



DER KURIER

Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society
A Genealogical Society

Volume 10, No. 4 June 1992

Old German Script Letters

by Raymond H. Barley

During 1864-1867, my great-grandmother, Juliane Mayer Barley (Bauerle), received three letters from her uncle, John Mayer. A fourth letter was written by George Koehler of West Mount Vernon, Westchester County, New York, to John Mayer's sister-in-law, Mrs. Basse.

The purpose of this article is to show how the information in these letters helped my research effort and to attempt to provide some idea of the types of situations these early Germans encountered.

Family Background

Juliane, her husband Wilhelm Bauerle and her uncle John Mayer emigrated from Ernsbach, Ohringen District, Wuerttemberg. When the Barley ancestors lived in Ernsbach, their surname was Bauerle. Ernsbach is a small village located about forty-five miles northeast of Stuttgart and approximately twenty miles northeast of Heilbronn. To further pinpoint Ernsbach, it is due west 4.0 miles from Forchtenberg and southeast 2.5 miles from Jagshausen and northeast 0.5 miles from Sindringen.

When the three letters were written, John Mayer (b: ?; d: 9 Jul 1867) was living in Columbia, South Carolina. Juliane Mayer Barley/Bauerle (b: 28 Sep 1828; d: 10 Jul 1893) was living in Baltimore, Maryland. Juliane was a widow with one young son, August Frederick

Barley, my grandfather. They lived with Frederick and Anna Maria Zwickel. During the time period that the letters were written, the Bauerle, Mayer and Zwickel families lived at



Juliane Mayer Barley and her son
August Frederick Barley

(continued on page 53)

Der Kalender

18 July Second Germanna Seminar at
Germanna Community College,
Locust Grove, VA. For
information contact John
Blankenbaker, PO Box 120,
Chadds Ford, PA 19317

17 October Mid-Atlantic Germanic
Society's 10th Anniversary at
Blobs Park, Jessup, MD

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.

MAGS Surname File

The surname file consists of 3 x 5-inch cards submitted by members. In the top left-hand corner of the card write the line you are researching including any variant spellings. Submit a separate card for each line. You may write a brief description under the name: George TETER, Pendleton Co., VA m. Caroline WILFONG.

In the lower left-hand corner write your name, address and the date. Send the card(s) and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Marijean Hawthorne, 5700 Linda Road, Sandston, VA 23150. (804) 222-3285.

Upon receipt of the cards, Marijean will search the surname file and MAGS meeting rosters from Fall 1990 to the present for any other MAGS members who have the same line(s). She will also check sources in her personal library and the German Locality Index. This index lists by general and specific area in Germany the names being researched in 1985 by members of the Chicago Genealogical Society; the Pommerschen Leute, Oshkosh, WI; the German Research Association, Sand Diego, CA;

and Palatines to America, Illinois Chapter, Quincey, IL.

The more names in the file, the more useful it can be to all MAGS members. **Send your cards today!**

From Our Members

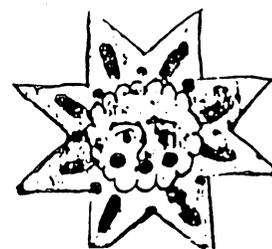
● MAGS member Lorna Duane Smith is reprinting her book *Genealogy is More Than Charts*. This book provides a wealth of information on ways to go beyond the collecting of genealogical data. Order from the author at Life Times, 2806 Fox Hound Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042-2228. Cost is \$14.95 plus \$2.00 shipping (Md. residents add .75 tax.).

● MAGS member Elizabeth Snyder Lowe has just published *The Folks of Swan Pond* about the people of the Swan Pond area of Berkeley Co., WV. In addition to the Folk (Foulke, Folck, Fulk) family the Hill, Turner, Byers, Billmyer, Hollida, Marshall, Lemen and Whiting families are included. Order from the author, PO Box 5, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. Cost is \$63.00 postpaid.

Table of Contents

Buchbesprechungen (Book reviews)	57
Der Kalender	50
Fraktur Forum	51
From Our Members	56
MAGS Services: Surname File . . .	50
Old German Script	49
Suchanzeigen (Queries)	62

Fraktur Forum



More MAGS Members' Surnames on Fraktur Kerns From Northampton County, Pennsylvania

by Corinne Earnest

John R. Kern, Jr. inquired about his surname on fraktur of Northampton County (now Northampton and Lehigh Counties), Pennsylvania. He hit the jackpot as far as finding numerous examples of fraktur having that surname. John mentioned a Lorentz and Elizabeth Kern who had a son named John Henry Kern and a daughter named Anna Margareth. Both were baptized by Rev. Daniel Schumacher (d. 1787), who was mentioned in the March issue of *Der Kurier*.

Schumacher, whose records were published by the Pennsylvania German Society in 1968, reportedly made a fraktur birth and baptism certificate for Christopher Kern about 1768. This certificate was exhibited in the fall of 1974 at the Allentown Art Museum. Unfortunately, it was not pictured in the exhibition catalog, and the catalog gives incomplete information about the text. It does say the fraktur was "dated October 27, 1768" and the location was Heidelberg Township, Northampton County.

Lorentz and Elizabeth Kern, parents of John Henry (baptized in 1772) and Anna Margaret Kern (baptized in 1774), sponsored a baptism in Northampton County in 1779. The child was Lourentz Shaffer, son of Nicolas and Barbara Shaffer. Lourentz's fraktur is pictured on page 209 of Frances Lichten's *Folk Art of Rural Pennsylvania*, published by Bonanza Books in New York in 1946.

The Schaeffers and Kerns may have shared an association on both sides of the ocean. The Dietrich Foundation of Philadelphia has a fraktur made for Johann Georg Schäfer, son of Daniel and Anna Christianna Schäfer. Georg was born September 20, 1788, in Wittgenstein. Sponsors at his baptism were Georg Schäfer, Christina Folekel

Schue [?] and Maria Elisabeth Kern. Although this fraktur records an European birth, it was made in America.

Fraktur artist and schoolmaster Martin Brechall (d. 1831) made at least two fraktur for the Kerns. One is pictured in color in *Spinning Wheel* (July/August 1982 issue) on page 39. It reads: To this legally married couple known as Christoph Kern and his lawful wife Susanna Barbara, born [a daughter of] Henrich Bäümänn, was born to the world a son named Johan Carl Kern in the year of our Lord 1805 the 23rd day of October at about 6 o'clock in the morning. This Johan Carl Kern was born and baptized in America in the state of Pennsylvania in Northampton County and in Heidelberg Township. The above mentioned Johan Carl was baptized the 8th day of December 1806 by Reverend Friederich Wilhelm Bondenschlodt, Reformed preacher. Sponsors were at the holy act of baptism the honorable Johan Dieter Bäümänn and his lawful wife Margaretha.

An added note at the bottom of Carl's certificate is difficult to read, but it appears to say he married Maria Peter on November 18, 1832, and Susanna Bock (nee German) on November 22, 1853.

Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has a related example, also made by Martin Brechall. It reads: To this legally married couple known as Christopher Kern and his lawful wife Susanna Barbara, born [a daughter of] Henrich Bäümänn, was born to the world a daughter named Anna Maria Kern in the year of our Lord 1808 the 9th day of February at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This Anna Maria Kern was born and baptized (continued on page 52)

Fraktur Forum

(continued from page 51)

in America in the state of Pennsylvania in Northampton County and in Heidelberg Township. The above mentioned Anna Maria was baptized the 27th day of March 1808 by Reverend Friederich Wilhelm Bondenschlodt, Reformed preacher. Sponsors were at the holy act of baptism the honorable Wilhelm Kern and his lawful wife Hanna.

The summer 1970 issue of *Pennsylvania Folklife* magazine pictures a fraktur on page 8 made for Jonas Kern. It reads: Jonas Kern was born to Christian and honorable parents in Pennsylvania in Heidelberg Township in Northampton County in the year of our Lord 1805 the 28th day of October, and [he] was baptized by Pastor Johannes Gobrecht the 1st of December. His parents were Johannes Kern and his lawful wife Magdalena, born Beker. The sponsors were Casper Hunsicker and Barbara Peter, both single.

Jonas may have married a woman named Maria, for on Luise Anna Kern's birth and baptism certificate listed below as part of the collection of the Lehigh Valley Historical Society, a Jonas and Maria Kern are named as sponsors.

A certificate made much later than the above examples records the baptism of Clinton Joel Blose whose mother was a Kern. It reads: To this legally married couple, Henry William Blose and his wife Elvena T., born Kern, was born to the world a son the 2nd day of October in the year of our Lord 1880. This son was born in Washington Township, Lehigh County, in the state of Pennsylvania in North America and was baptized on the 28th day of November in the year of our Lord 1880 by Pastor W. J. Peter, and [he] received the name Clinton Joel. The sponsors were the parents themselves. [Source: *German-American Family Records in the Fraktur Tradition* edited and translated by Corinne Earnest and Beverly Repass Hoch, CGRS, page 32.]

In addition to the above, the Lehigh Valley Historical Society has several fraktur for Kerns.

You will need to write the Society for the complete texts, but they include certificates for Calvin Francis Kern, son of Daniel and Ada A.J. (Best) Kern, born November 28, 1890; Luise Anna Kern, daughter of Georg and Margred (Werd) Kern, born December 17, 1841, in Heidelberg Township; George Calvin Kern, son of Thomas and Amanda (Kern) Kern, born January 16, 1878; Ruben Kern, son of Johannes and Magdalena (Peters) Kern, born October 14, 1821, in Heidelberg Township; Roland Delbert Kern, son of Calvin F. and Estella J. (Jones) Kern, born June 8, 1918; Thomas Kern, son of Georg and Margred (Werd) Kern, born October 26, 1839, in Heidelberg Township; Stephen Edwin Kern, son of Stephen and Sara (Hailer) Kern, born April 11, 1853, in Washington Township; William Henry Kern, son of Thomas and Amanda (Kern) Kern, born September 9, 1866, in Washington Township; and Timenten Kern, son of Thomas and Rebeka (Muller) Kern, born July 3, 1841, in Heidelberg Township.

There are also Kerns mentioned on fraktur in Bucks, Northumberland and Union Counties, Pennsylvania. These will be listed in a future issue of *Der Kurier*.

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.

Now available from
Russell D. Earnest Associates,
PO Box 490, Damascus, MD 20872

Genealogist's Guide to Fraktur

Cost is \$12.95 plus \$2.00 shipping.

OLD GERMAN SCRIPT LETTERS

(continued from page 49)

Number 62 Ross Street in Baltimore City, Maryland. The houses have been renumbered and the name of the street has been changed. However, the property still exists and is now known as 714 Druid Hill Avenue. This was verified by using Baltimore City real estate records and the Baltimore City Directory. These houses are two-story structures and are twelve feet wide. The 1870 Baltimore City Federal Population Census shows a dozen people living in this household. It is amazing how all of those people fitted in such a tiny little house.



Anna Maria Wengert Zwickel
(Circa 1900)

Anna Maria Wengert Zwickel (b: 21 Jun 1818; d: 24 Jan 1906) lived in the same household with the Barley/Bauerle family until her death in 1906. Frederick (b: 1821; d: 30 Oct 1866) and Anna Maria Zwickel emigrated from Ohrenbau, Gunzenhausen District, Bayern (Bavaria). The spelling of Ohrenbau has changed, it is now known as Ornbau. Ornbau is located about fifteen miles southeast of Nuremberg. When Juliane's husband died, the Zwickels provided Juliane and her son with a place to live.

Frederick Zwickel was a ship's carpenter and I was able to find him listed in the Baltimore City Directory. This guy was extremely important to me. It was knowing about him that enabled me to find Juliane Mayer Barley in the census. It is an almost impossible task to locate a widow who is not a head of household. Even if the 1860 and 1870 census were completely indexed, Juliane would not appear in this index because the census enumerator did not record her surname.

My grandfather, August F. Barley, purchased a roll-top desk around the turn of the century from the Moses I. Himmel Company in Baltimore City. Apparently, this roll-top was a popular item, as a large picture of it appears in a M. I. Himmel advertisement in the 1900 Baltimore City Directory. I received this roll-top desk when my father passed away. I later found these old German script letters in this desk. The events occurring in these letters will be covered chronologically.

Old German Letters

The first paragraph in the 27 April 1864 letter may indicate how the people in the south, who had relatives in the north, felt about the Civil War. John Mayer had a brother, a sister, and nieces and nephews living in the north. He bemoaned the fact that relatives could be raising arms against each other. (continued on page 54)

OLD GERMAN SCRIPT LETTERS

(continued from page 53)

John Mayer also complained about how poor the mail system was in 1864. It is amusing that even though there have been many changes, we still seem to have similar problems.

John Mayer observed protocol when he had his trousers and waist coat sent to Mrs. Zwickel, who was the owner of the house Juliane lived in. In the second paragraph of the 27 April 1864 letter, John Mayer asked Francis Kuhlsen to send his clothing to Baltimore. Juliane was a seamstress by trade, and perhaps, she was to mend or alter Uncle John's clothing. Francis Kuhlsen was possibly a clothing manufacturer, who did not do alterations.

John Mayer's entire estate file was obtained from the courthouse in Columbia, S.C. The First Accounting listed numerous musical instruments including several organs and a violin. This accounting also contained purchase orders for organs from various churches. August Pomplitz is mentioned in the third paragraph of the 27 April 1864 letter and he is listed in the First Accounting as having money due him for the sale of an organ. In the 1864-1868 Baltimore City Directory

August Pomplitz is listed as an organ builder. It appears that John Mayer was a Commission Merchant, buying and selling musical instruments. This is further supported by the third paragraph of George Koehler's 16 October 1867 letter in which he John Mayer requested he pick up some previously ordered musical items.

The first paragraph of John Mayer's 7 November 1865 letter may indicate how business between the north and the south was transacted. Mayer stated that he planned to go to Savannah, Georgia. While he was in Savannah, he intended to send Juliane Mayer Barley/Bauerle some money to settle his obligations. John Mayer, living in the south during this time, used Confederate dollars to pay for purchases. Conversely, the north used Union dollars. Perhaps, a black market existed in Savannah where Confederate dollars could be exchanged for Union dollars. (continued on page 55)

Columbia
April 27, 1864

Dear Julia,

I would very much appreciate it if I could get a sign of life from you in these troubling times. It may be that you have replied to me and the mail is being retained somewhere because we are unable to receive newspapers nor anything else from the north. The danger here has past (since the fall of Fort Sumter in Charleston). And now the problem starts where you are. It may shape up to become a war which may take years - and there never has been a more unjustifiable war and never before has a people so closely related to each other as the people of America raised their arms towards each other.

I have asked Francis Kuhlsen to send my trousers and waist suit coat to Mrs. Zwickel because under the present conditions it should not be sent here [Columbia]. And the question pops up whether the clothing should be sent to Baltimore. However, he will give it a try. Inform Mrs. Zwickel accordingly, that in case something should be sent by Express, it would be for me.

With the things that I have here, we should wait until we know what is going on. But go ahead and prepare my underpants, nightshirts and handkerchiefs and keep them ready. Perhaps, Pomplitz will come here this summer, but I will let you know about that, so that he can take it along.

Be greeted by your uncle,
John Mayer

P.S. I was unable to give your address to Kuhlsen because he intends to come here next autumn. And I am afraid that he will want to call on you on his trip.

OLD GERMAN SCRIPT LETTERS

(continued from page 54)

Columbia
7 November 1865

Dear Julia,

After a very strenuous trip, I finally arrived here Sunday night at nine o'clock. Since nothing was learned here [at Columbia] regarding my whereabouts, some of my friends thought that I might have taken the opportunity to quickly go over to Germany. Other friends again thought I might have been murdered or robbed. However, my arrival has clarified matters. In about 10 to 12 days, I shall make for Savannah. And from there, I will send you some money for you to be able to settle my obligations.

Let me thank you as well as Mr. & Mrs. Zwickel, let me send my hearty greetings and express again to them and to you my gratitude for the kind reception for all that was extended to me and for the attention that I was given from all sides, thank you again, I remain as ever, your uncle,

John Mayer

Even though these people were separated by hundreds of miles and several days/weeks of normal travel, it appears that a deep, warm, caring relationship existed between them. This is indicated by the second paragraph of the 7 November 1865 letter. In this same paragraph, John Mayer also thanked Juliane for all the attention he was given "from all sides." The German translator explained that the expression, "from all sides," meant that he was received by all of Juliane's German relatives, friends and neighbors. The 1860 Baltimore City Federal Population Census shows a high concentration of German surnames in the ward/precinct where they lived. The general tone of George Koehler's entire letter of 16 October 1867 also provides an idea of how they felt toward each other.

John Mayer apparently lived in Columbia unaccompanied. His Last Will and Testament, which he signed on 8 July 1867, left all his property to his wife and children in Germany. In his 26 June 1867 letter, John stated that if his illness worsened, he would return to Germany. John realized his condition was deteriorating and he wanted to be with his wife and children in Germany. But, unfortunately, he waited too long. He died on 9 July 1867, the day after he signed his will. The closing sentence in the 26 June 1867

Columbia
26 June 1867

Dear Julia,

I have been here for two days, my condition has neither worsened nor improved. I am being advised by all sides [by all types of people] including the doctor to stay here a number of weeks in that they assure me that the change of climate, particularly, the water and the air will do a good service to me. I shall give it try, however, if it should become worse, I shall go on to Germany, if possible. Should this materialize, I will let you know.

Many greeting to you as well as Mrs. Zwickel.

Your uncle
John Mayer

The doctor thinks it is not stomach cancer. You can not write to me ... [This continues, but the other part is missing.]

letter mentioned only Mrs. Zwickel and not her husband. This alerted me to the probability that Frederick Zwickel may have passed away. Baltimore City did not start recording death certificates until 1875. I was able to find his death date (30 October 1866) in church burial records that were written in the (continued on page 56)

OLD GERMAN SCRIPT LETTERS

(continued from page 53)

West Mount Vernon
Westchester County, N.Y.
16 October 1867

Dearest friend [female],

I have today received your precious, painful letter and I shall attempt to reply to it immediately. Mrs. Basse, the news about the death of your brother-in-law, Mr. Mayer, has hit us hard. Because he was visiting us on a day to day and week to week basis. The last letter received from Mayer was in winter, when he wrote to me that he would have definitely visited and that is why I assumed that he would come, but now he will unfortunately not make it anymore, he has [page 2] departed from his dear family and from all his friends and relatives. O' it is painful and a double pain for the ones he as left behind. But, who can alter fate? Our Lord wanted it that way, quietly rests his soul and peace be with him. Dear Mrs. Basse, I am awfully sorry to learn, as you mention in your letter, that this is the fourth letter that you are writing to me. I have unfortunately received none of them, and you are mentioning that Mayer may have possibly sent money to me, that would have been a swell thing, and it would have been as useful as if his [page 3] own wife had received the money. But, the way it turned out, I am unable to give you any information on this matter. It is a fact that Mayer never mentioned whether he had money or no money. Nor did he ever mention the status of his affairs. The only thing he ever sent was last year when his daughter Lina got married. I took care of that and later he sent one hundred dollars which I had advanced on the occasion of his last visit here. Later on he wrote that he had ordered musical items in New York and asked me to get them for him which I did. And then he wrote that he would visit us in the fall or later in the year.

[page 4]

That is all I know about him. I know nothing about Germany, since I have not heard from there for ages. My dear Friend, please write to me very soon again and please tell me whether they already know in Germany [about Mayer's death]. Please accept sincere greetings from me and my dear wife.

I remain your sincere friend,
Mr. George Koehler

old German script. Having a particular time period to concentrate on was extremely helpful.

Great-grandmother Juliane Mayer Barley/Bauerle was a widow, who had one son, my dad's father. My father always told me that in his father's household, "children were seen and not heard from." The content of these letters is consistent with that policy - there is not one solitary word concerning Juliane's young son. My grandfather was seven years old in 1864.

The foregoing article offers this author's views concerning the events depicted in these letters. There may be many other explanations. Comments regarding this article are not only invited, but encouraged. It would be helpful if the readership could point out possible errors in any assumptions or conclusions. Send any comments to Raymond H. Barley, 20413 Watkins Meadow Drive, Germantown, MD 20876.

● The Mechling Historical Association Reunion will be held on August 14, 15 & 16 at the Bethlehem, Penn., Holiday Inn. For information contact Dorothy Mercy, 3324 Holly Court, Falls Church, VA 22042.



THE MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY
-A GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Est. 1982

June 1992

Dear MAGS Member,

Our society constitution provides for the membership year to begin on September 1. Therefore, we are using this opportunity to request that you forward annual dues for September 1, 1992 to August 31, 1993 before the end of August 1992.

The single membership dues is \$7.50 and family dues is \$10.00. If your membership number on the mailing label ends with 92 that means the dues for

is 93 or higher you have paid for next year or more.

If you wish to receive a membership card by return mail please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with your payment.

Please send your dues payment to: MAGS c/o Paul Fogle, 12 Locust Blvd., Middletown, MD 21769

MAGS Membership Number _____ Single ___ Family ___

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

SASE enclosed to receive membership card Yes ___

No ___



Buchbesprechungen

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.

Henry C. Peden, Jr. *More Maryland Deponents 1716-1799*. Westminster, Md: Family Line Publications, 1992. iv, 123 pp.; paper.

These abstracts were made from depositions found in the extant land commission books and papers for the years 1716-1799 for those counties which maintained separate records: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Prince George, Queen Anne, Somerset and Talbot. The Talbot County depositions to 1758 have been abstracted by R. Bernice Leonard and only those after that date are listed. The information in the abstracts includes the name of the deponent, his age if recorded, the year the deposition was taken, information about the deponent and other persons named. There is a full source citation for each abstract. Entries are listed alphabetically by deponent. Other people named in the depositions, are cross-referenced. to the original source.

Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$11.00 postpaid.

J. Elliott Russo. *Tax Lists of Somerset County 1730-1740*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Pub., 1992. viii, 299 pp.; full-name index; paper.

With the exception of ministers and the aged or disabled, all males 16 years of age and above and all black females aged 16 or above were taxed. Indians and slaves are usually so designated. These lists are especially valuable because they are extant in almost complete form for such an extended period. The 1732 list is not extant; 1736 and 1737 are

fragmented; however, the remainder are in good condition and all of the hundreds (tax districts) appear to be complete. Copies of the originals can be requested by mail from the Maryland State Archives and the author is kind enough to note the reference numbers necessary to do this.

Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$28.00 postpaid.

Helen W. Ridgely, editor. *Historic Graves of Maryland and the District of Columbia*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, (1908) 1992. xix, 296 pp.; illus.; full-name index; paper.

Originally published under the auspices of the Maryland Society of Colonial Dames and intended to promote the preservation of early tombstones and graveyards, this publication is not a listing of early graves. Rather, it is a study of early gravesites which includes the inscriptions found on many early tombstones. While it was not intended to be a complete listing and even though its emphasis was on those families and individuals who were considered to be the elite of the time, yet it serves to preserve that which is so prone to destruction. In addition to the inscriptions, readers are treated to the history of many of the graveyards. Many of the inscriptions are from private graveyards, if only more had had the foresight to record and to preserve for posterity.

Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$19.50 postpaid. (continued on page 58)

Buchbesprechungen

(continued from page 57)

Peden, Henry C., Jr. *Revolutionary Patriots of Harford County, Md., 1775-1783*. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1991. viii, 271 pp.; full-name index, paper.

Revolutionary Patriots of Anne Arundel County, Md. 1775-1783. Westminster, Md.: Family Line Pub., 1992. vi, 288 pp.; full-name index, paper.

We have never stopped to count the number of volumes Henry Peden has produced over the years, but it is rare that a quarter goes by that we don't find one or more of his books to review. The Harford volume is a reissue with corrections and additions; the Anne Arundel volume is new. Both are fully documented with complete citations from over 25 sources. Since Peden brings together all the known sources and builds a history of service for the patriot, both the family historian and the joiner will find much to delight them. Wives and children are listed in many of the entries.

Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157. Cost is \$21.00 each postpaid.

Erasmus Helm Kloman, Jr. *Chronicles of a Virginia Family: The Klomans of Warrenton*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., 1991. xvi, 162 pp.; maps, illus.; full-name index (incomplete); paper.

Blessed with the serendipitous appearance of old family letters and documents as well as with voluminous research produced by others, Mr. Kloman has succeeded in doing what many of us wish we could do. He has written a book that is more than a chronicle of generations; it is a family history. John K. Gott, a noted Fauquier County historian, says it best ...[this book] will be read with interest by others seeking to know more about the history of Virginia and Maryland, the German community in Baltimore and the sociology of a family with roots in two vastly different cultures." In addition to the Kloman family, the Helm, Pickett and Aisquith families are covered in some depth.

Order from Heritage Books, Inc.; 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste. 300; Bowie, MD 20716. Cost is \$15.50 plus \$3.00 shipping per order.

John T. Humphrey. *Early Families of Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Volume 2: Repsher/Dietrich*. xxiii, 382 pp.; illus.; full-name index; paper.

Volume 1 covers the Frack-Seyfried and related families [reviewed in *NGS Quarterly* 79:3 (September 1991)]; this volume covers the Repshers, Dietrichs and related families: Arnold, Bossard, Erdman, Heil, Hess, Huffsmith, Keller, Klingel, Kurtz, Metzger, Muffley, Ratzel, Schuck, Smiley, Staples and Weidman. Although the author eschews the formal numbering system and presentation style recommended by most experts, his presentation is clear and easy to follow. He explains the problems that occur because of the calendar change and the currency shift; and notes how he dealt with these. Even the most uninitiated should have no difficulty following a family line. Most importantly, he documents each item. We are told what records (and where to find them) support the placing of a particular individual in a lineage. In fact, if one has a Northampton ancestor, one should study this book; the source citations provide an excellent list of possible resources for one's own family problems. The family pictures and complete transcription of estate records are an added attraction.

Order from John T. Humphrey, PO Box 15190, Washington, DC 20003. Cost is \$35.00 plus \$3.50 postage.

Larry King. *Rector Records*. U.S.A., 1986. vi, 474 pp.; photographs; full-name index; cloth.

It isn't often that we learn of a source for a privately printed book thought to be no longer available. Following the death of her grandparents, the author's granddaughter continues to make his books available and to provide answers to researchers' questions. The progenitor, John Jacob Rector, was one of the original Germanna settlers who later moved to Germantown in Fauquier County. *Rector Records* is a register rather than a full-fledged genealogy; it records 7,515 descendant families in 12 generations. Basic facts are presented on approximately 22,000 (continued on page 59)

Buchbesprechungen

(continued from page 58)

proven Rector descendants and 9,000 of their spouses. The index has 30,384 listings. There are 157 portraits showing 554 Rector descendants. Beginning with the third generation, information is limited to births, marriages and deaths with an occasional tidbit, such as, founded Ebenezer Methodist Church, War 1812 veteran, etc. Documentation is limited to a bibliography.

Order from Patty Lee Scott, 126 Upper Station Camp, Gallatin, TN 37066. Cost is \$25.00.

Don Heinrich Tolzmann, editor. *The First Germans in America with a Biographical Directory of New York Germans*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., 1992. xiv, 15, 32, 48, 9 pp.; paper.

While it is well known that the first German community was established in 1683 in Germantown, Pennsylvania, Germans actually are numbered among the first settlers to our shores. The author's stated purpose is to provide information on these first Germans in America. Mr. Tolzmann presents excerpts from the works of three historians who speak to the subject of early German immigrants. Chapter 1 by Otto Lohr (1912) identifies the first Germans in the colonies and mentions the most prominent. Chapter 2 is taken from Herrmann Schuricht's *History of the German Element in Virginia* (1898) and Chapter 3 is from John O. Evjen's *Scandinavian Immigrants in New York, 1630-1674*. Although there were numerous Germans in the Valley of Virginia, the common assumption is that with the exception of the Germanna settlement few Germans could be found in Virginia east of the Blue Ridge. It is the contention of the author, supported by statements in two of the articles he presents, that there were Germans among the first Jamestown settlers and that these were not isolated individuals. Many of the individuals identified as German, appear to be so identified on the basis of name alone, a not insignificant identifier, yet some of the instances presented in these excerpts are based upon soundly documented facts. Perhaps in the not too distant future, someone will join the

Jamestown Society on one of these early German adventurers.

Order from Heritage Books, Inc.; 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste. 300; Bowie, MD 20716. Cost is \$13.00 plus \$3.00 shipping per order.

John K. Gott. *Fauquier County, Va., Marriage Bonds (1759-1854) and Marriage Returns (1785-1848)*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., 1991. x, 286 pp.; full-name index (excluding grooms); paper.

John Gott, a noted authority on Fauquier history, has written a number of books about the county's history and its records. Although he worked from typed copies, the original bonds were consulted whenever there was a question. Any additional data found in the minister's returns was added. Each entry contains (when available) the name of the bride and groom, date of the bond, the bondsmen, parents of the bride and/or groom, former marital status, date of the marriage and name of the minister. The information is listed alphabetically by groom. The religious affiliation of the minister is supplied if known. This is a welcome addition to Fauquier County research sources.

Order from Heritage Books, Inc.; 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste. 300; Bowie, MD 20716. Cost is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 shipping per order.

Alice Eichholz. *Ancestry's Red Book, Second Edition*. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, Inc., 1989, 1992. vi, 858 pp.; illus.; index; cloth.

This revision of the much maligned early edition corrects many of its problems. For the most part this volume is probably as accurate as one could expect. While the West Virginia section now notes the existence of and extensiveness of the West Virginia Collection at West Virginia University, there is apparently no knowledge of the Records section as opposed to the Archives in Charleston. Our quarrel, if we had one this time, would be with the opinions expressed in what should be a factual document. Many researchers will, I am sure, take exception to the statement that "While eastern tidewater counties of Virginia (continued on page 60)

Buchbesprechungen

(continued from page 59)

were settled by English aristocrats and their descendants, pioneers in western Virginia were generally perceived as a ragtag group from Pennsylvania, Maryland and other parts of Virginia." Certainly *Ancestry* should be commended for its work in correcting major deficiencies found in its first edition. We only wish they had eliminated the opinions as well. The fact that *Ancestry* is requesting feedback on errors and inaccuracies and promises to make corrections in future printings suggests that things will continue to improve.

Order from *Ancestry, Inc.*; PO Box 538, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. Cost is \$39.95 plus \$5.00 shipping.

John P. Hale *Trans-Allegheny Pioneers: Historical Sketches of the First White Settlements West of the Alleghenies 1748 and After*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., (1886) 1988. 339 pp.; full-name index; paper.

Long out-of-print and lacking an adequate index this classic was rarely consulted by the student of early Virginia history and genealogy. Written by a descendant of these early settlers, it traces the early settlement west of the Alleghenies, describes the trials and tribulations of these early inhabitants and provides a look at what life was like for these settlers. We learn why they moved, where they moved and what they faced. We meet the soldier, the entrepreneur and the settler and we discover what it was like in the wilderness. For those whose ancestors lived and traveled west of the Alleghenies during its early settlement and who want more than a series of begats in their family history, we recommended this Heritage Classic.

Order from *Heritage Books, Inc.*; 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste. 300; Bowie, 20716. Cost is \$20.00 plus \$2.50 postage.

Reuben Gold Thwaites and Louise Phelps Kellogg *Documentary History of Dunmore's War 1774*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., (1905) 1989. xxviii, 472 pp.; full-name index; paper.

Edited by historians on the staff of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, this book is not the "normal" history. It is a compilation of documents including contemporary letters, journals, reports, muster rolls, biographies of field officers, etc. Copious footnotes identify people and places and an introductory essay provides background. Unlike most volumes written during this time period, documentation is the keynote. When Mrs. William Christian is identified as the sister of Patrick Henry, we are told by whom, when and where to find the information. A full-name index provides the reader with easy access to the bountiful information contained therein.

Order from *Heritage Books, Inc.*; 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste. 300; Bowie, MD 20716. Cost is \$25.00 plus \$3.00 shipping per order.

George W. Cleek. *Early Western Augusta Pioneers: Including the Families of Cleek, Gwin, Lightner and Warwick and Related Families of Bratton, Campbell, Carlile, Craig, Crawford, Dyer, Gay, Givens, Graham, Harper, Henderson, Hull, Keister, Lockridge, McFarland and Moore*. Baltimore: Clearfield Co., Inc., (1957) 1992. 492 pp.; full-name index; paper.

Genealogists are often reminded, perhaps warned is a better word, about early genealogies. They usually failed to use one of the recommended numbering systems and documentation was nonexistent. It is a rare treat when an early genealogy upon which one can depend reappears in print. Although the author relies at times on family histories, the bulk of his work is based upon research in primary records. A lifetime of research in Bath and Highland Counties, Virginia, adds information from Bibles and provides dates for early births and deaths from family sources. The index which includes over 10,000 entries and the bibliography of over 100 sources indicates the wealth of information on early Augusta families to be found here.

Order from *Clearfield Company, Inc.*; 200 East Eager Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Cost is \$37.50 plus \$2.50 postage. (continued on page 61)

Buchbesprechungen

(continued from page 60)

Morgan P. Robinson. *Bulletin of the Virginia State Library, Volume 9, Nos. 1, 2 and 3: Virginia Counties: Those Resulting from Virginia Legislation* (1916) 1992. 283 pp.; maps; index; cloth.

The trials of research in early Virginia include the necessity of learning the genealogy of the counties. One searching for ancestors in Augusta needs to realize that the early records lie in Orange County. A researcher in Loudoun must backtrack through Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford to Westmoreland. Numerous aids exist to help the researcher in this task, but none are as thorough as the VSL Publication, *Virginia Counties*, recently republished by GPC. The author provides in table form detailed references to the acts creating the counties, dates of formations and parent counties. These are listed in alphabetical and in chronological order. A series of maps allows the reader to visually follow the settlement patterns. County ancestral charts supply a quick reference for those who only want to know where to look next. This is truly a storehouse of information and should be included in the library of any serious Virginia researcher.

Order from Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc; 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. Cost is \$20.00 plus \$2.50 postage.

Nell Marion Nugent *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Land Patents and Grants 1623-1666, Volume 1*. Baltimore, Genealogical Pub. Co., Inc. (1934) 1991. x, 767 pp.; full-name index; cloth.

The records of the Virginia Land Office include 45 volumes of colonial patents. Nell Marion Nugent, who was custodian of these records for some 33 years, abstracted the first fourteen of these volumes in her series *Cavaliers and Pioneers*. These early patents include the names of thousands of early settlers who were listed as headrights. The index to volume one contains the names of over 20,000 people. This is the eighth printing of this volume, a fact which attests to its usefulness and popularity to the researcher. As with the *Virginia County Book* no serious Virginia researcher would be without this book on his library shelf.

Order from Genealogical Pub. Co, Inc; 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. Cost is \$40.00 plus \$2.50 postage.

William Thorndale and William Dollarhide. *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920*. Baltimore, Genealogical Pub. Co., Inc., (1987) 1992. xxvi, 420 pp.; maps, index; paper.

Designed for the historian or genealogist this guide will help anyone seeking some idea of county boundary changes. The maps begin with 1790 and continue at ten-year intervals through 1820. Each map shows counties in existence for the census superimposed over current county lines. Inset maps clarify territorial lines. Census availability is listed on each map. A bibliography lists sources by state. There is an index of county names. While we don't mean to sound repetitive, this is another must for the serious researcher.

Order from Genealogical Pub. Co, Inc; 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. Cost is \$39.95 plus \$2.50 postage.

Genealogies of West Virginia Families from the West Virginia Historical Magazine Quarterly 1901-1905. Baltimore: Clearfield Co., Inc., (1901-05), 1992. iv, 286 pp.; full-name index; paper.

Periodicals are a source of a variety of information from family genealogies to abstracts of primary source records. However, many of these early periodicals are only available at a few of the major research libraries. Some time ago Genealogical Publishing Company reprinted genealogies originally published in some of the early Virginia and Pennsylvania quarterlies. Now Clearfield follows with genealogies from the *West Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*. These genealogies include those whose early generations lived in the valley of Virginia.

Order from Clearfield Company, Inc.; 200 East Eager Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Cost is \$29.50 plus \$2.50 postage.

Suchanzeigen

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.

- CHRISTMAN
KRAEMER
HART CORRECTION: March 1992 Issue: Query # 10-23
Correct Date of birth for Adam HART to 1757.
Jackie Hart Stegman 4219 Driftwood Dr, Colorado Spgs, CO 80918-4519
- DENZ #10-37 Need info parents of Robert DENZ, b Baden 1796. To US April
1846 through Boston port. Lvd Fond-du-Lac, WI, where he died between
1870 - 1880. Ch: Mary Ann, Sylvester, Adolph, Bertha, Lizzie and Robert.
Vernon P. Fleming 607 E. 6th Street, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
- MOTT
MATT #10-38 Need names of parents of Francis Silas MOTT (MATT), born Baden
29 Jan 1804 and came to US Oct 1846 through New York port. Lvd
Columbiana, Co, Ohio. Then Boone, Iowa, where he died 3 May 1888.
Ch: Frederick, George, Joseph, Francis, William, Charles, James and Mary.
Vernon P. Fleming 607 East 6th Street, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
- GUAGES
SCHMIDT
WINKLER
KINZ #10-39 Joseph GUAGES m Anna Maria Lang SCHMIDT (her 2nd mar) 9
Aug 1857 in Baltimore. Mary Anna GUAGES m Francis Joseph WINKLER.
Sebastian GAUGES m Barbara KINZ 24 May 1858 in Baltimore. Seeking
info any of these families.
Judy Dohner 6130 Sebring Drive, Columbia, MD 21044
- SCHMIDT
LANG
BOSCH #10-40 Per family history (accuracy?), Anna Maria LANG m _____
SCHMIDT. He died enroute to USA. At least 2 ch from marriage: Michael
(James M.?) b 9 Feb 1854, d 19 Jan 1858. (Mary) Kunegunda b 2 Feb. 1854
m Charles H. BOSCH 18 May 1876 in Baltimore and d 23 Aug 1881. Need
add'l info on any of above.
Judy Dohner 6130 Sebring Drive, Columbia, MD 21044
- BOSCH
SCHMIDT
HAUERWALT #10-41 Seeking possible siblings of Charles H. BOSCH (son of Laurence &
Elizabeth Heim BOSCH) b 20 Jan 1836 or 37, Bavaria; m (1) Mary
L/S/HAUERWALT d 19 Apr 1864, Balt and m (2) (Mary) Kunegunda
SCHMIDT 18 May 1876, Balt. He d 17 Sept 1921.
Judy Dohner 6130 Sebring Drive, Columbia, MD 21044
- WINNER
WINTER
WENNER
WARNER
ZACHARIAS
ZACHARIAH #10-42 WINNER fam in Allegany Co, MD, mid-1800s; Joseph WINNER
(1829-1872), arr c1850 fr Ritteburg/Leipzig. Possibly joined George
WINNER/WARNER in Garrett Co, MD; m Cecelia ZACHARIAS in 1850,
settled Frostburg, MD. Her fa Edward ZACHARIAS, w/Georges Creek Coal
Co, Lonaconing, MD. Moved to Pittsburgh c1850. Welcome any info.
George G. Winner 219 Whittier St., N.W.; Washington, DC 20012

- HART
REITZMAN
KITTSMAN
CHRISTMAN
- #10-43 Seeking mother of Adam HART b 1757 PA. His fa - Heinrich HART b c1730 Ger. Heinrich m - (1)unknown (2)___ REITZMAN, (3)Esther KITTSMAN (1790 NC) Adam HART m Christine Elizabeth CHRISTMAN c1780 Guilford Co, NC.
Jackie Hart Stegeman 4219 Driftwood Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80918
- WAGNER
SCHLEM
- #10-44 Seeking info wives of Philip WAGNER ?H(erman) Philip WAGNER b 21 Mar 1799. (1) Maiden name, date & pl/m of Johanna Eliza C. WAGNER b 30 Oct 1807 (mid 1850-1851). (2) Need info after 1850 census of York City, PA, on Dorothy WAGNER b c1809. Also date, name of ship, ports of dep & entry for H(erman) Philip WAGNER; arr York City, PA 1849 (?) from Darmstadt.
Abbott Wainwright 216 Springdale Avenue, Severna Park, MD 21146
- NEUKIRCH
KAYSER
- #10-45 Seeking info on any NEUKRICH fam in Baltimore before 1860 (from Bremen). Also info on any KAYSER fam in Baltimore before 1860.
Abbott Wainwright 216 Springdale Avenue, Severna Park, MD 21146
- WAGNER
SCHLEM
- #10-46 Seeking date of m in 1856 or 57, of Jacob WAGNER b 3 Aug 1831 with Adaline A. SCHLEM b 5 Mar 1837 in Brunswick (?) or York (?) PA. Need info Adaline A.SCHLEM parents in Brunswick (?) PA
Abbott Wainwright 216 Springdale Avenue, Severna Park, MD 21146
- ISENINGER
ISINGMINGER
- #10-47 Seek info ISENINGER fam. Henry ISENINGER b 30 Oct 1790 (in MD ?) d 22 June 1843. Franklin Co, KY. His dau Lewisa Elizabeth b 22 June 1842. A Philip ISINGMINGER, private in Capt Henry Fister's Co, German Battalion, Continental Army (fr MD) 1776.
Paul E. Frost 404 N. Humphrey, Oak Park, IL 60302
- SCHNEIDER
GRUMBACH
CRUMBAUGH
- #10-48 Seek info on parent of Louisa SCHNEIDER b c1778 MD, d 15 Nov 1852, Franklin Co, KY; m Jacob CRUMBAUGH (GRUMBACH). Jacob's bro, Johannes GRUMBACH m Maria SCHNEIDER (Louisa's sister?) 28 Sept 1794, Frederick Co, MD, Rev. John Runkel of Reformed Church presiding.
Paul E. Frost 404 N. Humphrey, Oak Park, IL 60302
- HON
HONN
ROWLAND
- #10-49 Seek info on Jonas HON(HONN) b?1742 possibly SE PA; d Nicholas Co, KY, 1838; Minister, Dunkard sect in KY. m Mary Keithly ROWLAND ?1779. Ch: John, Elizabeth, Jacob, Daniel, Katherine, & Peter. Need immigration data & pl of residence PA & MD. Possibly lvd in York Co, PA
Edgar R. Hon 7534 Ambergate Place, Apt 6; McLean, VA 22102
- BLOSE
BLOSS
KIBLINGER
- #10-50 Seek fam info on Conrad BLOSE/BLOSS arr Philadelphia 1749. Mvd to Rockingham Co, VA; d 1780s. Ch: Eva Elizabeth, George, Valentine, John Adam. Ch of John Adam: Jacob b 1790, m Elizabeth, d c1865. Their ch: James W. b 1826, Mary b 1827, Jacob b 1829, Elizabeth Matilda b 1830, Rebecca b 1835. James W. BLOSE m Martha V. b 1830. Their ch: Fannie/Maggie b 1859, George b 1864. Elizabeth Matilda BLOSE b 1830 d c1864, m William Carpenter Kibinger 1859. Will exch.
Earl R. Savage 9939 Palmerston Rd. Richmond, VA 23236

Der Kurier, the newsletter of the *Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society*, is published four times a year, in September, December, March, and June. Deadline date for copy is the first of August, November, February, and May. Send all copy to Barbara V. Little, P.O. Box 1273, Orange, VA 22960; (703) 832-3473. *Der Kurier* is indexed in the *PERiodical Source Index* published by the Allen County Public Library.

MAGS OFFICERS:

President: Deborah M.S. Brown	Past President: Cathryn S. Dippo
First Vice-president: Paul E. Fogle	Recording Secretary: Gail Komar
Second Vice-president: Anne T. Tenny	Corresponding Secretary: Shirley Forrester
Treasurer: Robert Miller	At-large Board Members: Robert Hull Jo Ann Roland

MAGS SERVICES:

When writing to us, please follow the directions for the particular program or send SASE for information to the person listed.

Information about MAGS: Write (SASE) Shirley Forrester, 3804 Greenly St, Wheaton MD 20906.

Membership: Single \$7.50, family \$10.00 per year (September 1-August 31). Send check to Paul E. Fogle, 12 Locust Boulevard, Middletown, MD 21769; (301) 371-6466.

Surname Exchange Index: Write Marijean H. Hawthorne, 5700 Linda Road, Sandston, VA 23150.

Stumped Roots & Professional Referral: Write Mary Meyer, 5179 Perry Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771; (410) 875-2824

Newsletter Queries: Write Edythe H. Millar, 760 Caroline Drive, Ruther Glen, VA 22546.

Spring & Fall Meetings: Information: Write (SASE) Anne T. Tenny, PO Box 141, Garrett Park, MD 20896-0141.

Suggestions or Offers of Assistance: Write Margaret Leberherz, 121 North Beechwood Ave. , Baltimore, MD 21228-4928; (410) 744-1743.

Change of Address: Write Paul E. Fogle, 12 Locust Boulevard, Middletown, MD 21769; (301) 371-6466.



Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society
P.O. Box 2642
Kensington, Maryland 20891-2642
ISSN 1059-9762

Non-profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Orange, VA
Permit No. 97
