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## Genesis: A History of MAGS

by Norman Emerick

"In the beginning --" on February 9, 1982, Beverly Repass Hoch sent a letter to members and friends of the Palatines To America (Pal Am) residing in Maryland and surrounding states excepting Pennsylvania. The letter and enclosed material announced the possible formation of a Maryland Chapter of Pal Am and that Dr. John A. Fritchey II, the national president of Pal Am, would be speaking March 27th at a Family History Seminar at Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland. His talk would cover the history and objectives of the society. Bev, a member of Pal Am, was attempting to form a Maryland chapter with the help of Ardyce Harrison. Bev had earlier conferred with Dr. Fritchey regarding the formation of a Maryland chapter of Pal Am and had made all the arrangements for him to be placed on the program. Anyone interested in a Maryland chapter was asked to return the enclosed questionnaire. Bev then lived in Gaithersburg, Maryland, but has since moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. However, she is still a member of MAGS and a regular contributor to *Der Kurier*.

The questionnaire elicited such interest that a meeting was convened at Ardyce Harrison's home in Bethesda, Maryland, on March 13th, prior to the seminar. Dr. Fritchey and Clyde L. Groff of the National Committee of Pal Am attended the

meeting to answer questions and offer help in the formation of a new chapter. Temporary officers were elected. Bev Hoch and Norman Emerick were elected co-chairpersons. Robert Miller was elected treasurer; Deborah Showalter, secretary; and Lyla Gold, registrar. All persons attending the meeting were appointed the Temporary Board of Members. This included Anne Tenny, Fred Palmer, Ardyce Harrison, Kathryn Sharp and Sam Andrusko in addition to the above named officers.

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## Spring Meeting

The MAGS Spring Meeting will be held at Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, on Saturday, May 4th. The focus of the meeting will be western Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia research.

Jean Morris, editor of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society's quarterly magazine and author of three bibliographies on the border controversies between Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland, will speak on western Pennsylvania research. An accomplished speaker, she was one of the speakers at the 1991 NGS Conference. (continued on page 42)

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18-23 March **Beginning Genealogy Course**  
National Archives, Washington,  
DC. Call (202) 724-0457

University, Continuing  
Education, Memorial  
Auditorium-LL, Athens, OH  
45701-2979; (614) 593-1776.

6 April **Lancaster Mennonite Historical  
Society's Thirteenth Annual  
Genealogical Conference**  
featuring Martin A. A. Diestler.  
Contact Lola M. Lehman, 2215  
Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA  
17602-1499; (717) 393-9745

20-22 June **National Genealogy Conference**  
**Palatines to America at**  
**Cobleskill, New York.** Write  
Wallace VanHouten, P.O. Box  
449, Middleburgh, NY 12122.

25-28 April **Society for German-American  
Studies 15th Annual Symposium**  
Georgetown University,  
Washington, D.C. For  
information and registration call  
Nancy Pierce (303) 585-7383

20 July **Memorial Foundation of  
Germanna Colonies in Va.'s  
Annual Meeting and Conference**  
at **Germanna Community  
College, Locust Grove, Virginia**

27 April **Virginia Genealogical Society's  
Spring Conference at Richmond,  
Va.** Write the Society, P.O. Box  
7469, Richmond, VA 23221

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.

4 May **MAGS's Spring Meeting at**  
**Shepherd College,**  
**Shepherdstown, West Virginia**

21-24 May **"Going to the Source" National**  
**Archives, Washington, DC.**  
Write Source, Ed. Branch,  
National Archives, Washington,  
DC 20408; (202) 724-0456

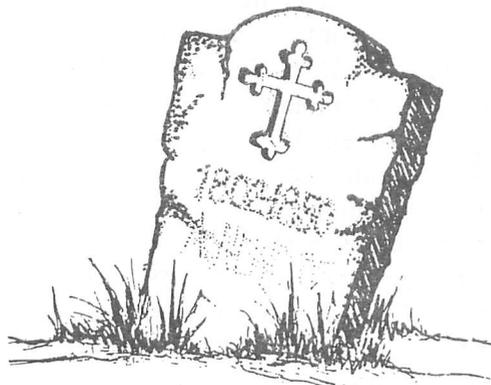
29 May-1 June **National Genealogical Society's**  
**Conference "Come to the End of**  
**the Oregon Trail" Portland,**  
**Oregon.** Hosted by the  
**Genealogical Forum of Oregon**

23-29 June **Ohio University's "Great**  
**American Ancestor Hunt,"**  
**Athens, Ohio.** Write the

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## Gelegenheitsfund



### Ziegler Family Bible

This large German Bible was published in Basel, Switzerland, in 1736, is leather bound and measures 11" by 15¾ by 3¾ with metal and leather strap fasteners. The Bible was purchased near York, Pennsylvania, in the mid-1970s and contains records in German script of the Ziegler family.

Written in English inside the heavy front cover is the inscription, "Macdelina Ziegler was born the 20th Day of February Eight Hundred an then [?1810]."

Written in German inside the back cover is  
George W. Ziegler was born 30 April 1810.  
Ledia Zigler was born 18 April ?1815  
Friederich Zigler was born 28 October 1815  
Ludwig Zigler was born 24 June 1817  
Barbarah Ziegler was born 17 January 1819  
Elisabeth Ziegler was born 8 February 1807  
Chatherine Ziegler was born 30 September 1808  
Georg W. Ziegler was born 30 April 1810  
Mahria Machthalina Ziegler was born 12 February 1812

Anna Ziegler was born 23 August 1820  
Henrich Ziegler was born 29 March 1822  
David Ziegler was born 4 July 1824  
Lidia Ziegler was born 7 September 1826  
Friederich Ziegler was born 19 January 1779  
Rosinna Elisabeth was born 1 July 1789

### Kamm Family Bible

Bible printed in Millersville, Pa. 1886.

Abraham S. Kamm of Lancaster Co. and Mary Weighand of Lancaster Co. were united in the Holy bond of Matrimony the 2 day of May in the year of our Lord 1895 near Eden, by C. Elvin Haupt. Witnesses were William Alexander and Mary Kamm.

Abraham Kamm, born July 22, 1871 in Manheine township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Baptized October 22, 1873.

Mary Kamm, born October 10, 1871 in West Hempfield Township, Lancaster Co., Pa., baptized November 3, 1872

Contributed by Beverly Repass Hoch

Society for German-American Studies  
15th Annual Symposium

April 25-28, 1991  
Georgetown University,  
Washington, DC

Co-sponsored by-  
German Dept. of Georgetown University  
German Heritage Society of  
Greater Washington, DC  
German Historical Institute

For information and registration please  
call Nancy Pierce 303-585-7383

## Genesis

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Anne Tenny, Fred Palmer, Ardyce Harrison and Kathryn Sharp volunteered to staff the chapter table at the up-coming seminar on March 27th. A board meeting was to be held at the end of the seminar.

On March 27th, the appointed board rendered certain timely interim decisions. Another Board meeting was called for April 24th at 10:30 A.M. at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Middletown, Maryland. The location was deemed central to those who had expressed an interest and was arranged through the efforts of Fred Palmer.

All persons who had expressed an interest in the formative group were invited to the April 24th meeting. Fifteen people including the board members attended. They were Norman Emerick, Bev Hoch, Anne Tenny, Deborah Showalter, Robert Miller, Claire C. Sions, Miriam H. Phillips, Doris and George Suresch, Robert A. Weimer, William R. Swarm, Julius H. Lauderdale, Edna Kanely, Helyn Collison and Fred Palmer. As a result of the meeting, Doris Suresch was asked to handle the public relations function and Helyn Collison was asked to type the newsletter both having volunteered. Lyla Gold was named membership chairperson; Debbie Showalter, chairperson of the newsletter committee; Robert Miller, chairperson of the constitution committee and Anne Tenny, chairperson of the nominating committee. An executive committee meeting was scheduled for May 25th at Ardyce Harrison's home.

Among the items approved at the May 25th meeting was the changing of the name of the board to the Executive Committee and the approval of a set of by-laws for the chapter. These had been drawn by Fred Miller. The place and date of the fall meeting was also discussed. Frederick County, Maryland, was chosen as the tentative site because of its geographical relationship to the current membership. The registrar was asked to send a questionnaire to the membership asking about their

preferences in regard to the type and content of future meetings. Lyla Gold was appointed acting secretary. Those in attendance were Fred Palmer, Robert Miller, Norman Emerick, Beverly Hoch, Ardyce Harrison, Doris Suresch and Lyla Gold.

During the month of May disagreement developed between the executive committee and the national committee concerning the allotment of dues, the designation of the sovereign geographical area of the tentative chapter and the integrity of other promises made by the Pal Am National Committee. The Executive Committee was firm in their determination that Pal Am would honor the original structure as outlined to them.

On June 3 after consultation with members of the Executive Committee, Norman Emerick wrote a letter to Dr. Fritchey expressing the committee's discontent, but offering to resolve the differences. Dr. Fritchey called to discuss the contents of the letter and made promises which were never carried out by the National Committee. On June 5th Beverly Hoch informed the National Committee that she was withdrawing as co-chairperson of the chapter. This was necessitated because of other demands upon her time. Norman Emerick was asked by Bev to act as interim chairperson.

On June 17 he wrote to Dr. Fritchey discussing the previous telephone conversation and the points in contention between the Executive Committee and the National Committee. Included with the letter were comments from Fred Palmer concerning the same differences. Dr. Fritchey was asked to read the letter and Fred Palmer's comments at the up-coming Pal Am National Meeting on June 25th in Columbus, Ohio.

The next meeting of the core group was convened in Middletown at 10:30 A.M., June 19th. The Zion Church was chosen as the site of the meeting. It had been decided previously to invite all interested persons; hence the classification "core group." Because of the growing discontent, it was

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## Fraktur Forum

### Schwenkfelder Fraktur

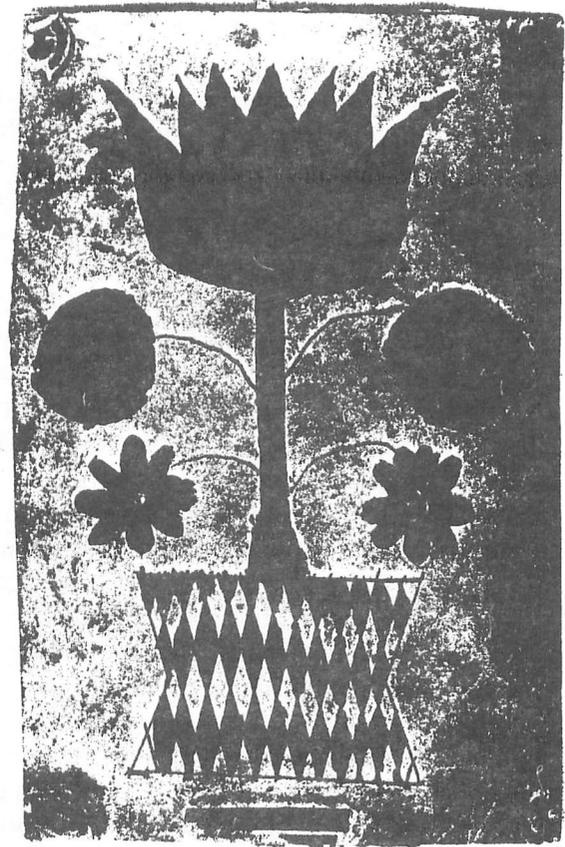
by Corinne Earnest

To Donald B. Jenkins who inquired about fraktur made for the Heppener (Hepner, Hebner, Huebner, Hibner, etc.) family of Virginia and Pennsylvania:

I found no Virginia fraktur with that name. There are numerous fraktur from the 18th and 19th centuries made by and for Huebners among the Schwenkfelder community near Philadelphia in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Susanna Huebner is one of the most well-documented Schwenkfelder fraktur artists and she is also one of the few early women fraktur artists. She was born in 1750 and died in 1818. She never married, but lived out her life in Worcester Township, Montgomery County. Her parents were Hans Christopher Huebner (1718-1804) and Barbara, nee Schultz, Huebner (1720-1786). For more on her life and works, see Beatrix T. Rumford, editor, *American Folk Painting, The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Center, Series II*, (Little Brown and Company, Boston, 1988), pp. 296-297. The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Museum in Williamsburg, Virginia, has numerous fraktur, and its entire folk art collection, including a fraktur example by Susanna Huebner, is documented and pictured in this handsome volume.

There were other fraktur artists among the Schwenkfelders named Huebner and many recipients of fraktur, too. Little about their fraktur has been published, but you may learn more by writing: Dennis K. Moyer, Schwenkfelder Library and Museum, Seminary Avenue, Pennsburg, PA 18073.

Incidentally, Schwenkfelder fraktur generally consists of writing examples, bookplates and watercolors rather than birth and baptism certificates, so for the most part they are of limited value to genealogists. Of limited value, that is, unless they were made by or for your ancestors.



The example shown here is a small 19th century watercolor of a tulip design attributed to Maria Heebner. Little has been published about her, and there were other Schwenkfelder fraktur artists with that name, all of which must be of sorted out. However, the watercolor shown here is typical of Schwenkfelder work.

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 June issue, requests should be sent by the end of March. As always, first requested, first printed.

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thought that everyone interested should be able to take part in the proceedings of the meetings. Everyone was asked to bring a bag lunch and one or more items of genealogical interest on which he was working. Many brought items which proved to be of general interest to those who remained for the afternoon session. Several brought additional food items to be shared by all. Fred Palmer provided his home as the location for the lunch break. Twenty-four people, members and officers, attended the meeting; some came from as far away as West Virginia. Firm membership figures are not available, but the number of 1982-1983 members was approximately 90. A number of items were discussed at the meeting. One was a need for financial help from the National Committee which at that time was not forthcoming. Ballots listing the nominees for the offices of the chapter were to be sent out thirty days prior to the fall meeting. Nominations would also be allowed from the floor at the fall meeting with the election to follow. Frederick County was affirmed as the location of the fall meeting. Ralph Knisely of Frederick was appointed to the meeting committee. The group decided to take a non-yielding stand regarding the differences which existed between them and the national committee. Robert Miller had sent a copy of the approved by-laws on June 2nd in the name of the Maryland-National Capitol Regional Chapter to Dr. Fritchey. Martha B. Agler, National First Vice-President, sent comments about the necessary changes in the by-laws in her letter of July 8. By this time the Executive Committee and the members in general were seriously thinking of forming their own separate genealogical society. The contents of Mrs. Agler's letter did nothing to change their mind.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was called for July 10 at 10:00 A.M. at Ardyce Harrison's home. It was the common consensus that permission to form a chapter of Pal Am in

accordance with the members' stated wishes would not be forth coming. Consequently, a decision to found a separate genealogical society was made. A flyer was mailed on July 26th, under Norman Emerick's name informing everyone about the formation of the new genealogical society named the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society (MAGS). One reason for the selection of the name was its acronymic qualities. Included in the flyer was a discussion of the underlying reasons for the action and the objectives and purposes of the new organization - MAGS. (Continued in next issue.)

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## Spring Meeting

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In addition, Galtjo Geertsema, a land surveyor from Martinsburg, will speak on early Frederick County land surveys and Frederick Newbraugh, will speak on migration patterns in western Maryland and Virginia.

Lunch will be provided. Lodging is available at the Bavarian Inn just across the Potomac. For those who wish less expensive quarters, there is a Days Inn in Martinsburg and a Quality Inn at Harpers Ferry. Bed and breadfasts are also available in the area. Reservations are suggested.

Registration information for the conference will be mailed separately. Look for it and join us for what will be an interesting conference. P.S. The scenery is free.



## AHNENTAFEL

Nelson E. Frank  
249 West Lafayette Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21217

1. Nelson Edward Franke b. 14 Nov 1894

### Parents

2. Edward Andrew Franke, b. 20 Dec 1876, Baltimore, MD; D. 20 Jan 1940, Baltimore, MD.
3. Mary Bridget Wall, b. 25 Apr 1886, Baltimore, MD; d. 7 Mar 1958, Los Angeles, CA.

### Grandparents

4. Friedrich Wilhelm Franke, b. 29 Sept 1811, Kalkriese, W. Germany; d. 10 Oct 1883, Baltimore, MD?
5. Anna Maria Bruning, b. 24 Aug 1839, Schleptrup, W. Germany; d. 29 Sep 1879, Baltimore, MD.
6. James P. Wall, b. 21 Dec 1855, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland; d. 28 Apr 1936, Baltimore, MD.
7. Bridget Malone, b. about 1859, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland; d. 16 Sep 1896, Baltimore, MD.

### Great Grand Parents

8. Johann Friedrich G. Franke, b. 1778, West Germany; d. 31 Mar 1856, Barenau, W. Germany.
9. Marie Elisabeth Eggeman, b. 6 Mar 1785, Schleptrup, W. Germany; d. 5 Apr 1827, Engter, W. Germany.
10. Hermann Heinrich Bruning, b. 20 Dec 1790, Schleptrup, W. Germany; d. 28 Aug 1874, Engter, W. Germany.
11. Anna Marie Engel Niwmann, b. 23 Nov 1809, Schleptrup, W. Germany; d. 11 Jan 1883, West Germany?
12. Martin Luther Wall, b. Co. Kilkenny, Ireland?; d. 1879? Baltimore, MD?.
13. Mary (or May) Bow
14. Mister Malone, b. about 1834, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland?;
15. Bridget? (Malone), b. about 1837, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland?

### Second Great Grandparents

16. Johan Ernst Franke, b. 1719, West. Germany; d. 31 Oct 1805, Barenau, W. Germany.
17. Anna M. Kreyenhagen, b. 27 Jan 1743; d. 26 Mar 1820, Barenau, W. Germany.
18. Johan Friedrich Eggeman, b. 14 Oct 1742; d. 2 May 1807
19. Anna Margaretha Unkenholt
20. Ernst Heinrich Bruning, b. 14 Mar 1762; d. 28 Jan 1822, Schleptrup, W. Germany.
21. Anne C. Von Der Heide, b. 15 Oct 1752
22. Claus Heinrich Niemann, b. 17 Nov 1765; d. 6 Nov. 1844, Schleptrup, W. Germany.
23. Margarethe Engel Menkhus, b. 12 July 1778, Schleptrup, W. Germany; d. 23 Dec 1838, Schleptrup, W. Germany.

### Third Great Grandparents

34. Ernst Heinrich Kreyenhagen, b. 1711; d. 28 Jan 1785
35. Margertha Gertud Bohmer, b. 1718; d. 15 Feb 1784, Engter, W. Germany.

## AHNENTAFEL

Ahnentafel of Patricia HAUSE EHRLICH  
200 No. Pickett St. #1509  
Alexandria, VA, 22304

Prepared by: James Allen WILLHITE  
29 June 1990

1. Patricia Ann HAUSE EHRLICH, occ. Hwy Safety Spec, b. 23 Jul 1937 in Denver, CO, re. in Alexandria, VA, ma. 18 Nov 1977 in Elko, NV.

### Parents

2. Kenneth Caldwell HAUSE, occ. Cloth Plnt Mngr, b. 1 Mar 1912 in Denver, CO, re. in Hagerstown, MD, ma. 22 Sep 1934 in Manitou Springs, CO.
3. Betty Marie SAMPSON, b. 10 Feb 1914 in Basin, Big Horn Co, WY, re. in Hagerstown, MD.

### Grandparents

4. Lester James HAUSE, occ. Railroader, b. 12 Jul 1880 in Dreher Township, Wayne Co, PA, d. 24 Aug 1953 in Denver, CO, ma. 9 Dec 1908 in Denver, CO.
5. Beulah Mae CALDWELL, b. 18 Apr 1885 in IL, d. 16 Jul 1945 in Denver, CO.
6. George Grover SAMPSON, occ. Salesman, b. 27 Feb 1885 in Little Rock, Pulaski Co, AR, d. 1 Aug 1934 in Denver, CO, ma. 20 Oct 1908 in Cheyenne, WY.
7. Mary Edith SMITH, b. 14 Nov 1885 in Parsons, LaBette, KS, d. 23 Apr 1937 in Colorado Springs, CO.

### Great-Grandparents

8. Nathan Evans HAUSE, occ. Teacher-Attorney, b. 20 Feb 1860 in Pughtown, Chester Co, PA, d. 26 Apr 1957 in Harrisburg, PA, ma. circa 1878 (?) in Chester Co, PA.
9. Alicia Jane (Jenny) DILWORTH, b. 22 Sep 1860 in Dreher Township, Wayne Co, PA, d. 30 Apr 1927 in Denver, CO.
10. Harmon Oscar CALDWELL, occ. Conrt Carpenter, b. 19 Apr 1858 in IL, d. 2 Jan 1914 in Denver, CO, ma. 1881 in IL.
11. Esther Florence CALAWAY, occ. Garment Mfg, b. 20 Jun 1862 in IL, d. 20 Feb 1944 in Denver, CO.
12. John James SAMPSON, occ. Farmer/Just-Peac, b. 1 Sep 1849 in Tippah Co, MS, d. 21 Apr 1927 in Mango, Hillsboro Co, FL, ma. circa 1874 (?) in AR.
13. Olive M. DAVIS, b. 1851 in AR, d. circa 1891 (?) in Lee Co, AR.
14. David J. SMITH, occ. Section Foreman, b. Mar 1860 in KY, d. after 1937 (?) in Cheyenne, Laramie Co, WY, ma. 2 May 1881 in Neosha Co, KS.
15. Jennie LEIBOLDT, b. Sep 1861 in IL.

### Second Great-Grandparents

16. Daniel HAUSE, occ. Laborer & Mason, b. 1811 in Chester Co, PA, d. 18 Dec 1861 in Pughtown, Chester Co, PA, ma. 11 Dec 1845 in Chester Co, PA.
17. Hannah T. QUAY, b. 10 Nov 1826 in Chester Co, PA, d. 1 Jan 1865 in Pughtown, Chester Co, PA.
18. Simon A. DILWORTH, occ. Farmer, b. 1826 in Ireland, ma. circa 1822 (?) in PA.

19. Mary Ann CROSS, b. 1833 in Sterling, Wayne Co, PA, d. after 1900 (?) in Denver, CO.
20. Joseph CALDWELL, occ. Farmer, b. 1812 in KY, d. after 1870 (?) in IL, ma. circa 1845 (?) in IL.
21. Pheobe COUCH, b. 1824 in OH.
22. John H. CALAWAY, occ. Farmer, b. 1830 in MO, ma. circa 1860 (?) in IL.
23. Martha SEATON, b. 30 May 1841 in Westmoreland Co, PA.
24. Isaac S. SAMSON, occ. Farmer, b. 1812 in GA, ma. 23 Jun 1833 in Newton Co, GA.
25. Sarah KITCHENS, b. 1815 in GA.
30. John LEIBOLDT, occ. Farmer, b. 1829 in Baden, Germany, ma. circa 1855 (?) in Baden, Germany.
31. Margaret (LEIBOLDT), b. 1820 in Baden, Germany.

#### Third Great-Grandparents

32. Joshua HAUSE, occ. Farmer, b. circa 1770 (?) in Germany, d. in Chester Co, PA, ma. circa 1797 (?) in Germany.
33. Mary ( HAUSE ), b. circa 1775 (?) in Germany.
34. Samuel QUAY, occ. Stonemason, b. 1801 in PA, d. after 1865 in Chester Co, PA, ma. 11 Apr 1824 in Chester Co, PA.
35. Esther SHURR, b. 1801 in Chester Co, PA, d. Apr 1861 in Chester Co, PA.
38. Thomas CROSS, occ. Agriculturist, b. 1800 (?) in Killyman Parish, Tyrone, Ireland, d. 31 Aug 1869 in Sterling, Wayne Co, PA, ma. circa 1826 (?) in Killyman Parish, Tyrone, Ireland.
39. Mary Jane DILWORTH, b. 1804 in Killyman Parish, Tyrone, Ireland, d. 1873 in Sterling, Wayne Co, PA.
46. David SEATON, occ. Carpenter, b. 22 Feb 1802 in Westmoreland Co, PA, ma. 9 Nov 1826 in Westmoreland Co, PA.
47. Catherine PIPER, b. 1802 in Westmoreland Co, PA.
50. Charles KITCHENS, occ. Farmer, b. 1774 in SC, d. after 1860 (?) in GA, ma. circa 1813 (?) in GA.
51. Elizabeth (KITCHENS), b. 1799 in VA or NC, d. after 1860(?).

#### Fourth Great-Grandparents

68. William QUAY, occ. Farmer & Mason, b. 26 Oct 1771 in Chester Co, PA?, d. 12 Feb 1836 in Chester Co, PA, ma. circa 1798 (?) in Chester Co, PA.
69. Sarah JOHN, b. 9 Jan 1777 in PA.
70. Philip SHURR, occ. Farmer, b. circa 1770 (?) in PA.
76. Robert CROSS, b. circa 1750 (?) in Killyman Parish, Tyrone, Ireland.
92. George SEATON, occ. Farmer, b. circa 1740 (?) in Dranity, Tyrone Co, Ireland, d. 1826 in Westmoreland Co, PA, ma. circa 1800 (?) in Westmoreland Co, PA.
93. Martha JAMES, b. circa 1750 (?) in Derry Co, Ireland.

#### Fifth Great-Grandparents

136. John QUAY, b. circa 1720 (?) in PA, ma. circa 1755 (?).
138. Rees JOHN, b. circa 1740 (?) in PA, d. 1818 in Chester Co, PA.
184. James SEATON, b. circa 1705 (?) in Dranity, Tyrone Co, Ireland, ma. circa 1728 (?) in Dranity, Tyrone Co, Ireland.

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185. Martha ( SEATON ), b. circa 1720 (?) in Dranity, Tyrone Co, Ireland.  
186. Henry JAMES, b. circa 1710(?) in Derry Co, Ireland.

### Sixth Great-Grandparents

272. John QUAY or QUE, b. circa 1665 (?) in Isle of Mann, ma. circa 1690 (?) in St. Francis Mis, Odanak, Canada.  
273. Wa Pa NACHKI, b. circa 1670 (?) in St. Francis Mis, Odanak, Canada.

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## Zur Information

• The Maryland State Law Library has books on Maryland history, census mortality schedules, newspapers, etc. From the Howard County Genealogical Society's Family Tree (February 1991).

• The German Interest Group of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society has published *German Genealogical Research, Volume 1: Fifty Churches, Locations of Records*. Order from the Society, 4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Cost is \$3.50 plus \$1.25 shipping.

• The Anne Arundel County Genealogical Society is collecting information on cemeteries which are not shown on the county maps. Contact Tina Simmons, 822 Southern Hills Drive, Arnold, MD 21012; (301) 626-8117.

• *Cemetery Inscriptions of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Volumes I and II* and *Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Wills Index 1778-1918* are available from the Anne Arundel Genealogical Society, Box 221, Pasadena, MD 21122.

• The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society is currently holding a campaign to raise \$1,500,000 to fund construction and furnishing of a 16,200-square-foot addition to the Society headquarters

and a 4,560-square foot underground archival vault. Contact the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602. (717) 393-9745.

• Dr. Wolfgang Seim, Waeldershaeuser Strasse 2, W-6313 Maulbach, Federal Republic of Germany, intends to publish information about the emigration from Maulbach, Appenrod and Dannenrod, the villages that established the parish of Maulbach near Homberg on the Ohm in Hessen. He already has quite a lot of data about the emigrants and their life in Maulbach, Appenrod and Dannenrod, their family situation, their social status and sometimes the date of emigration or even the name of the ship and its destination.

He knows very little about what happened to them when they came to America. He would like answers to such questions as where they moved, where they settled, and how they earned their living. A chart of descendants, where they live now and whether the original name has been preserved would be of especial interest. He would appreciate copies of documents, newspaper clippings, letters, photographs and the like. In return he offers to inform people about what he has found out or will find out about their ancestors.

## Buchbesprechungen



Cerny, Johni and Gary J. Zimmerman. *Before Germanna, No. 11: The Ancestry of the Christler, Baumgartner, Deer, Dieter and Lotspeich Families*. Bountiful, Utah: American Genealogical Lending Library, 1990. 73 pp.; softbound; full-name index.  
and

*Before Germanna, No. 12: The Ancestry of the Wayland, Albrecht and Cook Families*. Bountiful, Utah: American Genealogical Lending Library, 1990. 50 pp.; softbound; full-name index.

Cerny and Zimmerman continue their study of the 1717 Germanna immigrants with Volumes 11 and 12. As with the other volumes each book begins with a general overview of the Germanna Colony and ends with a revised list of the 1717 immigrants. The discussions of the families are not limited to their German origins. References to their beginnings in Virginia are also included. It is obvious that extensive research has been done in Virginia records as well as those of Germany. There is thorough documentation; however, original sources, i.e., parish registers are often listed without page numbers or repository which makes it difficult for the average researcher to go to the original source.

Books which deal with German research, source records for the Mid-Atlantic area and books of general interest to the genealogical researcher will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. Please advise us if the book is printed on archival-quality paper. MAGS members who submit a book for review will receive preference. Pre-publication notices will be made for MAGS members only.

Order from American Genealogical Lending Library, P.O. Box 244, Bountiful, UT 84011. Cost is \$11.00 per book postpaid.

Steuart, Bradley W. *Soundex Reference Guide*. Bountiful, Utah: Precision Indexing, 1990. xvi, 253 pp.; softbound.

The soundex system was created by the Federal Government in the 1930s and used by the WPA program in indexing the 1880 census which is where most researchers first encounter the Soundex system. With the advent of the personal computer and various computer programs soundex indexing is becoming more widely utilized in indexing records. Because the system translates all names into a code no longer than 3 numbers plus the first letter of the name, many people have difficulty deciding how a specific name is encoded. This guide provides the Soundex code for 125,000 surnames. All variants of a given name are not listed. For example, Rollyson, Rollison and Rolison are found only as Rolison; Zickafoose, Sickafoose, Zwickenfooser and Ziegenfuss are found only as Ziegenfuss. But for those who find the code intimidating this book is an excellent resource. (continued on page 48)

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Not only does it provide the codes, but it also gives a thorough explanation of how the Soundex system works with the 1880, 1900 and 1910 census.

Order from American Genealogical Lending Library, P.O. Box 244, Bountiful, UT 84011. Cost is \$19.95 (softbound) or \$29.95 (hardbound).

Cerny, Johni and Wendy Elliott, editors. *The Library: A Guide to the LDS Family History Library*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Ancestry Publishing, 1988. xii, 763 pp.; index; hardbound.

Anyone contemplating using the services of the Family History Library whether at Salt Lake City or at one of the local centers needs to read the first three chapters of this book. These chapters provide a concise overview of the services provide by the LDS Church in its Family History Centers, the types of information to be found, the value and general reliability of the information, the problems a researcher could encounter and the reason the Church provides this service.

The remainder of the book is divided into two geographic regions: United States and Foreign and into sub-regions within these two regions. Each sub-region is divided into individual states or countries and an overview of the records of each is given. It is difficult to evaluate the quality of the information provided since the omission could be because that particular resource is not available at the Family History Library. Gordon Remington, who wrote the section on "The Old South" which includes the Carolinas and Virginia, is obviously quite knowledgeable about the area; however, while he mentions the *Virginia Genealogist*, he fails to include the Dorman's coverage of the Virginia county records. Instead he mentions Schweitzer's book which is not as complete.

Mr. Remington often warns of problems the researcher may encounter in finding and/or using particular records. His knowledge of the history of the area and how this history impacted on the

records is evident. He notes when specific West Virginia records should be looked for in Virginia and reminds us that Virginia's government has both county and independent cities as local governing bodies each of which generates its own records.

The state charts found at the end of each section represent the information to be found in the library's catalog. They are not necessarily an accurate indication of whether or not the information is available. Indeed, just as Mr. Remington continually prefaces his remarks with "The Family History Library has" so should readers remind themselves that this book is about the Library's collection; it is not a definitive list of what is available in other repositories. In addition, it is sometimes necessary to check under other subject headings to find the information. For example, there are no Bible records listed for Summers or Monroe Counties (WV); however, the Smith-Riffe Collection which is cataloged under the state rather than the counties it covers contains numerous Bible records on families in these counties.

No single volume can describe the immense holdings of the Family History Library. What this volume does do and does it very well is to give an overview of the Library, its programs and services.

Order from Ancestry, Inc., Department SRV, P.O. Box 538, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110-0476. Cost is \$39.95 plus \$4.00 shipping.

Colletta, John Philip, Ph.D. *They Came in Ships*. Salt Lake city, Utah: Ancestry, Inc., 1989. 67pp.; softbound; selected bibliography.

John Colletta is a well-known speaker on immigration. His presentations are interesting and informative. One expects to find the same presentation in his book and one does. The author carefully leads the beginning researcher through the process of finding his immigrant ancestor on a  
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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.

- BODIEN** #9-5 Francis Ludolph BODIEN, Chirurgeon of Kent County, MD; b Ger. Naturalized MD 1727 along with ch: Anne Elizabeth, Henry Augustus, Sophie Sidonia and Hannah. Died 1730. Seek parents.  
**Norma W. Hartman**  
125 Thomas Road, McMurray, PA 15317-3644
- ROTTMANN** #9-6 Is Phillipp ROTTMAN who ar Philadelphia 5 Oct 1767 the Philip  
**ROTHMAN** RODMAN who married Mary YOCUM 23 Nov 1772 at St. Michaels & Zion  
**RODMAN** Lutheran Ch, Philadelphia? He d 5 May 1823, New Castle Co., DE.  
**YOCUM** **Norma W. Hartman**  
125 Thomas Road, McMurray, PA 15317-3644
- STROUD** #9-7 Anna Elizabeth STROUD, Philadelphia m Elias DIETRICH 28 Jan 1746.  
**DIETRICH** Two ch: Elizabeth b 16 Dec 1746, Jacob b 4 Sept 1749. Have been told Anna not directly from Stroudsburg STROUDS. Seeking any info on Anna's parents and family.  
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**KINS** Parents Ludwig KINTZ and w Helena. Margaret m Jacob DIETRICH. Had 4  
**DIETRICH** ch: Sarah 1811, Jacob 1812, Mariann 1814, Carolina 1817. Seeking info this KINTZ family.  
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- HART** #9-9 Susanna Hart, Allentown, PA b 11 une 1776, d 17 Jan 1854 in Upper Mt.  
**HARTZ** Bethel; m (John) Frederick EILENBERGER. Eight ch: Sarah 1800, Jonas 1801,  
**HARTS** William 1803, John 1804, David H. 1805, Jacob H. 1809, Catherine 1812,  
**EILENBERGER** Frederick William 1816. Seeking info Hart family.  
**Herbert K. Lodder**  
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- CRUMBAUGH** #9-10 Conrad (or Johann Conrad) CRUMBAUGH. May be the Conrad  
**KRUMBACH** GRUMBACH who ar Philadelphia on ship *Dragon* 17 Oct 1749; m (Anna)  
**GRUMBACH** Margaretha SEIDEMANN 22 Nov 1767 in MD. Conrad d by 1809 in Frederick Co., MD. Seking info Conrad CRUMBAUGH.  
**Paul Frost**  
404 N. Humphrey, Oak Park, IL 60302.

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SEIDEMANN  
ZYDERMAN  
SILLIMAN

#9-11 Johann Jacob SEIDEMANN, may have been the Johann Jacob ZYDERMAN who ar Philadelphia 1 Sept 1736 on ship *Harle*; m Anna Margaretha \_\_?\_\_, date and place unknown. He d in Frderick Co., MD, c1764-1774. Seeing info on Johann Jacob SEIDEMANN.

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SCHNEIDER  
CRUMBAUGH

#9-12 Louisa SCHNEIDER b c1778 in MD; m Jacob CRUMBAUGH (son of Conrad and Margaretha) date and place unk (probably Frederick Co., MD). Louisa and Jacob moved to KY c1810-1820. Louisa d Franklin Co., KY, 15 Nov 1852. Seeking info Louisa's parents and family.

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DOWNOUR  
DOWNHOUR  
DANNEHAUER  
DOWNHOWER  
ROBERTS

#9-13 John DOWNHOUR b c1759 perhaps in Germany, d 1837 Perry Co., OH; also resided VA & PA, locations unk. First w Margaret d OH 1828. Ch: John b ?Ger; Jacob b c1792 ?Ger; Mary/Polly b c1796 VA; Martha/Magdalene b c1794 VA; Peter b c1802 VA or PA; Stephen b c1805 VA; George b c1809 PA. Second w Mrs. Naomi ROBERTS, widow; a dau Elizabeth/Betsy b after 1828 OH. Wish to correspond with persons researching this name.

**Caral M. Bennett**

3456 North 13th Street, Arlington, VA 22201

SPRINK  
NEUBERGER  
NEWBERGER

#9-14 Catherine SPRINK b Baltimore, MD, 7 Ap 1869; Lvd Baltimore; Mar Joseph NEUBERGER/NEWBERGER b Joppa Towne or Baltimore 12 Nv 1862. Seek info on parents, siblings and when to US for each.

**Eugene W. Gallagher**

25 Fullerton Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21236-4109

RICHTER  
ECKENRODE

#9-15 Sarah Ann RICHTER b 10 July 1808, Baltimore, MD; m Nicholas ECKENRODE, 1829 in RC Church, Littlestown, PA; Sarah d 15 Nv 1883, Gettysburg, PA. Seeking Sarah's parents.

**Andrea Hayes**

18 Atlantis Terrace, Freehold, NJ 07728

BRADY  
DRISKEL  
DRISCOLL

#9-16 Samuel BRADY b 1779; m Maria DRISCOLL (b 1779) at Conewago, RC Church, Adams Co., PA, 1802; Samuel d 16 Jly 1847. Maria d 27 Ag 1852 in Adams Co., PA. Seeking parents both.

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ship's passenger list. Mr. Colletta's presentation is excellent, and his positive personality is apparent in his writing. But, the search is far from the easy task he presents and it will often, especially in Virginia, end in failure. There were ship's lists for every ship; however, many of these lists no longer survive. In addition, there is an over reliance on indexes. Indexes are the place to start, but they contain errors and in some cases gross errors both of omission and commission. They should be used with caution.

All caveats aside, anyone who is beginning a search for an ancestor's ship would find Mr. Colletta's book an asset. And, if one is lucky enough to find the ship, the section on ship museums provides sources for additional information.

Order from **Ancestry, Inc.**, Department SRV, P.O. Box 538, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110-0476. Cost is \$5.95 plus \$2.50 shipping.

Heilman, Robert A. *Marriages Reported by Der Libanon Demokrat* Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., 1990. 122 pp.; softbound; full-name index.

Newspapers provide a wealth of genealogical data, but they are a little utilized resource because of the inaccessibility of their information. German newspapers are used even less because they have to be translated. Consequently, researchers should welcome Robert Heilman's contribution.

The author has translated the marriage notices that appeared in the weekly German-language newspaper *Der Libanon Demokrat* which was published in Lebanon, Penn., from 1827-1865. He worked from the surviving issues available at the Lebanon County Historical Society, the Lebanon Community Library and the Pennsylvania State Library. No surviving edition have been found for the years prior to 1832 or after 1864; the years 1850-1854 are nearly complete. Entries include the date of marriage, groom's name and township and/or county, bride's name and township and/or

county, minister's name and parents' names, if available.

Order from **Heritage Books, Inc.**, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 300, Bowie, MD 20716. Cost is \$12.50 plus \$3.00 shipping.

Eshleman, H. Frank. *Historic Background and Annals of the Swiss and German Pioneer Settlers of Southeastern Pennsylvania*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., (1917) 1991. 386 pp.; hardbound; index (last name only).

The fact that this is the third reprint of this book attests to its popularity. The author states in his introduction that "it is the purpose ... to set out ... some of the leading events in the life of the early Swiss and Palatine Mennonites and other Germans of eastern Pennsylvania, and particularly of Lancaster County." He begins in 1009 with the European background and continues to 1782 in Pennsylvania. What separates this book from many others is the author's reference to his sources. They are not always full citations, but one is rarely left wondering where the author got his information.

In addition, to lists of early immigrants, one finds information on weaving, walnut groves, wagoning, pirates, quarantines and other facts about their life both before they came and after their arrival. There are also references to early land transactions, the weather and Indian attacks. This is, indeed, a history of the people.

### From Our Members

**Corinne and Russell D. Earnest** have just published *Grandma's Attic: Making Heirlooms Part of Your Family History*. This 56-page paperback provides information on documentation and preservation of family heirlooms. The book is available for \$9.50 plus shipping and handling from Russell D. Earnest associates, Publisher, 3149 Casa del Norte Court, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

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