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FALL MEETING

MAGS Annual Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 28, 1989, in the Lewis auditorium, at Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland. The theme for this meeting is "Colonial German Religious Groups." Peter Linder has, as usual, out-done himself in aligning the program.

The morning session will begin with Pastor Frederick S. Weiser, F.N.G.S., is a prominent Pennsylvania German historian, genealogist and lecturer. Pastor Weiser has been editor since 1966 of the publications series of the Pennsylvania German Society which includes the annual volume, the periodical *Reggeboge*, the sources and documents series and the dialect author of books, articles and pamphlets on local history, genealogy, church history, Lutheran deaconess work and Pennsylvania German life and folk art. Pastor Weiser will speak primarily on the Lutheran and Reformed churches.

Following lunch Grace Showalter, currently librarian of the Menno Simons Historical Library and Archives at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, will speak on Mennonite groups. She will also talk about methods of tracing families who historically lacked detailed church records. Mrs. Showalter has had a great deal of practical experience helping people trace their Mennonite roots through the Shenandoah Valley to Pennsylvania.

The concluding speaker will be Dr. Donald Dumbaugh who is serving as the first Carl W. Zeigler Distinguished Professor of Religion at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. Dr. Dumbaugh is the author of the *Church of the Brethern: Yesterday and Today* and the editor of *The Brethern Encyclopedia*. Dr. Dumbaugh, a noted lecturer, will speak on "Sorting Out the Brethern."

As usual, Peter has kept the price low and you can enjoy the whole day including lunch (the scenery and great fall weather are free) for \$17.50. You can save a check by adding your dues (total \$25.00), but be sure to fill out both forms, clip them off the map, attach your check and staple or tape shut. Let us know if you like the new pull-out form.

Please make a copy of the announcement and leave it on your local library or society bulletin board then invite a friend to join you for the day and help MAGS grow.

If you can't make the meeting, don't forget your dues. This is the last issue of *Der Kurier* for those of you who have an 89 as the last two digits of your membership number. (See the upper right corner of your mailing label).

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19 September National Archives Genealogical Workshop, Washington, D.C., Topic: Naturalization Records; speaker is James D. Walker; call (202) 532-3347.

26 September National Archives Genealogical Workshop, Washington, D.C., Topic: Military Pension Records; speaker is John P. Colletta; call (202) 532-3347.

30 September National Archives Genealogical Workshop, Washington, D.C., Topic: Introduction to Genealogy; speaker is Edith Axelson; call (202) 532-3347.

7 October Virginia Genealogical Society's Fall Conference, Richmond, VA. Topic: Migration Patterns; speakers include Mary Leigh Boisseau, Katherine Bushman, Mary Kegley and Barbara Vines Little. Write VGS P.O. Box 7469, Richmond, VA 23221.

7 October Family History Celebration Seminar at L.D.S. Stake Center, Washington, D.C., Topics include ethnic, records, research techniques, local records, LDS sources, computers, etc.; write Family History Center, P.P. Box 49, Kensington, MD 20895.

28 October MAGS's Fall Meeting Emmitsburg, Maryland, Topic: Colonial German Religious Groups; speakers are Pastor Frederick Weiser, Grace Showalter and Dr. Donald Dumbaugh.

28 April 1990 MAGS's Spring Meeting at Middletown, Maryland

6-9 June 1990 National Genealogical Society's National Capital Area 10th Anniversary Conference, Washington, DC. For information write NGS Conference, 4527 17th Street, N, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

9 October 1990 MAGS's Fall Meeting at New Windsor, Maryland

Coming next issue:

Information on other German units in the Union Army.

An article on the library at Eastern Mennonite College.

Information on the Maryland Archives.

We also hope to be able to bring you a compiled index to back issues if our volunteer hasn't decided to give up on hearing from the editor.

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EIGHTH BATTALION DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VOLUNTEER MILITIA 1861

by Albert W. Haarmann

In April 1861 thirty-four companies of uniformed volunteers were mustered into Federal service for the defense of the capital city. Three of these companies, the Washington Rifles and Companies A and B, Turner Rifles, were composed of German-speaking volunteer militiamen.

The senior company, the Washington Rifles (formerly known as the German Yeagers [sic]), was formed on 21 January 1852. The company was Federalized or mustered into active service on 11 April 1861 before the Confederates attacked Fort Sumter, South Carolina. The total enrolled strength was four officers, five sergeants, four corporals, two buglers and one hundred privates. Although this company had a uniform before they entered Federal service, no description of it has been found.¹

Company A, Turner Rifles, was affiliated with the Turnverein of Washington City, thus their name Turner Rifles. The muster rolls for this company have not been found, but from newspaper accounts we know it had four officers, five sergeants, four corporals, four drummers and sixty-eight privates when called into service on 11 April 1861. Their pre-war uniform was a grey frock coat, a kepi (probably grey?) and black pants with a gold stripe.²

Company B, Turner Rifles, was formed from men who joined the colors after the attack upon Fort Sumter and was mustered on 22 April 1861. At that time it had four officers, five sergeants, four corporals, two musicians and ninety-five privates.³

It appears from entries on the muster rolls that while on active service the men of these three companies were clad in the plain four-button blue flannel sack coat, dark blue trousers, and blue forage cap of the United States Army and were armed with the .58 caliber United States Model 1855 Rifle, manufactured at the Harpers Ferry Arsenal. This rifle with its saber bayonet, weighed thirteen pounds.

Before considering their active service, it is interesting to note that both the Washington

Rifles and Company A., Turner Rifles, took part in the inauguration of President Abraham Lincoln on 4 March 1861. Concern for the personal security of Lincoln was so high that the Washington Rifles were posted on the rooftops of buildings near where the swearing-in ceremony took place with special orders to be alert for possible assassination attempts. The German community in America at that time, particularly in the cities of the Northeast, were so in favor of the Republican Party that they were especially trusted as men to help protect the president.

Although initially called into service as separate companies, they were organized on 1 May 1861 as the Eighth Battalion District of Columbia Volunteer Militia, by the consolidation of three above-mentioned companies under the command of major Arthur Balbach, the former captain of the Washington Rifles.⁴

The battalion staff consisted of a major, an acting adjutant drawn from one of the companies, a sergeant major and a quartermaster sergeant. eight assistant surgeons were also appointed at this time, presumably one for each of the eight battalions of volunteer militia organized at that time, but their names do not appear on the battalion rolls.⁵

For the first few weeks after they were mustered into service these companies spent most of their time training recruits and receiving field equipage. At the time Washington was virtually isolated, with its sole communication links being the Potomac River and the railroad from Baltimore. Much of the surrounding countryside was Southern in its sympathy, as was a sizeable part of the populace of the city of Baltimore. Many of the troops coming from the North would have to go by train through Baltimore, and as there were wide-spread rumors of sabotage to the tracks, it was necessary for troops to patrol them. Both companies of the Turner Rifles performed this duty.⁶

The eight battalions were considered sufficiently organized and drilled by early May and on the 13th (continued on page 4)

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all were inspected by President Lincoln. The 8th Battalion, under Major Balbach, consisted of a drum corps, and 287 men in three companies.⁷ Shortly thereafter some of these battalions were deployed to defend the various upstream crossings of the Potomac River. The eighth was posted at Great Falls, about thirteen miles from Washington, and the site of locks on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. On 7 July there were several encounters, and during the final skirmish two men of Company B, Turner Rifles, were mortally wounded.⁸

On July 13th, with numerous regiments now available for the defense of the national capital, the 8th Battalion was mustered out of the Federal service.⁹

1. National Archives. Company Muster rolls, 11 April and 11 July 1861.
2. *Evening Star*, 22 February and 11 April 1861.
3. National Archives. Company Muster Rolls, 22 April and 22 July 1861.
4. *Evening Star*, 25 February 1861, described him as a former officer from Baden, who supported the republican cause in 1848-1849 and later went into exile.
5. National Archives. Battalion Staff Muster Roll, 22 July 1861. Information on the assistant surgeons is from the *Evening Star*, 13 May 1861.
6. *Evening Star*, 25 April 1861.
7. *Ibid.* 14 May 1861.
8. *Ibid.*, 8 July 1861.
9. *Daily National Intelligencer*, 15 July 1861.

**ZUR INFORMATION**

Looking for an out-of-print book. A new catalog from Bookworm & Silverfish will be issued in October and is free upon request. The owner will mail first-class for fifty cents in stamps which might be a good idea since many of his books are one-of-kind. Write **Bookworm & Silverfish**, P.O. Box 639, Wytheville, VA 24382.

The newsletter for the Weymer, Weimert, Wymert, Wymer, Wimer, Weimer family is published six times per year by the Weimer Genealogical Center, P.O. Box 11132, Albuquerque, NM 87192. Membership is \$20/year. Back issues for 1979-1988 are available at the Library of Congress and the LDS Library in Salt Lake only.

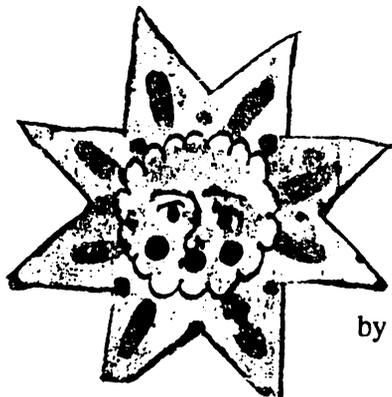
The Maryland Historical Society Library, 201 Monument Street, West, Baltimore, MD 21201. Phone (301) 685-3750 has expanded its hours. The Library is now open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00-5:00 and Saturday from 9:00-5:00.

The LDS Library has 66 microfilm rolls of Loudon Park Cemetery Records 1853-1986 (Baltimore, Maryland) including a cremation card file, Confederate lot card file and an interment card file. Contact your local LDS branch for information on renting these films. From the Maryland Genealogical Society Newsletter, XVI:4 (December 1988).

The Howard County (Maryland) Genealogical Society now has six volumes of cemetery records for sale and has also reprinted a book of cemetery records originally published by the local DAR chapter. Prices range from four to seven dollars postpaid. Write them at P.O. Box 274, Columbia, MD 21045. Remember to enclose an SASE.

Beyond Germanna is a bi-monthly newsletter which focuses on the Virginia Piedmont Germans of the 18th century: their origins, descendants and allied families. Original research reports, summaries of research, historical overviews, book reviews, queries and interests are typical features.

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FRAKTUR

FORUM

by Corinne Earnest

For those who asked about their family names on fraktur, if the names you inquired about do not appear in this column right away, it is because I have had no luck thus far. However, I will keep searching, so watch *Der Kurier*. New finds are always being made in fraktur and your families' names may surface yet.

To Clare M. Anderson, who wrote asking about the name Goshert, a Samuel Goschert completed a taufschein (birth and baptism certificate) for the Gottlieb Miller family of Lebanon Township in Lebanon County about 1819 or perhaps several years after. He signed in German, "Gemacht v. mir Samuel Goschert," or "Made by me Samuel Goschert." Unfortunately, he did not date it, and sometimes taufscheins were made years after the baptism event recorded on them.

This fraktur probably made its way to the Franklin and Marshall College Library in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as part of the Unger collection. To ask about it, write Carol E. Faill, Administrator, College Collections, Franklin and Marshall College Library, P.O. Box 3003, Lancaster, PA 17603-3003; (717) 291-3879.

Also for Clare, the name Heinle (perhaps a variation of Henly or Hainly) you asked about appears on a fraktur made by Friedrich Krebs, the most prolific of the fraktur artists. Krebs made the certificate about 1806 for Johannes Heinle, son of David Heinle and Magdalena Dimmer. Johannes was born October 18, 1805, at 11:00 P.M., says Krebs. He was born in Windsor township, Berks County, and baptized April 5, 1806, by Reverend Daniel Lehmann. His only sponsor at the baptism was George Dimmer.

The Library of Congress owns this certificate and recently pictured it in color on page 14 of a booklet on fraktur in the Library's collection. This publication is called *Pennsylvania German*

Fraktur and Printed Broadsides: A Guide to the Collections in the Library of Congress. You can ask about its price and availability by writing the American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

Incidentally, the motif shown at the beginning of this column is from a Krebs fraktur. He was a Hessian soldier who returned to America after the Revolution. He settled in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, where he became a schoolmaster. When he died in 1815, he left numerous incomplete taufscheins which appraisers of his estate quaintly called "Papers for Birth Dayes."

If you wish to have Corinne Earnest look for your family name on fraktur please send your request to the editor of *Der Kurier* by the end of the month of publication, i.e., for inclusion in the December issue requests should be sent by the end of September. As always, first requested, first printed.

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Though the letter shares the geographical name, Germanna and has a similar field of interest with the Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia, Inc., *Beyond Germanna* is a private endeavor. Subscriptions, at \$10.00 per year, start with the January issue. For more information or a sample copy, write to John Blakenbaker, P.O. Box 120, Chadds Ford, PA 19317.

Membership in the Society of Descendants of the West Virginia Pioneers is open to anyone who can prove descent from a person who settled in what is now the state of West Virginia. Write Honorable Secretary, P.O. Box 76, Sylvester, WV 25193 for information and application. From Genealogical Society of New Jersey's Newsletter 4:7 (Fall 1988).

After the *Complete Book of Emigrants* was published in 1987, the discovery was made that pp. 61-80 had not been included in the index. The Genealogical Publishing Co. has rectified this computer error by issuing the *Index Correction to the complete Book of Emigrants, 1606-1660*. Purchasers of this reference book who do not have the correction should notify the publisher at 1001 Calvert Street, North, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. From the Virginia Genealogical Society's Newsletter XV:3 (May-June 1989).

GELEGENHEITSFUND



The following information was taken from a family Bible and is provided by Beverly Repass Hoch. The translations from German and notations regarding scribes are by Corinne Earnest.

ELY Family

German Bible printed in Reading, Pennsylvania (date of publication not shown).

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
(Trau-Schein)

It is herein shown that holy matrimony was concluded between:

Eugene A. Ely of Steinsville, Lehigh County and Kate Kemmerling of Albany, Berks County on the 30th of June 1877 in Greenwich, Berks County by Mr. Benneville S. Smoll, Evangelical Lutheran Pastor.

Witnesses: Kate A. Smoll.

Written Steinsville, Monday the 30th June '84 by G. Aug. S. Hainbach.

BORN

Eugene A. Ely - 3rd Jan. 1856, Lynn Twp., Lehigh Co., PA.

This [his] legally married wife Kate, born Kemmerling, 10th March 1861 in Washington Twp., Berks Co., PA.

CHILDREN

- 1. Mary Katharina - 18th October 1877, Albany Twp., Berks Co.
- 2. Clara May - 15th March 1881, Steinsville, Lehigh Co., PA.
- 3. Alfred Penrose - 26th June 1883 " " "
- 4. Sally Alice - on the 4th Sept. 1885, " " "
- 5. Carrie Estella - on the 9th Jan. 188 " " "
- 6. Henry Samuel - on the 9th August 1890 " " "
- 7. Charles Albert - on the 27th September 1891 " " "

[Note: The first three births of the children as well as the parents' births were recorded by G.A.S. Hainbach. I am not sure who recorded Sally Alice's birth, but I believe it was also Hainbach. The last three were recorded by Georg Franck.]

MARRIAGES (Verheirathet)

[Note: Hainbach recorded this page.]

Eugene A. Ely and this [his] legally married wife Kate, born Kemmerling - 30th June 1877.

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PALATINES: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

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by Ernest Thode

Genealogy in the Palatinate

As previously mentioned, about 60% of the 1710 Palatines to New York were actually from the Electoral Palatinate and in the colonial period less than half were from this area. A peak number, possibly 5,000, emigrated from the Rhenish Palatinate to America in 1816-1817 after a severe winter. In 1832, when the national-liberal Hambach festival was held, the number of Palatine emigrants was ca. 8,000, and from then on it grew. Some sample years are given in one set of statistics:

1837	9,122
1840	6,147
1843	4,689
1852	18,956
1844	21,897
1858	8,407
1861	5,428
1864	3,544

In another set, from the Bavarian Palatinate:

1841-1845	13,358 emigrants
1846-1850	23,882
1851-1855	36,335
1856-1860	12,257
1861-1865	7,925
1866-1870	12,350
1872	2,869
1873	1,741
1874	797
1875	468
1876	343
1877	291
1878	344
1879	502
1880-1884	3,127 annual average
1885-1889	2,048 annual average
1890-1894	215 per 100,000 population
1895-1899	44 per 100,000 population

The most important archives for genealogists in the formerly Bavarian Palatinate are located in Speyer:

Landesarchiv Speyer
Otto-Mayer-Strasse 9
D-6720 Speyer
Federal Republic of Germany

for official records (a new address in 1987);

Zentralarchiv
der Evangelischen Kirche der Pfalz
Grosse Himmels-gasse 6
D-6720 Speyer
Federal Republic of Germany

for Protestant (both Lutheran and Reformed) church books; and

Bistumsarchiv
Kleine Pfaffengasse 16
D-6720 Speyer
Federal Republic of Germany

for Catholic church books.

Some of the records are in Munich as capital of Bavaria:

Bayerisches Hauptstaatsarchiv I
Arcisstrasse 12
Postfach 200507
Federal Republic of Germany

(for the post-1815 Bavarian Palatinate); or in Karlsruhe as capital of Baden

Badisches Generallandesarchiv
Noerdliche Hilda-Promenade 2
D-7500 Karlsruhe

Federal Republic of Germany

for the former electoral Palatinate east of the Rhine; or in Darmstadt as the capital of Hesse-Darmstadt:

Staatarchiv Darmstadt
Schloss
D-6100 Darmstadt

Federal Republic of Germany

for *Rheinhessen* (Rhine Hesse), the former District of Alzey of the Electoral Palatinate after 1815; (continued on page 8)

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or in Koblenz as the capital of the Rhineland:

Staatsarchiv Koblenz

Karmeliterstrasse 1-3

D-5400 Koblenz

Federal Republic of Germany

for the part of the Rhine Palatinate north of the Nahe River which became Prussian in 1815.

In Kaiserslautern there is an important quasi-official archive, funded half by the districts of the Rhineland-Palatinate, half by the electric power company that serves the area, the Institute for Palatine History and folk Culture, formerly and better known as the *Heimatstelle Pfalz*:

Institut fuer pfaelzische Geschichte
und Volkskunde

Benzinring 6 Postfach 2860

D-6750 Kaiserslautern

Federal Republic of Germany

It contains a library and a card-file of over 760,000 cards (by name, Palatine origin, and place of settlement) on more than 1,000,000 emigration, immigration, and inland migration transactions from, to, and within the historic Palatinate in whatever borders. Its Director is Karl Scherer and the Deputy Director (*stellvertretender Direktor*) and Research Associate (*wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter*) specializing in genealogy is Roland Paul, a frequent visitor to the U.S. and speaker at genealogy meetings.

The German genealogical society for the post-1815 Bavarian (or Rhine) Palatinate is

Arbeitsgemeinschaft fuer

Pfaelzisch-Rheinische Familienkunde e.V.

Rottstrasse 17 (Stadtarchiv)

D-6700 Ludwigshafen am Rhein

Federal Republic of Germany

The society for most of the territory of the Palatinate in the 1700's is

Verein fuer Familien- und Wappenkunde
in Wuerttemberg und Baden e.V.

Konrad-Adenauer-Strasse 8

(Wuerttembergische Landesbibliothek,
Zimmer 103)

Postfach 769

D-7000 Stuttgart 1

Federal Republic of Germany.

The U.S. has a society called Palatines to America, a national genealogical society for German-speaking ancestry. By becoming a national member you automatically join the chapter of your choice: Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, or chapter development. The address is

Palatines to America

Capital University

P.O. Box 101

Columbus, OH 43209-2394

Those of you who may have previously written to Salt Lake City, Utah, or Lafayette, Indiana, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, or Quincy, Illinois, or elsewhere and have had your letter unanswered or returned as undeliverable, please write again to the address above. This is the national headquarters, with an office, secretary and registrar; previous addresses have been those of former presidents, and have frequently changed with new elections.

Another group with a great interest in Palatines is

The Pennsylvania German Society

P.O. Box 397

Birdsboro, PA 19508

For instance, the 1985 annual volume of the society by Annette K. Burgert is on colonial emigrants from the western Palatinate, proving residences in both the Palatinate and in Pennsylvania for numerous families by good documentation.

The 1709-10 emigrants have been well documented in a work by Henry Z. (Hank) Jones, Jr. entitled *The Palatine Families of New York 1710* in two volumes. He and his German researcher, Carla Mittelstaedt-Kubaseck, have attained phenomenal success in tracing ca. 550 of the 847 Palatine emigrants of some 275 years ago to German records. His address is

Hank Jones

P.O. Box 8341

Universal City, CA 91608

The emigrants from southwestern Germany in the 18th century who left their traces in archives have been well documented in a two-decade series of books by Werner Hacker.

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VIRGINIA LAND RECORDS

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In addition to the two previously mentioned plats of original grants a number of areas within counties have been platted. One of the most extensively documented is *Turff and Twig* by Priscilla Harriss Cabell (Richmond, Va., 1988) which plats the original patents for the French Huguenot lands know as Manakintown on the James River. It is important to note that these people petitioned for naturalization almost immediately. While foreigners could purchase land they could not dispose of it (even by will) unless they were naturalized citizens. Consequently one will often find petitions for naturalization in the Virginia county court order or minute books by French, German or other non-English people.

Besides the Orange and Fairfax County and Manakintown books the Borden and Beverly patents in the Shenandoah Valley have been platted on maps and are available from the Roanoke Valley Historical Society, P.O. Box 1904, Roanoke, VA 24008.

Once the land was patented any further transfers were made at the county level. It is necessary to note that the transfer was recorded in the county in existence at that time. Thus one finds early deeds to land in the Shenandoah Valley recorded in Orange County since at its inception in 1734 Orange County covered the entire Shenandoah Valley as well as the states of

In addition to the land patents and grants the Virginia State Archives has microfilmed copies of the extant deed books for every Virginia County. Some Virginia counties, usually referred to as burned record counties, have few, if any records prior to the 1860's. Others have scattered remnants while others such as Orange and Augusta Counties have even managed to retain almost all of their records including early loose papers.

Until approximately ten years ago microfilm copies or original deed books were the only sources for most county land records. Since that time, primarily because of the adoption of the computer with its word-processing and indexing capabilities and the increased interest in genealogy making abstracting an economically feasible project, more and more county land records have been abstracted. However, with the exception of Chalkey's abstracts of Augusta and some other southern valley counties the Shenandoah Valley where most German-speaking immigrants settled has not seen much activity in this area. Galbreath's Shenandoah County abstracts are the exception.

Even in counties where the deeds have been destroyed, there remains one other source of land records. Beginning in 1782 Virginia exacted a land tax. Each parcel of land was listed under the owner of record and transfers were often noted in the margin. Consequently it is possible to trace ownership through various transfers (I once traced a parcel from father to daughter, through her three marriages, and back to her brother through land taxes.) Copies of these land tax records were deposited with the state each year. These copies are currently housed at the State Archives and have been microfilmed.

Beginning in 1815 a description of the land i.e., on Pig Creek, adjacent Simmons, and the place of residence of the owner, i.e., Kentucky, Ohio, or even another Virginia county were also given. Beginning in 1820 the value of buildings on the property was also noted thus allowing one to trace the parcel of residence and even the age of buildings and/or additions/improvements.

Land was important to our ancestors; they treasured it and handed it down to the next generation. (continued on page 10)

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The main ones are *Kurpfälzische Auswanderer vom Unteren Neckar: rechtsrheinische Gebiete der Kurpfalz* for the Palatinate east of the Rhine (2,456 emigrations); *Auswanderungen aus Baden und dem Breisgau für Baden-Baden, Baden-Durlach, and Austrian possessions in the Breisgau (11,666 emigrations); and the monumental Auswanderungen aus Rheinpfalz und Saarland im 18. Jahrhundert* for the Rhenish Palatinate, Baden west of the Rhine, the Duchy of Zweibrücken, and various other territories (16,834 emigrations). Not all emigrations were to America, but a significant percentage were. Hacker's books are available from

Friedrich R. Wollmershaeuser
Herrengasse 8-10
D-7938 Oberdischingen
Federal Republic of Germany (new address).

The surname *Pfalzgraf* means *Count Palatine*, just as *Kaiser* means *Emperor*, *Koenig* means *King*, or *Herzog* means *Duke*. The most famous Pfalzgraf immigrant was Georg Pfalzgraf of Friedendorf, Hesse-Nassau, and York County, Pennsylvania, founder of the Pfaltzgraff China Company, who arrived in Baltimore on the *Charles Ferdinand* on 17 September 1833. The name *Pfaelzer* means a person from the Palatinate, as *Schwab* is one from Swabia, *Hess* is one from Hesse, or *Sachs* is one from Saxony; there is a famous Pfaelzer meat company. But whatever your name, if your ancestor was a Palatine, you will want to search in the proper area. Your *Palatine* to New York in 1710 or in colonial times may or may not be from the electoral Palatinate; your *Palatine* or even Bavarian of the 1800's is probably from the Bavarian Palatinate but not necessarily so. Your best bet is to find the actual origin of your individual ancestor, that is, the actual village of origin. Study also shipmates, relatives, friends, neighbors, baptismal sponsors of their children, etc.

To aid in the effort to find places of origin, the author has compiled an unpublished list from numerous sources of over 35,000 origins of German-speaking immigrants (thus Palatines in a broad sense) to America prior to 1820 ranging from Peter Aaron of Iggelheim in 1765, Maria

Magdalena Abe of Unteralba and Anna Maria Abel of Weierbach in 1759 to J. Adam Zwoerner of Nordheim in 1753, Heinrich Zyprian of Einbeck by 1783 (Hessian soldier to Canada), and Abraham Zyset of Freudenberg in 1766. I would appreciate any additions to the list from readers. (Please use the format: surname, given name, birthplace/European residence, year of arrival in America, spouse, date of marriage, place of settlement) with the names of all family members who came. Perhaps I can help. Write:

Ernest Thode
RR 7 Box 306, Kern Road
Marietta, OH 45750-9437

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Ownership of disputed parcels was determined by the court and chancery court cases often documented two or three generations when deciding rights. These records are found in the court loose papers. However, even when these do not exist the list of the plaintiffs and defendants in the court order or minute books at least gives a list of the living descendants and a study of the inheritance laws can often help determine the relationship and identify unknowns.

In addition to the above mentioned sources, any researcher of Virginia land records would be wise to refer to *Virginia Land Office Inventory, Third Edition* by Daphne S. Gentry (Richmond, Va.: Virginia State Library, 1981), *Pre-1904 County Records in the Virginia State Library and Archives* by Suzanne Smith Ray, Lyndon H. Hart II and J. Christian Kolbe (Richmond, Va.: Virginia State Library, 1987) and "Interpreting Headrights in Colonial-Virginia Patents: Uses and Abuses," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol 75:3 pp. 169-179 (September 1987). Most microfilmed county deed, order and minute books are available on interlibrary loan from the Virginia State Archives and your local L.D.S. branch library. Most of the Virginia land tax records are also available on interlibrary loan from the Virginia State Archives. The two State Archives inventories are also available at a cost of five dollars each.

BUCHBESPRECHUNGEN



Schildnecht, C.E., editor. *Monocacy and Catoctin: Some Early Settlers of Frederick and Carroll Counties, MD, and Adams County, PA, and Descendants 1725-1985, Volume 1*. Shippensburg, Pa.: Beidel Printing House,

Inc., 1985. v., 463 pp.; family name index (last name only); bibliography; hardcover.

Mr. Schildknecht has collected a great deal of information from people who have worked on individual families and compiled their contributions in this first of two volumes. The first seven chapters deal with groups of settlers from the prehistoric to European including Brethren and Mennonite settlers. The last nine chapters deal with specific families including Eisenhower, Scholl, Pfau and Kemp. The information is extensive and some families are carried to the present. Documentation varies from extensive footnotes to none depending on the contributor. A more extensive index would have been helpful. However, the bottom line is that anyone researching a family from this area would do well to consult this book as there is a great deal of information from private sources included. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$45.00 postpaid.

Schildknecht, C.E., editor. *Monocacy and Catoctin: Some Settlers of Western Maryland and Adjacent Pennsylvania and Their Descendants 1725-1988, Volume II*. Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1989. vi, 684 pp.; family name index (last name only); hardcover.

The editor continues the publication of family histories from the first volume including Fisher, Hesson, Braun, and Reifsnider among others. But of more interest to any genealogist is the 75 plus pages of European origins of specific people from Daniel Aeschleman to Hans Zweysig with the source of the information. In addition there are 60 plus pages listing family genealogies which range from typewritten manuscripts to books. This latter list includes the name of the library where one can see the book. Anyone who has vainly searched for a copy of a family history will appreciate this added information. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$46.50 postpaid.

Peden, Henry C., Jr. *Heirs and Legatees of Harford County, Maryland 1774-1802*. Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1989. iv, 83 pp.; index; softcover.

These abstracts contain information from 817 estate files and Mr. Peden has been careful to note when information does not exist as well as what information was found. The introduction is a model for anyone doing an abstract as he carefully explains his source, exactly what information he has provided and what additional information one could expect to find. In addition to the helpful introduction, the author has cross-indexed married women under their maiden name. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$7.50 postpaid.

Hooper, Debbie Ann. *Caroline County 1850 Census*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1989. i, 101; pp.; index; softcover.

Census searching is a wearisome task which must be done. How nice it is to have help. This transcription provides all of the information to be found in the original and is completely indexed. It is a welcome addition to the 1800, 1810 and 1860 transcriptions already available. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$8.50 postpaid. (continued on page 60)

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Harper, Irma. *Heirs and Legatees of Caroline County*. Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1989. 96 pp.; index; softcover.

Chancery records often contain useful genealogical information and these are no exception. Names of brothers and sisters, dates of deaths, marriages, and extended family relationships are only a few of the items to be found. Derived from Land Commission records (1774-1895) and Chancery records 1815-1863) these abstracts are a valuable source for any Caroline County researcher. Order from **Family Line Publications**, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$7.50 postpaid.

The following books are not reviewed since they do not deal with German research sources; they are brought to your attention because the sources of the information has in the one case been restricted in the past and in the other will disappear with time.

Reamy, Bill and Martha. *Records of St. Paul's Parish, Volume 2 : The Protestant Episcopal Church Records of Baltimore City and Lower Baltimore County 1801-1825*. Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1989. Cost is \$20.00 postpaid.

and

Baltimore Cemeteries, Volume 5 : St. Mary's Cemetery [as read by the Baltimore County Genealogical Society in 1985]. Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications. Cost \$7.00 postpaid. Both of these books are available from **Family Line Publications**, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, Maryland 21157.

Hoch, Beverly Repass, Mary B. Kegley and Timothy D. Smith. *Kimberling Church, Wythe, Virginia: Annotated Baptismal and Cemetery Records*. Wytheville, Va.: Kegley Books, 1986. ix, 139 pp.; index, bibliography; softcover.

Cemeteries are disappearing at an alarming rate and any effort to preserve them and the information in them is to be applauded. (A place rather than alphabetical order might have been better.) The inclusion of extensive annotations with sources, the transcription of the baptismal records (1779-1868) also annotated and the

background information in the introduction make this book a must for any researcher who had ancestors in the area. By the way, one of the authors, Beverley Hoch, is contributing her Bible records to *Der Kurier* and was responsible for putting us in touch with our fraktur contributor. It is obvious that her support and help in preserving old records is wide-ranging. Order from **Kegley Books**, P.O. Box 134, Wytheville, VA 24382. Cost is \$12.00 including tax; plus \$2.00 shipping.

Smith, Kenneth L. *German Church Books: Beyond the Basics*. Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1989. 294 pp., index, hardcover, acid-free paper.

The author in his foreword states that "if you are not comfortable reading 'Church book' German, this is not the book for you." I disagree. An occasional German signature is a struggle for me; however, the book provided invaluable information about German church records. This is a book that you want to read once and then return to it whenever you encounter a problem. While the book may not have been written for the beginning researcher, it ought to be in any German researcher's library. In addition to expected information on types and sources of records, one also finds information about dialectic variants, common abbreviations, symbol and script conventions as well as a bibliography with sources. Order from **Picton Press**, P.O. Box 1111, Camden, ME 04843. Cost is \$29.50 plus \$2.00 shipping.

Gormley, Myra Vanderpool. *Family Diseases: Are You at Risk?* Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1989. xii, 165 pp.; hardcover.

Many genealogists who have lineage charts which would cover a wall don't know what caused their great grandparents' death. Few, if any, family group sheets have a place to indicate cause of death and certainly none show chronic diseases, such as arthritis. We should all hide our heads in shame. We are failing to provide our own families with information that might help save lives. The author makes a sound case for genealogical/medical research via the recordation of known medical facts. She talks about heredity and specific diseases, (continued on page 13)

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including cancer, alcoholism and asthma; lists services and organizations and details currently available tests for such diseases. (She mentions one such new test for polycystic kidney disease; however, doctors at U. Va. were diagnosing it in babies more than ten years ago.) Medical facts should be a part of every family history; if you don't believe it, read this book. If you do, read it anyway, it will tell you how to do it. Order from **Genealogical Publishing Company**, 1001 Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Cost is \$14.95 plus \$2.50 shipping.

Yoder, Don, editor. *Pennsylvania German Immigrants 1709-1786: Lists Consolidated from Yearbooks of The Pennsylvania German Folklore Society*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1980. xi, 394 pp.; index; hardcover.

This is the third printing of this book; the information having been originally taken from the 1936, 1945, 1947 and 1951 yearbooks. The title is a misnomer. These are not lists per se; they are often minnie genealogies and in addition contain historical information on causes for immigration as well as excerpts from letters detailing the journeys. Even if you don't find your ancestors among those listed, you'll learn about the people like them, why they came, how they traveled and where they went upon arrival. Order from **Genealogical Publishing Co.**, 1001 Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Cost is \$25.00 plus \$2.50 shipping.

Prepare to Publish. Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1989. VHS 28 min.

The latest in technology comes to genealogy in VHS format. While probably not of interest to the publisher of source records, this primer on publishing is a definite help to the novice family historian who wants to preserve what he has written in something other than a typewritten manuscript. The tape takes you through it all--from what to put on the title page to the correct order for table of contents, forward and preface to how to deal with pictures. While this won't do the work for you, it will help you understand what you have to do to successfully produce a "family heirloom." Order from **Genealogical Publishing Co.**, 1001 Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Cost is \$49.95 plus \$2.50 shipping.

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LDS FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARIES

by Anne Tenny

In May, a group of MAGS members visited the Washington, D.C., Temple Family History Center for familiarization with its genealogical holdings and finding aids. The center, formerly known as the LDS Genealogical Library, is actually in Kensington, Maryland, just off the Beltway. It is one of about 1,000 Family History Centers located throughout the United States; in addition, there are innumerable smaller "satellite" libraries. Mrs. Joyce Candland, the Chief Librarian at Kensington, who provided a stimulating introduction to the holdings, suggested that the best way for our members living in other locales to learn of any libraries near them would be to check the phone book for a local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, then call and inquire about the nearest libraries.

At the centers may be found introductory video training cassettes, reference books, the International Genealogical Index (IGI) on microfiche, personal computers for use with the LDS-sponsored software called Personal Ancestor File (PAF), the Family History Library Catalog consisting of geographical indexes to the microfilm holdings of LDS Library at Salt Lake City; and, of course, access to these holdings which consist of original government and church records, private collections, and much other genealogical material. There records are not limited to the U.S., but include many other countries for example, there is an immense collection of **German parish records**. The patron orders the microfilm rolls he needs and then uses them at the Family History Center where he ordered them. A small rental fee is usually charged.

A copy of the Family Group Records Archives is available at the Kensington location. This copy contains the Main Library's collection of family group sheets on nearly two thousand rolls of microfilm. This is the only copy at any of the LDS libraries east of the Mississippi so it may well be worth a special visit.

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DEATHS (gestorben)

Henry Samuel, on the 25th November 1890
Text Jacob, chapter 14, verse 1 and 2. Age 3 Months 16 days.
[Note: George Franck recorded the above death.]

NOTES

[Note: Extra page. On this page, Hainbach completed all entries through Sally Alice (1885).
George Franck completed the last three entries.]

Eugene A. Ely - Eugene Albert Ely

Son of Pennros Ely and his legally married wife Carolina, born Semmel, baptized on 30th March 1856 by Mr. John Zulich, Evangelical Reformed Pastor. Baptism witnesses: the parents, and was confirmed on 2nd Nov. 1872 in the Jacobs Church at Jacksonville, Lynn Twp. Lehigh Co., PA. by Mr. Henry S. Fegley, Evangelical Lutheran Pastor.

The Legally Married Wife

Kate, born Kemmerling - Katharina Kemmereling

Daughter of Henry Kemmerling and his legally married wife Katharina Anna Chappel baptized on 4th May 1861 by Mr. John Zulich, Evangelical Reformed Pastor of the New Bethel Church in Albany, Berks Co., PA.

Witnesses: Aron Trexler and his legally married wife Elisabeth.

Confirmed: on 18th March 1876 in the New Bethel Church, Albany, Berks Co., PA by Mr. B.S. Smoll, Evangelical Luther Pastor

CHILDREN OF THIS MARRIAGE

Mary Katarina - baptized on 2nd Dec. 1877 by Mr. James N. Bachman, Evangelical Reformed Pastor. Witnesses: Grandparents Ely

Clara May - baptized on 22nd May 1881 by Mr. H.S. Fegley. Witnesses: Parents

Alfred Pennros - baptized 17th July 1883 by Mr. H.S. Fegley.
Witnesses: Josep Rose and his wife Mary born Hauser

Sally Alice - baptized 28th Sept. 1885 by ditto Fegley. Witnesses: Michael Friederich Waidelich and his wife Sally An, born Follweiler.

Carrie Estella - baptized 4th March 1888 by Honorable Fegley. Witnesses: Jas. Klingaman and wife Laura.

Henry Samuel - baptized 4th Sept. 1890 by Honorable Fegley. Witnesses: the Parents

Charles Albert - baptized 1st November 1891 by Honorable Fegley. Witnesses: the Parents.

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PERGDOLL York, PA, 19 Nov 1780. Fam mvd to Shenandoah Co., VA, abt 1787. She
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