice for infection

Red Sassafras: relieve high blood pressure

Sage: as a condiment, leaves used for tea and women used to help keep hair from turning premature gray

Sassafras: spring tonic, as a tea used for high blood pressure, flavoring for candy

Trailing Arbutus: kidney ailments

Thyme: colic and sore throat

Tobacco leaf: pressed against bee sting to relieve pain

Virginia Black Snake root: cold and fever

Wall leek: poultice for blood poison

Watermelon seeds: flush out kidneys

Water mint: colds

Water nettles: in a paste on poison ivy

White clover: for children with "summer complaint"

Wild carrot: bloom for backache

Wild cherry bark: coughs

Wintergreen: nausea and upset stomach

Worm Weed: worms

(Taken from *Pennsylvania Germans of the Shenandoah Valley* by Elmer N. Smith)

NEW BOOK ON AMISH-MENNONITE EMIGRANTS

A new book by Hermann Guth of Saarbrücken, Germany, is titled *The Amish-Mennonites of Waldeck and Wittgenstein*.

The majority of this book gives genealogical data on the various families from Waldeck and Wittgenstein (Germany) prior to 1830, citing names, dates, residence in Germany, and even

their origins in Switzerland. An excellent historical introduction explaining background, life as leasers-managers for the noble landlords, and religious revival movements is also included. An appendix at the end lists the surnames of all the inhabitants in the estates in Nassau-Siegen and Wittgenstein, Waldeck, and Kurhessen and Oberhessen u. Nassau. An every-name index concludes the book.

Thousands of American Mennonites are descended from these Swiss Amish-Mennonite families who settled in Waldeck and Wittgenstein. Between 1750 and 1850, the Amish-Mennonite congregations flourished in these areas, but just as quickly disappeared with a wave of emigration to North America.

The prepublication price of this book will be \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling until October 1, 1986. Orders can be mailed to *Mennonite Family History*, P. O. Box 171, Elverson, PA 19520.

TIDBITS, MORSELS AND CRUMBS

If your ancestor purchased land from a federal land office or the State of Ohio, the Ohio State Land Office personnel will check their card index free of charge. Be sure to mention the area of the state in which your ancestor lived. The office also has a free booklet giving a short history of early state divisions. To check your ancestor's land purchase or receive the booklet *Ohio Lands*, write to Ohio State Land Office, 4th Floor, 88 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. Unfortunately, the State Land Office does not have records for the Connecticut Western Reserve, the Firelands, or the Symmes Purchase.

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Pennsylvania was a proprietary colony until the land office closed. Men would buy land in their children's names, so that if something happened to the father, the children would not lose the land in their name.

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The great majority of German settlers to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia were from Lebanon, Berks, Philadelphia, Lancaster and York counties in Pennsylvania.

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After the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648), the Treaty of Westphalia guaranteed legal recognition to those of Lutheran, Reformed and Calvinist religions. Those who worshipped in the Mennonite, Schwenkfelder, Pietist or other sectarian religions did not enjoy such freedoms, however, and their status was virtually non-existent.

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In the mid-1700's there were three main roads in western Pennsylvania that settlers used to go west: the Braddock Road, from Cumberland, MD to Pittsburgh, PA (Today: U.S. 40); the Forbes Road, from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh, PA (Today: U.S. 30), and the Venango Trail.

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The word "Shenandoah" is the Indian term for "daughter of the stars."

(Taken from *Pennsylvania Germans in the Shenandoah Valley*)

HISTORICAL CALENDAR

July 6, 1776 Declaration of Independence first published in *Pennsylvania Evening Post*.

17, 1781 Action at Quinby's Bridge, South Carolina -- General Thomas Sumter attacked strong British defenses.

31, 1784 U.S. Commissioners departed for France to negotiate a commercial treaty with Britain.

Aug. 8, 1778 New Hampshire ratified the Articles of Confederation.

23, 1784 Proposed "State of Franklin" was formed in western North Carolina.

30, 1784 The American ship *Empress of China*, reached Canton opening trade to China.

Sept. 5, 1781 French Admiral DeGrasse badly crippled the British fleet in the Chesapeake Bay.

15, 1776 New York City occupied by the British under General Howe.

26, 1776 Franklin, Jefferson and Silas Deane appointed commissioners to France to obtain aid.

Oct. 13, 1775 Congress authorized the building of the first U.S. Naval ship.

22, 1784 At Fort Stanwix, the Iroquois agreed to relinquish title to western lands.

28, 1776 Washington's forces inflicted heavy casualties on General Howe's forces at White Plains, New York.

Nov. 3, 1784 Pirate Benjamin Johnson apprehended in Kingston, Jamaica.

11, 1784 Massachusetts legislature reviewed American and foreign currency values.

20, 1784 Patrick Henry elected Governor of Virginia.

Dec. 9, 1775 Americans defeated the British at Great Bridge, Virginia.

18, 1784 Indian massacre took place at Wheeling, (West) Virginia.

21, 1775 Washington crossed the Delaware River at night for the surprise attack upon the British at Trenton, New Jersey.

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