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## MAGS Needs You Now!

A lot of hard work has gone into MAGS over the last 10 years; all of it through the volunteer efforts of the members. Perhaps as with anything that runs smoothly, we forget that things just don't get done by themselves with no help. But we do need help, and you, the members, are the only ones who can help MAGS keep running on a smooth and even keel. Often people think that they have nothing to give, that we would automatically reject their offer of help, but everyone has something to contribute that is worthwhile.

Volunteers are needed to fill the jobs of vice president in charge of membership, vice president in charge of programs, and public relations as well as members to form a library committee.

Without a **membership chairman**, we have no one to make sure new and prospective members learn about our society, and thus keep it growing.

Without a **program chairman**, we have no one to plan and coordinate the wonderful speakers who come to our meetings, and thus make MAGS a more vibrant society.

Without a **public relations person**, we have no one to get the word out about our meetings, and thus publicly and proudly announce that we are a society with which to be reckoned.

Without a **library committee**, we have no one to help the librarian form an effective lending

library, so that you the members, can further enjoy the benefits of our society.

Without **your** participation, we cannot enjoy the rewards of being MAGS members.

Without **your** contributions and volunteerism, we are no more.

## Are You Overdue?

The membership year for MAGS runs from September to September. If you have a 92 on your address label (see back) you are past due and this is your last issue. Please send your dues to Paul Fogle, 12 Locust Boulevard, Middletown, MD 21769.

Membership is \$7.50 single and \$10.00 family. Give yourself an early Christmas present and renew now!

# Der Kalender

*Sat* 17 April Virginia Genealogical Society's Spring Conference "Virginia Migrations: Where They Came From, Where They Went" Averette College, Danville, VA. For info write VGS, PO Box 7439, Richmond, VA 23221

*Sat* 24 April MAGS's Spring Conference featuring Germans in the Revolutionary, 1812, Mexican and Civil Wars. Hagerstown, MD. For info call Joan Sheviak, (703) 560-7144.

*W-Sat* 2-5 June "A Chesapeake Homecoming" NGS 1993 National Conference, Baltimore, MD. For info write NGS, 4527 17th St., N, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

*Th-Sat* 17-19 June Palatines to America 1993 National Conference at Columbus, Ohio. For info write PalAm, Capital University, Box 101P, Columbus, OH 43209-2394.

*Th-Sat* 5-7 August FGS 1993 National Conference, St. Louis, Missouri. For info write PO Box 3385, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3385.

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.

## Buchbesprechungen

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Mary Marie Koontz Arrington, *Mountain Valley People: A Historical Sketch of a Section of Rockingham*

*Co., Virginia, and It's People*, 2 vols. (1982) reprint 1992; 760 pp.; maps; illus; paper; full-name index.

Mountain Valley lies at the foot of Massanutten Mountain in Rockbridge County. Although the first surveys in the area were recorded in 1747 there is evidence of earlier occupancy. In her introduction the author states, "It has been my intent to rescue from the past the incidents and incidentals in the lives of the people as they lived day to day." She has succeeded. An outgrowth of a church history, *Mountain Valley People*, records the lives of its people from birth to death with dates if known, and with sources, whether Bible, public record or family tradition. Unlike the traditional genealogy, it also records the sometimes trivial day-to-day events. One learns how to burn lime, dye cloth, bake a vinegar pie or make dandelion wine. An amazing array of cemetery records, store ledgers, journals, diaries and public documents appear beside numerous pictures of people; home-spun "cover-lids;" snow removal crews; old homes, stores and mills; farm scenes and election posters. There are even class photos for Fairview School from 1920 -1930 with each individual identified. This is neither a genealogy nor a history book; it is a museum in print. One which tells the tale of its people, leaving nothing out.

Order from **Heritage Books, Inc.**, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste 300; Bowie, MD 20716. Cost is \$47.00 plus \$3.00 shipping per order.

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# Fraktur Forum

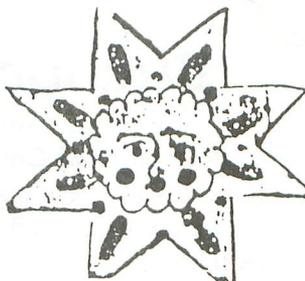
## Care of Fraktur

Many families still own fraktur originally made for their ancestors. Some of these documents date back to the 18th century and have grown fragile and tattered over the years. Family historians often have little or no idea how to preserve these documents, and in the hope of extending their lives, they have them laminated. Or, they reinforce tears and worn edges with tape or glue the entire manuscript to cardboard backing.

Recently, two elderly sisters decided to laminate three fraktur descended in their family. The fraktur dated back to 1814, but they had remained in a dresser drawer for years and were not in bad shape. For those wondering if this is a good idea, the answer is no. Modern resins used in most laminating processes destroy paper. So do modern tapes and pastes or glue. The gummy resins first discolor the paper and eventually eat it entirely away. Once old paper is taped or laminated irreversible damage has been done, and the sticky substance will always remain present on the paper. Many experts even suggest seemingly harmless sticky notes should not be placed on old papers having special value to you.

Even though your fraktur may be tattered, it is best to leave it alone rather than reach for the quick fix and cause further deterioration. Instead, store the fraktur flat sandwiched between two pieces of acid free paper which you may purchase at an art supply store. If you wish to display your fraktur, frame it backed with acid free paper and place spacers between the fraktur and the glass. Framing specialists can help you with this technique.

Some people get a quality color photograph to frame and put the original fraktur away in a safe place. This is probably a good idea because light



by Corinne Earnest

fades fraktur. If you decide you don't want to frame a copy or photograph, record the information from the fraktur before you store it, so you don't have to dig out the original manuscript frequently to read it. This extra, unnecessary handling furthers deterioration.

Also, be willing to share the information on fraktur with others. You can best accomplish this by sending appropriate historical or genealogical societies copies of the fraktur. Above all, before you try to "fix" your fraktur, consult experts familiar with archival techniques and ask them for advice. Most of the larger archives and historical societies can provide information and recommend a source for supplies.

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.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed for **A Chesapeake Homecoming**, 2-5 June 1993, the National Genealogical Society's Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. If you wish to help, please contact our MAGS Representative to the Genealogical Council of Maryland, coordinator of volunteers for NGS, Gwen Shell Read, 9609 Old Spring Road Kensington, MD 20895-3125 or call (301) 949-3068. You will be contacted about a training session to be held early in 1993.

## Buchbesprechungen

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Edgar B. Sims, *Sims Index to Land Grants in West Virginia* (1952) reprint with new material 1992; 882, 142 pp.; full-name index; acid-free paper, Smyth-sewn, case binding.

Original patents and grants were not issued or recorded at the county level. Searching these records often proves a difficult task. In 1952 the state of West Virginia authorized the publication of an index to the West Virginia land grants. Sims Index provided a county-by-county listing of land grants made by Lord Fairfax (Northern Neck Grants), the Commonwealth of Virginia, and after 1863, the state of West Virginia. Patents issued prior to the establishment of the Commonwealth are also included. The information in these lists was taken from copies of the land grants filed in the West Virginia State Auditor's Office and includes the name of the grantee, the acreage granted, an identifying feature (usually a watercourse but sometimes an adjacent landowner), the year granted and the book and page number of the grant. The original *Sims Index* contained an alphabetical listing by county. Many of these grants were issued prior to the formation of later counties, one often had to check three or four county lists to determine the extent of an ancestor's land ownership. In its reprint *Genealogical Books-In-Print* has added the grants later published in a supplement, those issued in two panhandle counties which were not printed in either the original or supplement and an every-name index. West Virginia researchers will find this volume a welcome addition to their collection.

Cost is \$65.00 plus \$4.50 shipping. Order from *Genealogical Books in Print*, 6818 Lois Drive, Springfield, VA 22150.

Don Heinrich Tolzmann, editor, *German-Americans in the American Revolution: Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Richards' History* (1908, reprint 1992) xiii, 549 pp.; surname and subject indexes; paper.

Originally published as Volume XVII of the *Pennsylvania-German Society, Proceedings and Addresses*, the major portion of this book provides a history of the various regiments, battalions, companies, etc. and, in a few instances, lists of soldiers. Although, for the most part, only officers are identified. If one is careful to take into account the time period in which the original volume was produced and consider the history provided with that perspective then much of value can be found. If, however, the primary interest is in finding proof of one's ancestor's service in the Revolutionary War then other sources should be considered. Documentation is limited to "Roster of Captain Arndt of Northampton County in Col. Kichlein's Battalion" or "Diary of Captain John Nice"; there is no bibliography.

Order from *Heritage Books, Inc.*; 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste 300; Bowie, MD 20716. Cost is \$38.50 plus \$3.00 shipping per order.

Emil Klauprecht, *German Chronicle in the History of the Ohio Valley and its Capital City Cincinnati in Particular* (1864) translated by Dale V. Lally, Jr. (1992) xv, 265 pp.; full-name and subject indexes; paper.

If the description of Germanna is any evidence, then Klauprecht's history may be a little flowery; however, he is basing his early descriptions on other's writing. In the later years his information is from contemporary documents and his own experience. Thoroughly documented and not limited to Cincinnati and its environs, this volume provides information on German lives and lifestyle with emphasis on the early missionaries, the Indians, the French and always on German pioneers. You will learn more about what it was like to be a German emigrant in these pages than in any volume I've seen.

Order from *Heritage Books, Inc.*; 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste 300; Bowie, MD 20716. Cost is \$36.00 plus \$3.00 shipping per order.

# AHNENTAFEL

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## I

- 1 PRICE Ann M b 1920 Pittsburgh, PA

## II

- 2 PRICE Obed K b 1874 Rock Island, IL; d 1959 Pittsburgh, PA
- 3 PRICE Mazie Winnett b 1884 New Brighton, Pa; d 1978 Prince Georges Co, MD

## III

- 4 PRICE Willson b 1825 Sussex Co, NJ; d 1901 Rock Island Co, IL
- 5 SIPES Caroline Eleanor b 1833 Bedford Co, Pa; d 1913 Brawley, CA
- 6 PRICE John Merriman b 1861 Beaver Co, PA; d 1927 Pittsburgh, PA
- 7 DUNBAR Eunice Helen b 1861 Beaver Co, PA; d 1927 Pittsburgh, PA

## IV

- 8 PRICE Samuel b 1798 NJ; d 1863 Galva, Knox Co, IL
- 9 WILLSON Mary b 1793 ?; d Galva, IL
- 10 SIPES John b 1798 Bedford Co, PA; m 1818 Bedford Co, PA; d 1881 Knox Co, IL
- 11 BARTON Mary b 1798 Bedford Co, PA; d Knox Co, IL
- 12 PRICE Peter b 1825 Allegheny Co, PA; m 1852 PA; d Sharpsburg, Allegheny Co, PA
- 13 MERRIMAN Mary b 1833 Beaver Co, PA; d 1899 Tarentum, Allegheny Co, PA
- 14 DUNBAR Samuel b 1824 ?; d 1895 New Brighton, Beaver Co, PA; Civil War soldier
- 15 OLIVER Martha b 1826 Beaver Co, PA; d 1888 New Brighton, Beaver Co, PA

## V

- 16 PRICE David b 1759? NJ; d 1846? NJ
- 17 AYRES Ann b 1772 NJ; d 1852 ?
- 18 WILLSON Mahlon b c1768 NJ; d 1852 NJ
- 19 AMMERMAN Catherine
- 20 SIPES/SEIB George b 1759? ; d 1835 Bedford Co, PA
- 21 KLEIN Catherine b 1760 ?; d 1835 Bedford Co, PA
- 22 BARTON Noah d Bedford Co, PA
- 24 PRICE Robert b 1800 Sussex Co, NJ; m 1825 Pittsburgh, PA; d c1871 MO?
- 25 PERCHMENT Margaret b 1801 Allegheny Co, PA; d 1839 Beaver Co, PA
- 26 MERRIMAN John b c1803 ?; d 1884 PA

- 27 SMITH Sarah
- 28 DUNBAR Samuel b 1774 ?; d ? Allegheny Co, PA
- 29 MCQUISTION Mary Ann d 1829 PA
- 30 OLIVER Martin b c1790 Mifflin Co, PA; d 1866 Beaver Co, PA
- 31 FRAMPTON Mary b 1792 Mifflin Co, PA; d 1873 Beaver Co, PA

VI

- 34 AYRES Ezekiel b 1730 ?; m 1751 NJ; d 1796 Sussex Co, NJ
  - 35 STARK Anna/Annetke b 1731 ?; d 1778 Sussex Co, NJ
  - 36 WILLSON Samuel
  - 37 COLLINS Deborah
  - 42 CLINE Conrad d 1798 Bedford Co, PA
  - 48 PRICE David b 1759 NJ; d 1846 NJ
  - 49 AYRES Ann b 1772 NJ; d ?1856 ?
  - 50 PERCHMENT Peter m 1790 Allegheny Co, PA; d 1844 Allegheny Co, PA; Revolutionary War soldier
  - 51 POWELL Mary d 1850 Allegheny Co, PA
  - 60 OLIVER John
  - 61 WADE Elsie b c1750 Salem Co, NJ
  - 62 FRAMPTON Arthur d Allegheny Co, PA
  - 63 LAUREMORE Martha b c1759 Cumberland Co, PA; d 1842 Beaver Co, PA
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## From Our Members

MAGS member Annette Kunselman Burgert announces the publication of her latest volume, *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America*. It will be distributed to the 1992 members of the Pennsylvania German Society as the annual volume (number 26 in the current series). The 700+ page volume contains 628 emigrant families who came to the American colonies in the 18th century. Each family group record includes the name(s) of the immigrant(s), ship arrival data, European villages of origin, data on each family from the European church registers and information on many of the families after their arrival in America. The volume is Smyth-sewn, cloth, printed on acid-free paper. Cost is \$49.50 plus \$4.00 shipping and it may be ordered from AKB Publications, 691 Weavertown Road, Myerstown, PA 17067-2642.

MAGS member Kenneth Edwin Zimmerman and Elaine Obbink Zimmerman announce the publication of *Records of St. Paul's Cemetery 1855-1946*. The book is a transcription of the original cemetery register rearranged by the authors into burial lot order. Over 2000 names, an index and a history of the cemetery are included. The first entries in the ledger are transfers from the old cemetery owned by the Second German Evangelical Lutheran Church. Records prior to 1891 are written in old German script. Located atop a knoll in Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, the cemetery was once jointly owned by three German Lutheran Churches: Emmanuel Lutheran, St. Paul's and Matini Lutheran of South Baltimore. Cost is \$9.50 including tax and shipping and it can be ordered from Elaine Zimmerman, PO Box 276, Woodstock, MD 21163.

## Zur Information

The *Mechling/Mechlin/Macklin Family Newsletter*, Vol. VI:3 (September 1992) had a short article on Jacob Mechling (b. 1770) and his wife Mary Magdalena Drum, daughter of Simon Drum and Susannah Lauffler. Their pictures were included.

*Antique Week* featured a three-part series on ethnic German research in its November 2, 9 and 16th issues.

Noah G. Good will offer a course in **Pennsylvania German dialect** on Thursday evening, 7:00-10:00 p.m., February 25 to April 29, 1993 at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. For additional information call (717) 373-9745 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

Recent acquisitions by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society Library include genealogies on the **Latshaw, Huber, Martin, Weaver, Kreider, Snyder, Keplinger, Reiff, Reiber, Zouck, Oberholtzer, Ax, Wideman, Reiman, Frack, Seyfried, Repsher, Dietrich, Martin Flory, Peffley, and Mylin.**

Plans are in the works to publish the **index to St. Mary's County, Md., wills.** This index has been running serially in the St. Mary's County Genealogical Society's newsletter *The Generator*. For more information contact the Society at PO Box 3009, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

The Immigrant Genealogical Society has the **1990 West German phone books** on compact disc and will search for your surname for a small fee. Write the Society, PO Box 7369, Burbank, CA 91510-7369.

An article on **Czechoslovakian research** was published in the Fall 1992 issue of *German American Genealogy*, the Immigrant Genealogical Society's periodical.

A list of **Old German medical terms** along with the modern German and English translations appears in Volume 10, no. 2 (October-December 1992) issue of *Der Blumenbaum*, the Sacramento German Genealogy Society's quarterly publication.

The early settlers of Hacker's Creek (WV) which included a number of Germans recently celebrated their 10th anniversary by officially opening the **Central West Virginia Genealogical and Historical Library and Museum.** They also publish the *Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Newsletter*. Additional information about the society may be obtained by writing 745 Center Avenue, Weston, WV 26452.

"**Using Newspapers to Help You With Research,**" an article by Marthe Arnedts and Jack Sanders posted on the bulletin board of the Morman Annandale Family History Library suggests that a letter addressed to Die Redakteur (the editor), Die Zeitung (the newspaper), town, zip code might be successful. Trusting to the efficiency of the German postal system and people willing to help people may not always work, but its worth a try.

The **Thomas Balch Library** in Leesburg, a genealogical and historical research library, is now operating as a research library. For more information write Loudoun Genealogy Club, PO Box 254, Leesburg, VA 22075.

The November 1992 ( Vol. 16:3) issue of St. Mary's County Genealogical Society's newsletter, *The Generator*, includes a list of 320 graves at St. Nicholas Cemetery, St. Marys County.

A list of **religious sects or denominations** which were primarily German along with the address of their archives was published in the March 16, 1992, issue of *Antique Week*.

## Stephan from Die Lützel Burg

Stephan, whose marriage license is pictured on the opposite page, migrated from a village in Alsace called Lützelburg to a village north of Idar-Oberstein called Gemünden. The village of his birth derived its name, which meant "the Little Fort" (Die Lützel Burg), from a stronghold on the end of a ridgeline built by the Romans when Caesar occupied Gaul. Because Stephan had come from Lützelburg, the people of Gemünden called him Stephan the Lützelburger. Over the next 150 years that name evolved into Litzenberg and Homer L. Litzenberg has the origin of his name. He also has an almost completed 700-page manuscript about the origins of many families which used variations of this surname. As president of the Litzenberger-Litzenberg Association he is interested in all of the possible permutations. His address is 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 400; Fairfax, VA 22030.

### Translation of the Marriage License of Stephan from Lützelburg

I, Philipp Otto Römer, the Prince of Sponheim's bailiff for Dill, announce and make known herewith publicly, that in the name and according to the custom of my in every way most gracious and merciful Prince and Lord, the absolute proprietor of this laudable Farther County of Sponheim, I have officially authorized and have consented that Anna Margrehta, legitimate daughter of Hans Mosel from Schlierschied, may now legally marry herself to Stephan from Lützelburg, at present residing in Gemünden. Therefore, then, upon payment of one gulden, her serfdom, whereby she was bound and belonged to the highest and highly regarded, my most gracious and merciful Prince and Lord, inspiration of the Farther County of Sponheim, shall be terminated. To this entirely good and genuine document I have hereunder impressed my customary seal and signed with my own hand. So

given, Dill, the 14th November in the year 1614.

Philipp Otto Römer  
Baliff of Dill

The original of this document is preserved in the Schmidburger Archive in Gemgünden/Hunsrück, Chest M., Compartment VIII, Document Number 22.

Note: The former County of Sponheim lay in the Hunsrück Mountains between the Mosel and Nahe Rivers. In the thirteenth century it was divided into the Nearer or Front County (around Bad Kreuznach) and the Farther or Back County (Sponheim - Starkenburg).

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## Buchbesprechungen

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Lainhart, Ann S. *State Census Records* (1992) 116 pp.; Smyth-sewn; cloth.

Sparked by a request to speak at the FGS 1988 Conference in Boston because of her publication of the 1855 and 1865 Massachusetts state censuses, Ms. Lainhart's research led to the publication of this volume. Discovering that none of the published sources gave a completely accurate picture of the available state censuses, she set about the task of producing a true and accurate picture. While I cannot attest to her accuracy in all cases, her list of Virginia state census records is reliable. In addition to listing the surviving records, she provides published sources as well. Territorial censuses made prior to statehood are also included.

Order from **Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.**; 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. (800) 296-6687. Cost is \$17.95 plus \$3.00 shipping.



## Zur Information

*Carroll County Cemeteries, Volume 3: Southwest* is available from the Carroll County Genealogical Society, 50 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157.

The *Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society's Newsletter*, Volume 4:2 (Spring 1992) has a transcript of the **Dantzler Family Bible**. The original Bible is in the Calhoun County Museum, St. Matthews, South Carolina.

According to the Howard County Genealogical Society's newsletter, *The Family Tree*, No. 151 (May 1992), the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore has recently acquired a series of microfilm records: **Quarterly Abstracts of Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore 1820-1869**. The records contain names of passengers arriving in Baltimore as reported by every master of a vessel to the Collector of Customs, who then made the report to the U.S. Secretary of State. Usual information is name, age, sex, occupation, country of origin and destination. The reels are unindexed.

According to the July 27, 1992, issue of *Antique Week* the following libraries have placed standing orders for the **Germans to America** series: Fairfax (Va.) Public Library, Dallas Public Library, St. Lucie Co. Library (Fort Pierce, Fla.), New Orleans Public Library, Los Angeles Public Library, Allen County-Fort Wayne Public Library, Toledo-Lucas County (Ohio) Public Library, New York Public Library and the National Archives. The series begins in 1850 and is to continue through 1893 (Volumes 25 and 26, Jan. 2, 1871-April 1872) have been published. Four to six volumes are released per year at a cost of \$75.00 each. The lists provide first and last names, age, sex, occupation and province and village of origin whenever available. Each volume is indexed.

The purpose of the **German Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C.**, is to promote public awareness of German-American contributions to the community. The society is a constituent member of the Association for German Societies. As such it supports the annual German-American Day celebration held on October 6th at the German-American Friendship Garden. The Society encourages personal research and the Society archivist collects artifacts and memorabilia of the German-American experience in the greater District of Columbia area. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the months of September, October, November, December, March, April, and May at 8 p.m. at the Concord Club, 2434 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Membership dues are \$10.00 single and \$15.00 organizational or family may be sent to Robert E. Lee, Treasurer, GHS, 2827 Vixen Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

According to the Carroll County Genealogical Society's newsletter, Volume XI:3 (March 1992) the **Carroll County (Maryland) Public Library** is currently charging a \$10.00 fee for genealogical research requests (one hour research time and report.) The library employs a genealogy librarian and provides research materials, researchers, and clerical help. The new fee will help offset the costs.

An article on **translating and writing German using a computer software program** appears in *The German Connection*, the newsletter of the German Research Association, Vol. 16:3 (July 1992).

The December 1991 issue of the Prince William County Genealogical Society's newsletter has "**A List of Taxpayers for Hamilton Parish 1751.**" The area covered is now in the southern part of Fauquier County and apparently included Germantown, an early German settlement.



## 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.

Ralph Beaver Strasseburger and William John Hinke. *Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A Publication of the Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808, Facsimile Signatures Volume: 1727-1775* (1934, reprint 1992) xv, 893 pp.; illus.; smyth-sewn; cloth.

The first two volumes were reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Company; however, it is only now that the third volume, the one containing the facsimile signatures to the oaths of allegiance as well as the oaths of abjuration has been made available by Genealogical Books In Print. The original intent to add an index of first names had to be abandoned because it became apparent that there were too many variations of the same name, i.e., Hans, Johannes, John.

The lists are presented in chronological order by ship. Users must refer to the index in volume two to find individual names. The table of contents provides a listing of the ships and the date of arrival. Many researchers have found it extremely difficult to determine which of the many Jacob Schmidts was theirs. The reproductions in this book provide an opportunity to compare signatures with later documents thus proving relationships.

Order from **Genealogical Books in Print**, 6818 Lois Drive, Springfield, VA 22150 (703) 971-5877. Cost is \$40.00.

F. Edward Wright, *Newspaper Abstracts of Frederick County 1811-1815* (1992) vi, 206 pp.; full-name index; paper.

Mr. Wright continues his abstracts of western Maryland newspapers with this seventh volume made from newspapers in the microfilm collection of the Maryland Historical Society. All of the newspapers were published in Frederick except the *Engine of Liberty* which was published in Uniontown. Although duplicate items have been omitted, anything of interest to the researcher was abstracted including apple trees

for sale, a hair dresser who moves, chancery sales, marriages, deaths, desertions and land or other property for sale.

Order from **Family Line Publications**, Rear 63 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157. (410) 876-6101. Cost is \$14.50 postpaid.

Rose Barquist, Mary Frear Keeler and Ann Lebherz, editors. *The Diaries of Margaret Scholl Hood 1851-1861* (1992) xii, 468 pp.; illus.; maps; charts; place and full-name index; acid-free paper; smyth-sewn; cloth.

Although the index includes every-name it does not include every occurrence of every-name. Why in this day of computer indexing writers feel a complete index is unnecessary, is hard to understand. Surely the cost would not have been that much greater. Perhaps we look for too much from editors; however "It has been our goal to preserve the diarist's own style" and "we have corrected such gross grammatical errors as misuse of singular and plural verbs" appear to contradict each other. Either one preserves, i.e., transcribes or one translates. Many may consider the omission of a series of entries which simply comment on the weather or household chores as trivial, others would contend that they are informational. Granted we can always turn to the original and perhaps we should. Abstracts should really be a guide not a substitute and perhaps the same can be said for any rendering of a document by an editor. At least we are told specifically and in great detail what changes were made.

All caveats aside, this is an well-produced, extensively documented account of a decade of Frederick County's history. Over 2000 names are listed in the index. A book for both the historian and the genealogist, it offers an intimate glimpse into the life and times not only of Margaret Scholl Hood, but of her contemporaries in Frederick as well.

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Order from **Picton Press**, PO Box 1111, Camden, ME 04843. (207) 236-6565. Cost is \$28.00 postpaid.

Dale W. Morrow, editor. *Washington County, Maryland, Cemetery Records, Volume 1* (1992) iv, 149 pp.; full-name index; paper.

More and more local and even state organizations have seen the need for recording the information found in our fast disappearing graveyards too late to preserve many of the older ones. Washington County was lucky. Sometime prior to 1935 Samuel Webster Piper began recording cemetery records in Washington County. By the time he completed his task he had 54 notebooks of 80 pages each with 14 recording on each page. By 1942 the first three volumes of these records were typed and indexed by Louise L. Miller, Historian Chairman of Genealogical Research of the Conococheague Chapter, N.S.D.A.R., the remaining three were completed over the next five years. This publication of volume one covers the cemeteries in Sharpsburg and Williamsport Districts. Those interested in locating the actual grave may consult the original compilations complete with plats of the graveyards at the Washington County Free Library. Graveyards in this volume include private and church as well as the Antietam National Cemetery.

Order from **Family Line Publications**, Rear 63 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157. (410) 876-6101. Cost is \$16.50 postpaid.

Don Heinrich Tolzmann. *Ohio Valley German Biographical Index* (1992) vii, 78 pp.; paper.

With this volume Dr. Tolzmann, a leading scholar in the field of German-American studies, provides access to several major German-American works heretofore unindexed. These include *Cincinnati in Wort und Bild* (1888), *Deutsche Chronik in der Geschichte des Ohio-Thales und seiner Hauptstadt Cincinnati ins Besondere...* (1864), *Early Nineteenth-Century German Settlers in Ohio, Kentucky and other States: Parts 1-3* (1984) and *Cincinnati Sonst und Jetzt* (1878). Material in the four original sources varies from extensive biographical articles or notices to obituaries or brief references. The index includes 3,754 names; non-German names in the sources are excluded. While this selective index is helpful, an everyname edition would

have been much more valuable.

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*Maryland Calendar of Wills 1759-1764, Volume 12* and *Maryland Calendar of Wills 1764-1767, Volume 13* (1992) iv, 297 pp.; full-name index; paper.

Jane Baldwin Cotton began the publication of the *Maryland Calendar of Wills* in 1904 and completed eight volumes. Family Line continues the series and with these two volumes brings the total to 13 volumes. Although numerous other publications have dealt with individual counties, various periods or types of probate documents, this is the only complete continuous run of will abstracts. These abstracts are taken from the wills filed at the prerogative Court. Researchers may wish to consult not only the copy at the State Archives, but the original and the county copy where these still exist.

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Henry C. Peden, Jr. *Quaker Records of Southern Maryland: Births, Deaths, Marriages and Abstracts from the Minutes 1658-1800* (1992) vi, 116 pp.; map; full-name index; paper.

These abstracts were taken from the extant records housed at the Maryland State Archives and include the West River Monthly Meeting Register and Minutes (including Galloway Births); Cliffs Monthly Meeting Register and Minutes; Herring Run and Indian Spring Minutes; records of births, deaths and membership of Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting; and marriage certificates of West River, Herring Run and Indian Spring Monthly Meetings. Although the inclusive dates in the title are 1658-1800 the actual records include one birth for 1755 and a number of births after 1800 (when the first child born to the couple was prior to 1800). There are a number of references to Virginia residents reminding us again that our ancestors were not prone to "light and stay" in one place nor did they always marry the girl next door.

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*Bible Records of Washington County, Maryland: From copies, notes and in some cases, the Bibles themselves-on file at the Washington County Historical Society* (1992) 127 pp.; full-name index; paper.

Compiled from transcripts and copies of family and Bible records as well as actual Bibles housed at the Washington County Historical Library, this information may well exist no where else. Mr. Wright's unending search for Maryland research sources has indeed unearthed a treasure trove. However, users are warned that the information contained in this volume is often a transcript of a transcript and consequently subject to error twice over. Hager, Newcomer, Poffenberger, Eichelberger, Heimel and Schindel are among the names found. Information is not limited to vital statistics; occasional emigration information is included. Dates range from the early 18th to the 20th century.

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David A. and Brenda L. Paup. *Index to the Probate Inventories of York County, Pennsylvania* (1992) v, 161 pp.; paper.

As its title indicates, this is an index. However, unlike most indexes, it includes information beyond the name. This index is to the inventories of estates which are "filed in twenty-two four-drawer filing cabinets located in the storage room to the rear of the Clerk of Orphans Court office." The index provides the file name (decedent), date taken, township or borough and miscellaneous information which includes surname spelling variations, occupation, husband or wife, German language or interesting items listed in the inventory. Some estates were sold at public auction (noted in the index as vendue) and these records include the name of each item sold and the name of the buyer. Prior to 1800 the index includes those townships which became part of Adams County.

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Randy Kidd and Jeanne Stinson, *Lost Marriages of Buckingham County, Virginia* (1992) xii, 253 pp.; illus.; acid-free paper; full-name index; paper.

"The courthouse burned and all the records were lost." This is what many researchers hear when they attempt to trace their ancestors in some Virginia counties. Such is the tale Buckingham researchers hear; yet these compilers have "found" over 90 pages of lost marriages. Those who trace no ancestors to Buckingham may well want to consult the pages of this book to discover sources for records for other burned counties. The marriages in this volume were collected from family histories, newspapers, original bonds and licenses housed at the Virginia Historical Society, Bible records and a State Archives copy of the Buckingham marriage register for the years 1854-1869. A list of ministers and a surname frequency chart as well as a bibliography of Buckingham marriage records are also included.

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Larry G. Shuck, *Greenbrier County, [W] Virginia Records, Volume V: Greenbrier County Deed and Will Records* (1992) 362 pp.; acid-free paper; full-name index; paper.

Larry Shuck continues his compilation of Greenbrier source records with these abstracts of Deed Books 1-5 (1780-1814) and Will Book 1 (1777-1833). The transcripts of estate sales include all names. Additional information includes the list of land grants in Greenbrier County from *Sims Index to Land Grants in West Virginia* (in alpha order and not included in the index), a list of landholders for 1783 along with transfers for 1783 and 1784 and signers of the petition to form Greenbrier County. The limestone soil of Greenbrier County made it appealing to many Germans; they came early and stayed building prosperous farms. The early records of this county are filled with their names.

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Louis K. Koontz, *The Virginia Frontier 1754-1763* (1925, reprint 1992) 186 pp.; full-name (but not every name) index; paper.

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Originally published by John Hopkins University, this study of the French and Indian War is well documented and relies heavily upon manuscript sources including the Draper manuscripts and the Brock Collection at the Huntington Library, the Washington papers and various Virginia state documents. Any good researcher knows that a family cannot be traced in isolation; it is necessary to understand the time in which that family lived. The turmoil created by the French and Indian War and the consequent upheaval of people living beyond the Blue Ridge and especially those who had ventured beyond the Appalachians is little understood. County histories reference a few Indian raids, mention a fort and move on. A series of forts were established from below Knoxville on the Holstein to the Cumberland River, Koontz has compiled information about the actual sites as well as their experiences during the war.

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Bradley W. Stuart, editor, *Passenger Ships Arriving in New York Harbor, Volume 1: 1820-1850* (1991) xxvi, 352 pp.; illus.; hardcover.

This book contains a list of all passenger vessels arriving at the port of New York from 1820-1850 as listed in National Archives microfilm series M237. Each entry includes the date of arrival, name of the ship, type of vessel, name of the captain, port(s) of embarkation, three most prevalent nationalities on board, NARS roll number and Manifest number. Using this list, researchers can request the search of a specific ship's list for an ancestor from the National Archives or order a specific roll of microfilm from NARS, the Family History Library or various commercial sources. There is an alphabetical list of ships with a complete list of their dates of arrival. Researchers now have a place to begin their search when they have only an approximate date of arrival in the port of New York.

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Elizabeth Petty Bentley, *The Genealogist's Address Book, 1992-3 Edition* (1992) ix, 538 pp.; index; paper.

It's obvious that Ms. Bentley listened to her users and reviewers for her second edition of one of genealogy's most useful books comes with most of the complaints answered. Obviously she can't be responsible for unanswered questionnaires and a book of this kind must be based upon questionnaires. However, this time we know who answered and who didn't--an asterisk in the index indicates those organizations who answered the questionnaire and whose information should be considered current. Nothing is perfect, but it is obvious that Ms. Bentley is striving for perfection. We applaud the addition of an index as well as the inclusion of her own address so that corrections may be sent directly to her.

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William Wade Hinshaw and Thomas Worth Marshall, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Volume II: Pennsylvania, New Jersey* (1938) reprint 1991; 1126 pp.; index (last-name only); paper.

The records of the Quaker Monthly Meetings provide one of the few sources for early births, marriages and deaths in the Middle Atlantic states. Their record of removals form one of the few accurate sources of migration information. While Volume II is listed as Pennsylvania and New Jersey it actually contains the records of only four monthly meetings: the Salem (NJ) Monthly Meeting organized in 1676, the Burlington (NJ) Monthly Meeting organized in 1678, the Philadelphia Monthly Meeting organized in 1682 and the Falls (PA) Monthly Meeting organized in 1683. These are the four oldest meetings in the Philadelphia area, but they are by no means the only Quaker meetings to be found in these states. Quakers were a mobile group, quick to move to areas of new or greater opportunity. In the eighteenth century many moved south into Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

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