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President's Message

This is my last column, so of course, I want to use it to thank everyone for the support you've given me in the past four years. If I listed all the names, it would take too much space away from the informative articles that you value, so I'll list groups instead. These include all the officers of both terms; both editors; the volunteers who took on specific responsibilities such as Registrar, Query Editor, keeper of the Surname File, Stumped Roots chairperson, etc.; members who've sent in suggestions and news items, complaints and fan letters; and those of you who've kept coming to meetings and helped to make MAGS one of the friendliest genealogy groups around. Thanks and keep up the good work!

One of our new members asked me at the Fall meeting about the need for belonging to other societies, and I'll repeat my advice. For members who are new to genealogy, it is advisable to join a local genealogy club in the county where you live and attend meetings as often as possible or take introductory courses they offer. This will help you develop the basic research skills for tracing your ancestors on this side of the ocean. When you've learned where the earliest immigrants lived, you may want to also join a local club in that region and take advantage of query services, etc. In addition, it often pays to join one or more family societies. And throughout, MAGS will be providing background information, experience and advice specific to Germanic ancestor searching.

The Fall meeting in Emmitsburg was another good one, and now we can look forward to April 28, 1990 - our spring meeting date. It will be held in Middletown, Maryland, in Frederick County, at the Christ Reformed United Church of Christ, an historical German church; lunch will feature authentic German dishes served by the ladies of the Church. And the program will be equally outstanding, featuring talks on early Maryland Germans (MAGS members Mary K. Meyer on their migration patterns and Gary Myer on urban Germans, and two lectures by Hank Z. Jones on more generalized topics pertinent to tracing origins of Palatine families in Germany. Mr. Jones is a former film and television actor, who retired to devote his time to genealogical research, as a result of which he traced over 500 families of the 1709 migration to New York state. He is now busy documenting families who came in the 1717-1760 wave of emigration.

There will be more about the meeting and all three speakers in the next *Der Kurier*.

THANKS

And our thanks to you Anne. I know I speak for all the MAGS members when I say thank you for your time, effort and devotion to the cause of helping MAGS grow. And my thanks too; I'd never have made it through the first year as editor without you.

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- 31 December 1990 Deadline for entries for NGS's Youth Award in Honor of Milton Rubincam. For information write NGS Youth Award Committee, 4527 17th Street, North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.
- 30 March 1990 Deadline for entries for NGS's Family History Writing Contest. For information write NGS Family-History Writing Contest, 4527 17th Street, North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.
- 28 April 1990 **MAGS's Spring Meeting** at Christ Reformed Church, Middletown, Maryland. Speakers will be Mary K. Meyer, Gary Myer and Hank Z. Jones.
- 12-13 May 1990 Virginia Genealogical Society's Spring Meeting: "17th-18th Century Life Styles" Williamsburg, Va. For information write VGS, P.O. Box 7469, Richmond, VA 23221
- 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.
- 11-16 June 1990 National Institute on Genealogical Research, Washington, D.C. For information write the Institute, P.O. Box 14274, Washington, D.C. 20044-4274
- 5-6 October 1990 Virginia Genealogical Society's Fall Conference "30th Anniversary Celebration" Richmond, Va. For information write VGS, P.O. Box 7469, Richmond, VA 23221.

- 20 October 1990 **MAGS's Fall Meeting** at New Windsor, Maryland
- 29 May-1 June 1991 National Genealogical Society's Conference "Come to the End of the Oregon Trail" Portland, Oregon. Hosted by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc.

If you would like your organization's special program/project placed on *Der Kalender* send the information by the first of the month prior to publication to the editor.

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German Regiments in the Union Army 1861-1865

by Albert W. Haarman

The following compilation is a listing of regiments, battalions, and independent batteries of the Union Army that are considered distinctly German. Although there are other regiments that had entire companies composed of Germans, they were not considered German regiments in the sense of being specifically raised and identified as such, and so they are omitted from this listing. The literature on ethnic regiments in general, and Germans in particular, is of varying degrees of scholarship, and many claims of so-called German regiments cannot be supported by research. In the compilation of this list a unit had to have the following characteristics before it was included: (1) At the time of its organization, a large majority of its members were German born, or the sons of German-born fathers; (2) members of the unit identified themselves and their organization as a German unit; and, (3) the larger society regarded the unit as a German one. The compiler made a seeming exception to this criteria; those units whose members were Turners are included because in every instance where it could be verified, being a Turner also meant being either German-born or of German descent.

In passing it should be noted that according to the 1860 national census, one in about seven Americans was foreign-born. Only one of every twenty-one immigrants resided in the South, which may explain why the North had so many units identified as being of "foreign" derivation. Half of these immigrants had arrived in the preceding ten years, and a significant number of them were Germans, Ireland being the other major source of immigrants.

One problem never satisfactorily resolved during the Civil War was the replacement system. A complete infantry regiment was supposed to have about 1,000 men; however, after several years of campaigning many were reduced to a few hundred men. In some units the men's enlistments expired before the termination of the war. Those men who opted to re-enlist for the war were designated *veterans*, while those going home were called *non-veterans*, which is something of a misnomer. Men who joined later in the war are designated *recruits*. Some combat-

hardened regiments had so few men near the war's end that, if they were able to retain their unit identity, they were consolidated into a residuary battalion of a few companies; others were simply disbanded and their veterans and recruits reassigned. In this listing there are mentions of the mustering in or out of organizations. This was an administrative process whereby Federal authorities accepted or discharged units, which meant they were on or off the payrolls.

Each state established its own system for naming or numbering their regiments. Some of the names came from pre-war militia corps, others were used for recruitment purposes. However derived, most regiments were usually known by their state number and they are used here. Other designations are given parenthetically. Unless otherwise indicated, the regiments are volunteer infantry.

The names of commanding officers are given whenever they are known. If the spelling of these names is at variance with common German usage, the reader should know that these names were copied exactly as given in the sources used by this writer.

Many of these units were frequently engaged in skirmishes and outpost fights, but in this compilation only their major engagements have been listed. The first mention of a battle includes the place, state and date; subsequent mentions give place only. Most of these battles were fought in the South, primarily in Virginia. The Confederate Army named these battles after the nearest town, while the Union Army usually named a battle after the most significant geographical feature, and thus the battle fought on 21 July 1861 in Virginia is known as Bull Run (a stream) in the North and Manassas (a town) in the South.

The total number of casualties taken by these units will vary considerably. One major compilation lists total deaths only (including those killed in action, mortally wounded, or those dead of disease); it does not provide information on those disabled, (continued on page 20)

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wounded or deserted. A later compilation gives more complete information, but only for the three hundred regiments, some of which were German, that suffered the highest casualty rates. It has been said that during the American Civil War some units did not consider themselves heavily engaged unless they suffered fifty percent casualties overall. From surviving accounts, it appears the men of these organizations had a masochistic pride in what their units endured in combat, and casualties taken seems to be a yardstick of unit effectiveness. As an example, see the 9th Illinois Regiment, below.

One author wrote that identifying foreign regiments in the Union Army is an arcane art; this writer would agree with that view.

District of Columbia

8th Battalion, Volunteer Militia. Organized on 1 May 1861 from three companies mustered into service during April for 90 days' service. Battalion Commander: Major Arthur Balback (born in Germany), commissioned on 1 May 1861. Defense of Washington. Total deaths, 2. Mustered out of service, 13 July 1861.

Illinois

9th Regiment Turner. Organized at Springfield and mustered in for three months service on 26 April 1861; mustered out on 26 July 1861. Reorganized at Cairo, Illinois, 26 July - 31 August 1861, to serve for three years. Regimental commanders: (1) Colonel Eleazer A. Paine, to rank from 26 July 1861; B/G of volunteers, 3 September 1861; (2) Colonel August Mersy (born in Germany), to rank from 5 September 1861, mustered out 20 August 1864; and (3) Colonel Samuel T. Hughes, 11 October 1861, mustered out 11 October 1864.

Battles: Fort Donelson, Tennessee, 12-16 February 1862; Shiloh, Tennessee, 6-7 April 1862; siege of Corinth, 29 April- 30 May 1862; siege of Atlanta, Georgia, 22 July - 25 August 1864; march to the sea, 15 November - 10 December 1864; and siege of Savannah, Georgia, 10-21 December 1864. One of the "300"

regiments, it had 216 killed or died of wounds; 201 died of disease, accidents or while prisoners of war; and 576 wounded; for a total of 993 casualties out of an enrollment of 1,493. Mustered out 9 July 1865.

24th Regiment (1st Hecker Regiment). Turner. Organized at Chicago and mustered in 8 July 1861 for a term of three years. Regimental commanders: (1) Colonel Friedrich Hecker (born in Germany), resigned 23 December 1861; and (2) Colonel Geza Minalotzy, died of wounds 11 March 1864.

Battles: Perryville, Kentucky, 8 October 1862; Stone River, Tennessee 31 December 1862 - 3 January 1863; Chickamauga, Tennessee, 19-21 September 1863; siege of Chattanooga, Georgia, 24 September - 23 November 1863; Resaca, Georgia, 14-15 May 1864; and Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia, 28 June 1864. Total deaths: 173. Mustered out 6 August 1864.

43rd Regiment (Koerner Regiment) Turner. Organized at Camp Butler and mustered in 12 October 1861. Regimental commanders: Colonel Julius Raith, mortally wounded at Shiloh, died 11 April 1862; and (2) Colonel Adolphus Engelmann, from April 1862; mustered out 31 December 1864; and (3) Colonel Adolph Dengler, to rank from 11 April 1865.

Battles: Shiloh; siege of Corinth; and siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi, 9 June - 4 July 1863. Total deaths: 246. Mustered out 30 November 1864.

82nd Regiment (2nd Hecker Regiment) Turner. Organized at Springfield and mustered in 23 October 1862. Regimental commanders: (1) Colonel Frederic Hecker, resigned 21 March 1864; and (2) LTC Edward S. Solomon (born in Germany), to rank from 26 September 1862; Brevet Colonel and B/G of Volunteers for distinguished gallantry and meritorious service, 13 March 1865; mustered out 24 August 1865.

Battles: Chancellorsville; Gettysburg; Resaca; New Hope Church, Georgia, 25 May 1864; Kenesaw Mountain; siege of Atlanta; march to the sea; and siege of Savannah. A "300" regiment, it suffered 437 casualties out of an enrollment of 956. Mustered out 11 June 1865.

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FAMILY ARCHIVES

Instead of the announced article on the Maryland Archives Im Archive features an article from a member. An article which we hope will promote another kind of archival holding, the family archives, supported by a network of family members via the family reunion.



MAGS' members Edward and Vivia Motsinger write: this article gives the history of two typical German immigrants, father and son, who entered the Port of Philadelphia in the early 1700's. They sought land in Pennsylvania, remained there for a generation before going south, traveling down [Editor's note: Actually it's up. Virginia has both a river (the New) and a valley (the Shenandoah) which run south to north.] the Valley of Virginia. Their descendants spread through out the United States. We are close to completing the research stages of our plan to publish a Motzinger/Motsinger genealogy, which will include all by that name.)

Descendants of Jacob Matzinger Hold Reunion

On September 3, 1989, descendants of Jacob Matzinger (Gen. 1) of Pennsylvania and Felix Matzinger (Gen. 2) of Pennsylvania and Old Rowan County, North Carolina, held their 40th family reunion in conjunction with the 150th Anniversary of the Mount Pleasant (Motsinger Shed) Presbyterian Church in Crab Orchard, Williamson County, Illinois.

About one hundred Motsinger or Motsinger-related persons from Illinois and several other states gathered at the church for this special occasion. The land for the church was donated in 1839 by Jefferson Motsinger (Gen. 4).

The immigrants Jacob (age 37) and his son Felix (age 8) landed at Philadelphia in May 1735, as part of a mixed group of Palatines and Switzers, passengers on the ship *Mercury* from Rotterdam. Both Jacob (in 1738) and Felix (in 1751) obtained warrants for land surveys in original Bucks County, Pennsylvania. These land warrants are on record at the State Archives. The warrant for the survey of Jacob's 200 acres on the West Branch of the Delaware (Lehigh River) "six miles above Indian Town" was issued to Benjamin Eastburn, one of the three surveyors of the upper Bucks County land opened up for

full-scale settlement by the infamous Walking Purchase of 1737 - an event that led to the massacre of many settlers between 1755 and 1758. The Heidelberg Congregation, of which Jacob Matzinger was a member, suffered minimal losses to the hostile Indians, who passed both to the west and to the east of the Heidelberg Congregation. Jacob probably never occupied the wilderness land on the Lehigh River surveyed for him in November 1741, as it was vacated by warrant to a Jacob Heffelfinger in 1743. Jacob Matzinger is known to have been alive as late as 1748 in the Heidelberg District of Bucks (now Lehigh) County. His name appears that year on a petition sent by the Heidelberg Reformed Congregation to the Rev. Michael Schlatter requesting an ordained minister and teacher for the congregation.

That petition was found by the Rev. Dr. Hinke at the Hague, Holland, among papers relating to the history of the Reformed Church. No more is known about Jacob, his wife (possibly Magdalena) or children other than Felix, apparently due to the fact that the early records maintained by the Heidelberg Reformed

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Congregation were reportedly lost in a fire that destroyed the first Heidelberg (Union) Church. Records of the Second Heidelberg Church begin with 1764.

Felix was in Heidelberg Township (Lehigh County) at least until 1752, as his name appears on a tax list that year. The 68-acre tract which had been surveyed for him in 1758 in Heidelberg Township (then Northampton County) was not patented until 1870 - a century after Felix was gone from Pennsylvania. By 1765 Felix had removed to Rowan County, North Carolina, where his name appears in land and other records, spelled Motzinger/Motsinger. Felix's first marriage(s) would have been in Pennsylvania, probably the birthplace of all but his last child. His final marriage was in Rowan County to the widow Elizabeth Long (Lang) in 1790. Shortly after his death in 1791, his son Felix, Jr., (Gen. 3) was born.

His older children - one daughter (Elizabeth Ham) and three sons - are named in his will recorded in Rowan County. The named sons were Daniel, who remained in Rowan County, North Carolina; John, who migrated to Wilson County, Tennessee; and Jacob, who went to Washington County, Indiana. Felix, Jr. accompanied his mother to Clermont County, Ohio, where his Long half-brothers were settled. these initial westward Motsinger migrations occurred between 1800 and 1810.

The September 1989 family reunion attendees were descendants of John (Gen. 3), through his sons Joshua, Jefferson and Matthew. John left Tennessee to settle in the Crab Orchard area of Franklin (now Williamson) County, Illinois, in the 1830's.

Over 1500 descendants of Felix (Gen. 2) have been documented so far. The family now has members in nearly all 50 states, virtually all of whom use the surname Motsinger.

Ed and Vivia Motsinger (5125 Washington Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816) and Rex and Wilma Finley (3126 Grail, Wichita, KS 67211) are compiling data to publish a Matzinger/Motsinger genealogy and would welcome any information on past and present Motsinger/Matsinger people.

ZUR INFORMATION

MAGS member Dianna Winsor highly recommends the Moravian Archives' German Script Seminar which held its 19th seminar last year. The seminar lasts about a week and is held at the Archives in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The only requirement is a reading knowledge of German. Write Vernon H. Nelson, Archivist, 41 Locust Street, West, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

MAGS member Klaus Hein recommends some books on Brethren research. The first two are by one of our fall speakers, Donald F. Dumbaugh. *European Origins of the Brethren* (Elgin, Illinois: The Brethren Press, 1958) and *The Brethren in Colonial America* (Elgin, Illinois: The Brethren Press, 1967). A third book is Martin Grove Brumbaugh's *The History of the German Baptist Brethren in Europe and America* (Mount Morris, Illinois: Brethren Publishing House, 1899).

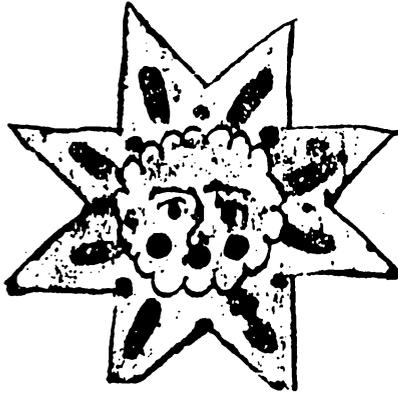
Klaus adds a note "Finally, the October issue of *Agenda*, a newsletter for Church of the Brethren parish leaders, contained the following: 'One of the reading rooms most frequented at the Library of Congress is devoted to genealogy and local history, reports Warren S. Kissinger of the library staff. Hence it seems appropriate that *Brethren Life and Thought*, which Kissinger edits, presents a special issue on Brethren family history.

Produced with the assistance of the Fellowship of the Brethren Genealogists, the special issue examines the nature of genealogy and its methodology.' Single copies of the genealogy issue (Vol. 24, No. 3) may be obtained at \$5.00 each from the Brethren Journal Association, Bethany Theological Seminary, Meyers and Butterfield Roads, Oak Brook, IL 60521."

John D. Emler wrote on behalf of the Longyear Family Association to thank MAGS for "having Fred R. Wollmershauser at the April 1987 meeting ... after several years of searching he did locate the [Jacob Longyear(Langjahr)] family in Wiernsheim, Germany."

FRAKTUR FORUM

by Corinne Earnest



Steve Kemp who asked about valentines: Yes, early hand-made valentines are a part of fraktur art. They were often made by folding the paper, fancy cutting it, and then hand-painting colorful designs on them. Sentimental verses were added and they were often signed and dated. The valentines are not terribly common, largely because the cut-work on them made them fall apart easily, and they were often discarded. Ordinarily, they have little, if any, genealogical information on them.

Thus far, I have been unable to locate fraktur with the names you requested except perhaps for the name Stever, which may also be Stoever. You probably know of the Stoever (Stöver) family in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Many of these Stoevers are descended from Lutheran ministers John Caspar Stoever, Sr. and Jr. who immigrated in 1728 through the port of Philadelphia. The father became a minister in Virginia and the son in Pennsylvania.

Because he was a Lutheran minister, John Caspar Stoever, Jr.'s (1707-1779) name appears on several fraktur as the presiding minister at baptisms. He had several children. His son Caspar whose wife's name was Barbara, had a daughter named Anna Maria born November 13, 1763, in what is now Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Her grandfather John Caspar Stoever, Jr., baptized her. Her birth and baptism certificate is in the collection of the Free Library of Philadelphia, and it is pictured in a two-volume publication published in 1976 by the Pennsylvania German Society and Free Library of

Philadelphia.

Another of Stoever's grandchildren, Jacob Stoever (1787-1862), became a printer in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He printed numerous fraktur.

Also in the Free Library of Philadelphia collection is a marriage record made in 1839 by schoolmaster and fraktur artist, Daniel Stephen Horn, for Maria Stüwer and Johannes Spriegel. Unfortunately, the record does not say where the couple was married. Incidentally, marriage records, like Valentines, are not that common in fraktur art.

You can find examples of these fraktur pictured in the Free Library of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania German Society's two-volume set. Besides the above mentioned, there is a drawing made about 1852 by John Stober. It has no genealogy information on it.

Incidentally, the two-volume set also pictures a birth and baptism certificate for Johannes Kemp, son of Jacob and Magdalena Kemp. Johannes was born May 29, 1811, in District Township, Berks County. Sponsors were George and Elisabetha Kemp.

The Pennsylvania German Fraktur of The Free Library of Philadelphia, the two-volume set mentioned above illustrates over one thousand fraktur and translates the genealogically significant information on them. The book was written by Frederick S. Weiser and published by the Pennsylvania German Society. The Free Library of Philadelphia has the largest public collection of fraktur in the United States.

To Donald K. Deppeller who wrote some time ago, please be patient. I have not yet located any fraktur with the names you submitted, but I continue to look.

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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- I. 1. Cathryn S. Dippo, 1947, Rochester, NY
- II. 2. Gordon Jack Dippo, 1924-1966, Shaker Heights, OH; Palmyra, NY
3. Alice Louise Clarke, 1928, Johnstown, PA
- III. 4. Gordon Jacob Dippo, 1899-1965, Chagrin Falls, OH; Rochester, NY
5. Gladys Mildred Sisley, 1899-1934, OH; Orchard Park, NY
6. George Edward Clarke, 1901-1974, New Florence, PA; Buffalo, NY
7. Dora Barbara Fleegle, 1897, Alum Bank, PA
- IV. 8. Frank William Dippo, 1854-1906, Erie, PA; Chagrin Falls, OH
9. Mary Eveler, 1879-1939, Marienau, Germany; Chagrin Falls, OH
10. Hiram Alton Sisley, 1865-1924, Sheakleyville, Mercer Co., PA; Shaker Heights, OH
11. Effa Bleaksley, 1872-1924, Chocranton, PA; Shaker Heights, OH
12. Edward Washington Clarke, 1851-1935, Armagh, PA; New Florence, PA
13. Mae Helen Shepard, 1872-1906, Lake City, IA; New Florence, PA
14. William Lester Fleegle, 1875-1957, Napier Twp., Bedford Co., PA; Alum Bank, PA
15. Alice Rebecca Beckley, 1870-1932, West St. Clair Twp., Bedford Co., PA; Bedford Co., PA
- V. 16. Friedrich Philipp Thibaut, 1830-1891, Friedrichstal, Baden; Erie, PA
17. Barbara Stossel, (?) - ca. 1859, Odernheim, Darmstadt; Erie, PA
18. Jacob Eveler, 1857-(?), Marienau, Germany
19. ? Kawlich, 1858-1917, Steigenhoff, Germany; Cleveland, OH
20. Samuel Sisley, 1838-1897
21. Julia M?, 1842-1909
24. George Washington Clarke, 1813-1887, Blacklick Station, PA; New Florence, PA
25. Mary Elizabeth Hughes, 1819-1899, Harrisburg, PA; New Florence, PA
26. Wayland Calkins Shepard, 1849-1914, Yorkshire Corners, NY; San Francisco, CA
27. Martha C. Hall
28. John Henry Fleegle, 1843-1929, Napier Twp., Bedford Co., PA; Bedford Co., PA
29. Ellen Maria Wonders, 1846-1923, Napier Twp., Bedford Co., PA; Napier Twp., Bedford Co., PA
30. William Henry Beckley, 1844-1914, Bedford Co., PA; Bedford Co., PA
31. Ellen Oldham, 1846-1920, Crum, Bedford Co., PA; Bedford Co., PA
- VI. 32. Philipp Thibaut, 1801-1888, Friedrichstal, Baden; Erie, PA
33. Caroline Hornung, 1808-1890, Friedrichstal, Baden; Erie, PA
48. William Clarke, ca. 1784-1872, ?; East Wheatfield, Indiana Co., PA
49. Sarah
52. Henry Shepard, 1810-1886, Whitestown, Oneida Co., NY; Marshalltown, IA
53. Hannah Calkins, 1816-1887
56. Nehemiah Fleegle, 1817-?, Napier Twp., Bedford Co., PA; Bedford Co., PA
57. Elizabeth ?, ca. 1820-1893, ?; Bedford Co., PA
58. John Wonders
59. Elizabeth
60. Samuel M. Beckley, 1814-1901, Bedford Co., PA

61. Mary Ann Willis, 1816-1880, Bedford Co., PA
 62. Nathan Oldham, 1818-1906, Bedford Co., PA; East St. Clair Twp., Bedford Co., PA
 63. Mary Reininger, 1824-1891, Bedford Co., PA; Bedford Co., PA
- VII.
64. Abraham Thibaut, 1767-1853, Friedrichstal, Baden; Friedrichstal, Baden
 65. Katherina Thibaut, 1771-1833, Friedrichstal, Baden; Friedrichstal, Baden
 66. Philipp Hornung, 1776-?, Friedrichstal, Baden; Friedrichstal, Baden
 67. Margaretha Terras, 1774-?, Friedrichstal, Baden
 96. William Clarke, ?-1831, ?; Wheatfield, Indiana Co., PA
 104. Samuel Shepard, 1778-1864, Middletown, CN, Sardinia, Erie Co., NY
 105. Asenath Bronson, 1770/1-1854, Farmington, CN,
 106. David Calkins
 107. Patience Drew
 112. Isaac Fleegle, 178?-184?, ?; Bedford Co., PA
 120. George B. Beckley, 1794-1875, Bedford Co., PA; Bedford Co., PA
 121. Elizabeth Lingenfelter?, 1792-1866, ?; Bedford Co., PA
 124. William Oldham, ca. 1780-?, York (now Adams Co.), PA; Bedford Co., PA
 125. Elizabeth Callihan
- VIII.
128. Jean (Johann) Philipp Thibaut, 1728-1785, Friedrichstal, Baden; Friedrichstal, Baden
 129. Agnes Manz, 1731-1775, (?), Friedrichstal, Baden
 130. Jean Pierre (Johann Peter) Thibaut, 1739-1819, Friedrichstal, Baden; Friedrichstal, Baden
 131. Maria Katharina Giraud, 1737-1816, Friedrichstal, Baden; Friedrichstal, Baden
 132. Jacob Conrad Hornung, 1741-1818; Friedrichstal, Baden; Friedrichstal, Baden
 133. Maria Elizabetha Terras, 1742-1808; Friedrichstal, Baden; Friedrichstal, Baden
 134. Abraham Terras, 1746-1816, Friedrichstal, Baden
 135. Margaretha Gorenflo, 1740-1814, Friedrichstal, Baden
 208. Samuel Shepard, 1733-1828, Middletown, CN, Whitestown, NY
 209. Hannah Blake, ?-?, Middletown, CN
 210. Titus Bronson, ?-1806(?), ?, Berlin, CN
 211. Anna? Whedon
 240. Henry Beckley
 241. Ann Eliza Bowser
 248. Thomas Oldham, ?-1812, ?; Bedford Co., PA
 249. Rebecca Blackburn, ?-1784/5, ?; Bedford Co., PA
 250. Thomas Callihan
 251. Mary Broctor
- IX.
256. Theodor Jean Philipp Thibaut, 1703-1762, Welschneureut, Baden; Friedrichstal, Baden
 257. Jeanne Françoise LaCroix, ca. 1708-1748, (?); Friedrichstal, Baden
 260. Theodor Jean Philipp Thibaut, see 256.
 261. Jeanne Françoise LaCroix, see 257.
 262. Jean Giraud, 1698-1776, Billigheim; Friedrichstal, Baden
 263. Anne Marie Scherer
 264. Andreas Hornung
 265. Margareta Ratz
 266. Jean Terrasse
 267. Marie Anne LaCroix
 268. Jean Terrasse, 1716-?. Friedrichstal, Baden
 269. Esther Herlan, 1723-?, Friedrichstal, Baden
 270. Thomas Gorenflo, 1711-1754, Friedrichstal, Baden

271. Anna Elisabeth Grophius, 1712-1786, Staffort, Baden; Friedrichstal, Baden
416. Samuel Shepard, 1692-1750, Middletown, CN, Middletown, CN
417. Christian Savage, 1702-1758, Middletown, CN, Middletown, CN
418. Richard Blake, ?-1736, ?, Newfoundland
419. Abigail Clark
482. John Bowser
496. William Oldham, Tyrone Twp., York (now Adams Co.), PA
497. Sarah
498. Thomas Blackburn, 17?-1794; Co. Armagh, Ireland; York (now Adams) Co., PA
499. Alice Hewitt
- X.
512. Jean Pierre Thibaut, (?) -1707, (?); Welschneureut, Baden
513. Eve Colomb, (?) -1710, (?); Friedrichstal, Baden
520. see 512
521. see 513
528. Jean Pierre Hornung
529. Anne Barbe Sinnen, ?-1746, ?; Friedrichstal, Baden
530. Jean Ratz
531. Philippina Werner
536. Jean Terrasse
537. Esther Petillon, ?-1731, ?; Friedrichstal, Baden
538. Abraham Herlan
539. Marie Madelaine Gorenflo
540. Jacques Gorenflo, ca. 1683-1738, ?; Friedrichstal, Baden
541. Anna Brunk, ?-1737, ?; Friedrichstal, Baden
542. George Laurent Graphius
543. Marie Elisabeth Metzger
832. Edward Shepard, 1662-1711, Cambridge, MA, Middletown, CN
833. Abigail Savage, 1666-1719, Middletown, CN, Middletown, CN
834. William Savage
835. Christian Mould
996. John Blackburn, (1665-75)-1752, Loughgall, Co. Armagh, Ireland; Menallen Twp., Adams Co., PA
997. Mary Courtney Winter, ?-1713, ?; Loughgall, County Armagh, Ireland
998. Benjamin Hewitt, Clondroet, Co. Armagh, Ireland
- XI.
1080. Jacques de Gorenflo, ca. 1646-1710; France; m. 1671 Amiens; Friedrichstal, Baden
1081. Jeanne Cailloux, ?-1709; France; Friedrichstal, Baden
1664. John Shepard, c. 1627-1707, England, Hartford, CN
1665. Rebecca Greenhill, c. 1634-1669, ?, Hartford, CN
1666. John Savage
1667. Elizabeth Dubbin
1992. John Blackburn, Loughgall, County Armagh, Ireland
1993. Elizabeth
1994. Thomas Courtney
- XII.
2160. Jehan de Gorenflos, ca. 1610-before 1671; lebte 1637 noch in Abbeville
3328. Edward Shepard, ?-1680, England, Cambridge, MA
3329. Violet Wolterton, ?-1648/9, ?, Cambridge, MA
3330. Samuel Greenhil
3331. Rebecca Taylor

BUCHBESPRECHUNGEN



Tracey, Grace L. and John P. Dem. *Pioneers of Old Monocacy: The Early Settlement of Frederick County, Maryland 1721-1743*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., (1987) 1989. vi, 442 pp.; index; bibliography; hardcover.

The announcement that the American Society of Genealogists had conferred its 1988 Donald Lines Jacobus Award on John P. Dem and the late Grace L. Tracey for their contribution to genealogy in the publication of this book should be all one needs to know. In the history of our land we find the history of our people. First, I noticed the maps and plats; then I saw the footnotes. This is one of the most thoroughly documented books I have seen. Anyone who is planning to write a county history would be well advised to look at this book to see how it should be done. Order from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 Calvert Street, West, Baltimore, MD 21202. Cost is \$37.50 plus \$2.50 shipping.

Wayland, John W. *A History of Shenandoah County, Virginia, Second (Augmented) Edition*. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, (1969) 1989. 894 pp.; index; bibliography; hardcover.

First printed in 1927 Dr. Wayland's book has long been the definitive history of the area. It's publishing history alone attests to its importance in Valley history. No one knows the number of families who paused in this area on their way west. But anyone who had a Valley ancestor would do well to consult this history, if for no other reason than to gain an understanding of "life in the Valley." For those from the area the book provides some 200 pages of family history and an appendix which includes early births and baptisms, marriages and militia company rosters. Order from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 Calvert Street, West, Baltimore, MD 21202. Cost is \$38.50 plus \$2.50.

Knittle, Walter Allen. *Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration: A British Government Redemptioner Project to Manufacture Naval Stores*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., (1937) 1989. xxi, 320 pp.; index; bibliography.

If reprints are an indication of the usefulness of a book. Then this one must rank rather high on the list. Dixon Fox writes in the introduction that "Dr. Knittle's book is significant

not only as the first thorough study of the first large German immigration ... it may be contended that it is the first thorough study of Colonial immigration of any kind." History is important to the genealogist; most of us don't realize how important until we get deep into our subject. However, the name is the game and Dr. Knittle has provided those as well. The emigrants listed here number over 12,000. Order from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 Calvert Street, West, Baltimore, MD 21202. Cost is \$20.00 plus \$2.50 shipping.

Vogt, John and T. William Kethley, Jr. *Marriage Records in the Virginia State Library: A Researcher's Guide, Second edition*. Athens, Ga.: Iberian Publishing Company, 1988. iv, 246 pp.; soft-cover; acid-free paper.

Not only does this book list manuscript, microfilm and printed marriage records found in the Virginia State Library for both Virginia and West Virginia, but it also gives a brief description of each county. In addition, the authors provide how-to information for the distant researcher: everything from how to write for help to how to obtain microfilm copies of records on inter-library loan. Anyone researching Virginia records should add this book to their library. Order from Iberian Publishing Company, 548 Cedar Creek Drive, Athens, GA 30605-3408. Cost is \$12.00 plus \$2.00 shipping.

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Vogt, John & T. William Kethley, Jr. *Virginia Historic Marriage Register: Augusta County Marriages, 1748-1850*. Athens, Ga.: Iberian Publishing Co., 1986. xi, 414 pp.; soft-cover.

Augusta was the second county established west of the Blue Ridge in Virginia. Thousands of people passed through its court records and many of them were German. A fact attested to in the surname frequency list provided. The authors have carefully copied all information found in the original record and provide a flip-flop list: the first half of the book is a list of marriages alphabetically by groom's last name; the information is then repeated alphabetically by bride's last name. We would wish for an all-name index since bondsmen are listed; however, the authors do provide a list of ministers with their religious affiliation and their church when known. Order from Iberian Publishing Company, 548 Cedar Creek Drive, Athens, Georgia 30605-3408. Cost is \$17.00 plus \$2.00 shipping.

Shuck, Larry. *Greenbrier County Records, Volume 2: Personal property tax lists: 1782/3, 1786/8, 1792, 1796, 1799, 1805, 1815*. ix, 302 pp.; soft-cover.

Anyone who has researched Virginia or West Virginia is aware of the loss of the early census records. However, many people are not aware of the existence of personal property taxes. Although the law changed periodically in regard to the age at which a citizen (male, white) became taxable (sometimes 16, sometimes 21) his horses and most of his slaves were always taxed (which meant the occasional listing of a female). Beginning in 1782 we have a yearly census for white males in the state and Mr. Shuck has taken the tedium out of the research (many of these early lists were not even semi-alphabetical). Remember, early Greenbrier County covered most of southern West Virginia. If you're researching this area. This book is a must. In the three years in which dates of visitation are available the lists are arranged both

alphabetically and in order of visitation, thus enabling the researcher to identify neighbors. Order from Iberian Publishing Company, 548 Cedar Creek Drive, Athens, Georgia 20605-3408. Cost is \$22.00 plus \$2.00 shipping.

Skinner, V.L., Jr. *Abstracts of the Inventories of the Prerogative Court: Libers 81-90 1763-1766*. Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1989. ii, 154 pp.; index; soft-cover.

The value of this book is stated in the preface: "Prior to 1777, all probate records were required to be filed with the Prerogative Court of Maryland. An inventory was taken if the estate had moveable goods." Consequently, if you have an ancestor who died in Maryland during the time period given, here is where you look. Unlike some states, Maryland's inventories list next-of-kin. This is the fifth volume in the series which now covers 1763-1777. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$13.50 postpaid.

Bendler, Bruce A. *Colonial Delaware Assemblymen 1682-1776*. Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1989. xvii, 158 pp.; index; soft-cover.

It is apparent that this book like many in genealogy is a labor of love. Since your reviewer is totally unfamiliar with the source material she quotes from the preface written by John A. Munroe, Professor, U. of Delaware. "The bulk of the work consists of a biographical directory of colonial Delaware Assemblymen. The author ... presents ... the vital statistics for each representative and information concerning his place of birth and residence, his relationships to other people, his religion and his wealth as far as these data can be discovered." Militia service, marriages, children, parents and occupations are some of the items listed. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$12.50 postpaid. (continued on page 30).

GELEGENHEITSFUND

German Bible published in New York in 1852.



FAMILY REGISTER

William Hassler and Anna Morgen were married the 18th March 1848 by Pastor Thomas S. Leinbach in Lebanon County, Pa.

FAMILY REGISTER

Births of the parents known as:

1. William Hassler, son of Friedrich and Susanna Hassler, nee Hollenbach, was born the 15th August 1821 in Tulpehocken Township in Berks County, Pa.
2. Anna Hassler, daughter of Johannes and Anna Maria Morgen, nee Schmidt, was born the 21st August 1825 in Pinegrove Township in Schuylkill County, Pa.

FAMILY REGISTER

Births of children known as:

1. Emilie, born the 12th September 1848 in Tulpehocken Township, in Berks County, Pa.
2. Johann Daniel born the 20th May 1850 in Tulpehocken Township, in Berks County, Pa.
3. Charles Willebin, born the 8th January 1854 in Tulpehocken Township, in Berks County, Pa.
4. George Jefferson, born the 17th January 1856 in Tulpehocken Township, in Berks County, Pa.

FAMILY REGISTER

5. Mary Isabella Lucetta, born the 17th October 1858 in Tulpehocken, Berks County, Pa.
6. Susanna Elisabetha, born the 8th February 1861 in Jackson Township, Lebanon County, Pa.

Note [by Corrine Earnst who translated the above record]: Gottlieb Schmidt, an accomplished scrivener among the Pennsylvania Germans, completed printed fraktur in Berks and Lebanon Counties about 1850-1862. he completed three birth and baptism certificates for children of Ruben and Maria Anna (nee Ettinger) Hassler of Oley Township, Berks County. These families may have been related. The children of the Oley Hasslers were Hanna (b. January 31, 1848), Maria Anna (b. July 26, 1856), and Allen (b. May 9, 1858).

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Cook, Eleanor M. V. *Guide to the Records of Montgomery County, Maryland: Genealogical and Historical*. Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1989. v, 92 pp. index; soft-cover.

A Christmas present for Montgomery County researchers is the best description I can think of for this book. This is without a doubt the best record guide I have seen. Not only do you get a description of the records, but the author provides information about the laws and practices in regard to the records. It's all there including a mini-history of the churches. I am sure that someone acquainted with the area could find some complaint, but if you've never researched Montgomery or you're a novice this is for you. I suspect it will also prove of value to the experienced Montgomery researcher. Order from **Family Line Publications**, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$12.00 postpaid.

Baltimore County Genealogical Society. *Baltimore Cemeteries, Volume 6: Mt. Olive Cemetery*. Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1989. i, 73 pp.; index; soft-cover.

The Baltimore County Genealogical Society is to be commended for helping to preserve that part of our history most prone to destruction by the elements. This volume covers the Mt. Olive United Methodist Cemetery in Randallstown, Baltimore County, Maryland. The earliest graves date back to the early 1800's. If the first page is any indication, they contain quite a few German families. Don't overlook this source. Order from **Family Line Publications**, Rear 63 Main Street, East, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$7.00 postpaid.

**EDITOR'S CORNER**

Is my face red. I expect to make an occasional error like I did in "Im Archive" where I lopped off the line listing the states that Virginia included. By the way, they are Kentucky, West Virginia and the southwestern corner of Pennsylvania. But when I write *loose* for *lose*, I am in trouble. I must be spending too much time in the courthouse among the loose papers.

It's been a year now and I'm beginning to get the hang of this job. It's fun and I'm learning a lot. One of the things I'm learning is not to make statements like "I think I'd better stick to 12 pages for a while until I learn what I'm doing." I can't seem to get it all in, in 16. Which brings me to a number of apologies to those who wrote and sent me items. I still have them and they will go in the newsletter. It's just that you have to make things fit. If I use a page and a half here, then I can't use a two-page article elsewhere. All of which means that I've learned my lesson; no more what's coming next time. I don't think any of the articles made it.

I do promise an article on the fall meeting next time. There just wasn't room to do it justice this time. And, we are going to have an index. I promise. And, yes, the Maryland Archives will make it to print and so will the Eastern Mennonite Library. But after that no more predictions.

Please provide some feedback to the Ahnentafel committee. If you'll send your comments to me, I'll forward them. And while you're at it, send some comments about the newsletter and articles and ahnentafels for it.

We've been featuring some, I believe, little known information about German regiments in the Civil War. Are there any volunteers who would be willing to do something on the Hessians?

I'd also like to do some articles on family associations and reunions. I'm sure there are a lot of people out there who would like to know how to go about organizing one. Will someone with some experience in this field write and tell us how they did it?

With your help we'll have another great year. Merry Christmas.

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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 by 11-inch 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. Send your queries to Edythe H. Millar, Queries Editor, MAGS, 760 Caroline Drive, Ruther Glen, VA 22546.

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- #8-4 Rose May EILER b 17 Mar 1880? at Keymar, MD or Ladiesburg area of Frederick Co; m Wm Joseph GIBMEYER at Baltimore? c1900; d 1 Nov 1966. Seeking parents and any other bro and sis.
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2516 Girdwood Road, Timonium, MD 21093
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- #8-8 Catherine MADARE/MADERA m Andrew KÄMPF/KEMP at Millers Tavern, Frederick Co, MD; license 28 ar 1804; bur at Funkstown, Washington Co., MD. Seek info on residence, occupation, children.
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TOMLINSON
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- #8-9 David Tomlinson WILSON of Hagerstown, MD m 1st Anna Maria CRAMER dau/o Jonas KRÄMER 18 Apr 1816; m 2nd Susan Bean 27 Dec 1826; d 1861; bur Cearfoss, Washington Co, MD. Ch: by 1st w - Sarah; by 2nd w - Alice & Fred. Who were their JANNEY, TOMLINSON, WILSON relatives in north VA.
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