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Now, Who Can Tell Us

This is a copy of a letter written to G.V. Yager on January 11, 1898, by Dr. J.A. Houston, Warrensburg, Missouri, referring to the Yager genealogy, His mother was a Yager.

Dear Cousin:-- After the lapse of a long time, and many other trials too, I again find myself writing to you. Since our last correspondence, I have been in New Mexico, with two of my children, a girl and a boy, both died with consumption, Edd aged 24 and Loula aged 20, I tried to give them the best chance I could, to save them but to no purpose, I came to Warensberg to educate them in 1891, Four and have lost them all, William and Laura in 1891. Ed and Loula in 1898. I raised 9 children to be grown, and have three left. Since 1881 have lost six of the family, My wife and five children, My wife died of typhoid fever, showed no signs of consumption yet all of her children have had symptoms. Five girls her sister all stout pretty women, The disease skipped them, and fell heavily on the large families of their children. Looking back as far as I know over half or 50% have died half have died with consumption.

Well what have you learned about the fortune in the old Country, since our last letter, please tell me all you can I have had several letters from John C. Garr who has traveled over several States, and been to Europe, on this business, He proposes to sell a book of the histories of these familys, and pedegrees which sale will enable him [to] search more, by the sale of the books. Then will for a certain price set up our claim. He has moved from New York to Jacksonville Florida and has written me from both places, He still asks for the given name of our grand Father, and the hears of Aunt Sall Sallie Sarls, his exact words how can I find the names families of yours Aunts Mary Craig and Martha Paterson and Sally Sirls, He asks for Grandmother full maiden name. Was it Sally Woolard. any maiden name written me He says do try to find your grandfathers christian name asks for the name of my two sisters and their children, Who they married and address of each,

Now who can tell us more. a few years ago Mother aunt Nancy and your pa, uncle Jim all knew,

But who can now tell us is the question, Write very soon as I wish to answer these questions.

Signed Yours truly J A Houston

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

- 17 July Third Germanna Seminar,
Germanna Community College,
Locust Grove, Va. For info
write John Blankenbaker, PO
Box 120, Chadds Ford, PA
19317 (215) 388-1305

- 5-8 August "Gateway to the Past" Federation
of Genealogical Societies' 14th
National Conference at St.
Louis, MO. For info write
FGS, PO Box 3385, Salt Lake
City, UT 84110-3385.

- 30 Oct MAGS's Fall Conference
New Windsor, Md.

- 1994 "On to Richmond" Federation
13-15 Oct of Genealogical Societies' 15th
National Conference, Richmond
Centre, Richmond, VA

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.

From Our Members

The Frisbie/Frisbee Annual Reunion will be held at Falmouth Square Inn, Falmouth, MA, on September 9-12, 1993. Anyone seeking Frisbie/Frisbee ancestors is welcome. For information contact Robert Phelan, 24 Sand Castle Drive, East Falmouth, MA 02536 (507) 457-9147.

Descendents of Peter Philip and Anegel (Haufman) Hahn will hold their 71st Annual Reunion on 22 August 1993 in Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 p.m. For information contact Mrs. Lucy Hahn Stackhouse, 55 South Lehigh Avenue, Windgap, PA 18091 (215) 863-6117.

The Hull Family Association which includes English, Irish and German lineages will hold its eighth annual member's meeting and picnic/reunion in the Kansas City, Missouri area on 30-31 July 1993. Contact Ms Almyrta F. Long, 1017 South Silverlake Drive, Raymore, MO 64083 for information about the meeting or Col. Robert L. Hull, PO Box 22066, Merrifield, VA 22116-2066 for information about membership.

A member asks: Am I the only one who doesn't know how to read German? No, your editor is another; however, my husband does so I do have an interpreter albeit it a rusty one. For your information *fraktur* means broken letters which is a style of lettering used on these certificates. I'll try to remember to translate, if I can, other German terms used. Hint: Check the table of contents for some translations.

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Now, Who Can Tell Us

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On January 11, 1898, Dr. J.A. Houston of Warensburg, Missouri, wrote a letter to G.V. Yager. He closed with the words, "Now who can tell us more. A few years ago Mother, Aunt Nancy and your pa, uncle Jim all knew, But who can now tell us is the question." Today, we ask the same questions and lament the fact that we have let those who could have answered pass beyond our questions before we thought to ask them. Sometimes they leave tidbits behind. And, properly utilized, these tidbits can often point us in the right direction.

Leslie Yager died in 1947 in Hamburg, Iowa, at the age of 96. Among the papers he left were copies of three letters which offer tantalizing glimpses into the Yager family history. The first of these was written in 1898 by Dr. J.A. Houston, Leslie's great uncle. He refers to Garr's genealogy which includes a section on the Nicholas Yager family and references a 60 million dollar fortune which would fall to the heirs of Nicholas Yager. Published in 1894 John Wesley Garr's *Genealogy of the Descendants of John Garr* also provides on the Yager family primarily gathered through correspondence with family members. There is no documentation; however, many of the correspondents were writing from personal knowledge and, consequently, the information should not be totally discounted.

The second letter was written some forty years later by Leslie and documents some portions of the Yager family. Leslie can from personal knowledge give the names of his father and grandfather. Although he doesn't know the name of his great grandfather, he does know that he was married to Sarah Woolard in Culpeper County c1795/6 and he remembers hearing that two grandchildren, James Green Yager and James Beriman Yager were named after their grandfather. Research showed no such marriage

recorded in Culpeper. However, a James Yager of Madison County (formed from Culpeper in 1793) married a Sarah Woolard in Richmond County on 2 February 1796. Further research has uncovered no fewer than three contemporaneous James Yagers of Madison County: James, son of Elisha, James, son of Adam, and James, son of Solomon. One of these, believed to be Leslie's great grandfather, was living in adjacent Orange County with wife Sarah from 1803 to 1811 when they sold their property and left. It will take further research to determine the exact parentage. Even though the questions weren't asked, the letters left clues to follow. In time perhaps the other answers will come. And, if there are current researchers out there, Mr. William R. Yager, Jr. of 1017 West Vista Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85021, who furnished the copies of these letters, will be glad to correspond on the subject.

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In Memoriam

Robert Miller, Treasurer

He left for us the following thought:

The German puts strength before beauty, and truth before convention, both in life and in literature. There is a vehement, sledge-hammer vigor about everything he does. When he speaks it is not to impress others, but because his heart would burst if he did not find an outlet for the thoughts that burn in his soul.

Helen Keller, "The Story of My Life"

Hamburg, Iowa, June 6 1938

Mr. Ward Yager
County Attorney
Warsaw, Kentucky

Dear Sir:---

I received a letter from my cousin Mrs. Omar Blackburn at Carrollton. She said you were asking about our family of Yagers. Being the oldest member of the family she probably thought I would know more about it. Or was more available, than any other member of the family.

Your asking shows that you are interested, so instead of telling her I am going to take the privilege of writing you and tell you what I know about the family, I am interested too, in knowing who is who, and who is kin among the Yagers. In the past I have had a good deal of correspondence and written a good many letters relative to the matter.

My Grandfather Leroy C. Yager, died in 1874, I was 23 years old then and had lived with him from the time my mother died when I was 5 years old, and I heard him tell a good deal about the family.

Leroy Yager was borned in Virginia, I presume in Culpeper County as his parents were married there, In 1810 the family moved to Harison County, Kentucky. When Leroy was 7 years old. In 1816 They sold out there and moved to Galatin County, where his father had bought a farm. This farm was in the Drury Chapel neighborhood before they moved his father had taken sick and died. (I see I have the date of Leroy Yagers birth out He was borned December 14, 1803.) The family lived on that farm for a good many years, In 1825 my Grandfather was married to Julia Ann Turner — a daughter of George and Rebecca Turner, and a sister of Robert who died in 1888, Many of the older people there will remember him. He lived about 5 mile down the river from Warsaw. Leroy Yager had but one brother, and he had no children, His name was James Beriman Yager, He did have 5 sisters, I don't remember all of their given names but I do know who they married, There was Mrs. Charles Houston, -- she married before they left Harison County and remained there, the rest all lived in Galitin or Carroll County, There was Mrs. Frank Craig, They lived near the Turner farm on the Ohio river, Mrs. Maria Green, Mrs. Henry Hill and Mrs. Martha Jane Paterson, She lived in Ghent, and was the last one of that family to pass away, she died in 1882.

My Grandfathers Father was married at Culpeper Court House in Virginia. his wifes maiden name was Sallie Wollard. She was ?making at Ghent with Mrs. Paterson when she died. Which happened in 1867 when she was 89 years old. I never knew whether Leroy Yagers father had any brothers or sisters or not. He probably did have. You know those Germans are great folks to raise children, But if they did I dont remember of hearing Grandfather mention it. We never could find out what his given name was. The old folks that knew had passed away before any of us thought of trying to find out. I think his name must have been James as I heard some of the older folks say that James Berimen Yager was named for

him, also James Green another grandson. But we could not find any record of it, some one of the family wrote to the office at Culpeper Court house Va to have them look over the records of marriages to see if they could find a record of his marriage. The marriage must have taken place some where around 1795 or 96. Whoever it was that they -?- to said the records for that period had been destroyed during the Civil War His name ought to be on record in Warsaw, as he bought a farm in that county, We did have it looked up by some one, But they said that they could not find any Yager on the records except Zack Yager, and I know that was not his name.

A long about 1900 I bout a genealogy of the John Gaar family, written by a younger John Gaar, This older John Gaar was the manufacturer of the Gaar Threshing Machine, The reason I bought the book the publisher said it also had a genealogy of the Yager family, and he said there was the names of about three thousand I never counted them, but there was a lot of them.

This book was destroyed by fire in 1907 The following is taken from that as I remember it. Nicholas Yager came over form Germany and settled in Maryland in 1713. that he had a big family, and they married and spread out over Virginia and Kentucky. This book stated that there was a fortune of Sixty Million Dollars left in Germany to which this Nicholas Yager was heir and of course would have been inherited by his heirs, some of the family bit, and made up a pirse to send to the Consel over there to have it looked up. I will confess to contributing \$5. Myself though I did not think there was any thing in it, That much dont money dont go around begging for somebody to take it you know. Probably just published to sell the book all though there was a fortune left to the Fisher heirs and Piblished in the same book that was paid to heirs in the U S , This was a lesser amount and This man Fishter came over with Nicholas Yager and settled at the same place.

To speak farther of the Yager family, I heard my Grandfather mention Elijah Yager, and he lived somewhere in southern Ky, and Cornelious Yager Cornelious lived in California and died about 1900. My grandfather spoke of them as kin, but what kin or how I dont know though they were not of any of the family that I knew. There seems to be a family resemblance among Yagers a have seen though we could not trace any kinship.

I have tried to make this as plain as I could so you can understand it I hope I have not made myself tiresome, I expect you are a busy man, as county attorney. If you know anything about the Yager relation more than what I have told you I would consider it a great faver if you would write and tell me. I have noticed your name in the paper often, Last fall I received a letter form the Hon. Bent Spense Congressman from that District in which he mentioned you, and refered to you ""as my good friend "" I am not acquainted with Mr. Spense but the letter was written in reference to a paper my brother in law who lives near there showed him.

Yours Truly

Leslie Yager
1403 Main Street
Hamburg, Iowa

Hamburg, Iowa
Dec 30, 1939

Media Research Bureau
1110 F Street
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-----

About a year ago I sent for and received a booklet about the Yager family, I have a genealogy extending back to my great Grand Father Who was married at Culpeper Court House in Virginia, about 1776 I am sending you with this a copy of this genealogy, I am an old man myself will be 89 years of age Feb. 12, 1940. My Father was James Leroy Yager, his Father was Leroy Cole Yager (My grandfather) his Father was James Yager (my Great Grandfather, and that is as far back as I can go but there is 7 generations in this list I am sending you.

I have no documentary evidence that my Great Grandfathers name was James, the only evidence I have is I heard the old folks say when I was a boy, that a son, and a grandson of that name was named for him. I heard my Grandfather speak of an uncle Elijah Yager who lived in southern Ky at that time and a kinsman Cornelies Yager. Both of those might have been brothers of James Yager my Great Grandfather. I would like to know if the liniage of my great Grandfather could be traced back farther, There should be a record of his marriage to Sallie Wolard at the Culpeper Court House, as he was married there, I remember my great grandmother well as she lived at Ghent, Ky near where I was raised, and I was 16 years old when she died,

My Great Grandfather had a family of 8 children only 2 of them boys, and only one of them raised a family, and his son my granfather had a family of 6 girls and 3 boys, one of whom of course was my father, only two boys of this family raised families themselves, It seems these families run to girls and I only know of 8 male descendents living

I suppose I will hear from you any way let me know what can be done about carrying the Genealogy farther back,

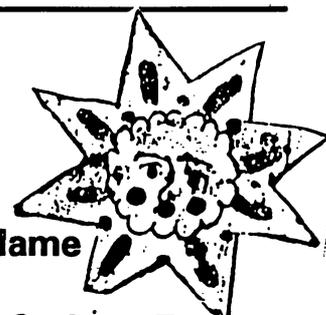
Respectfully Yours

Leslie Yager
1403 N Main Street
Hamburg Iowa

Coming in the next issue:

Lucretia Staley Six
Frederick County, Maryland

Fraktur Forum



Increasing Your Chances of Finding Fraktur With Your Name

by Corinne Earnest

Genealogists interested in finding fraktur from their families often ask about fraktur birth and baptism certificates from Europe. Although Germany, Switzerland, northern France, and other parts of Europe have a rich fraktur tradition, birth and baptism certificates never caught on in Europe. According to Professor Dr. Klaus Stopp,¹ the leading authority on American fraktur prints, the German counterpart to birth and baptism certificates was the Tauf-zedel, or baptism wish. This was a small decorated piece of paper with a religious text and a small wish written on it. This paper was often folded up and a coin placed inside as a gift to the child at baptism. Tauf-zedels have limited value for genealogists for they often list only the names of the Godparents and no other information.

Tauf-zedels were made in America, but never in great numbers. And scholars can only speculate why the birth and baptism certificate was popular here, but not in Europe. Knowing not to look for German fraktur birth and baptism certificates eliminates wasted time for researchers, but where should they look in America for fraktur birth and baptism certificates?

Fraktur became immensely popular in Pennsylvania, but their numbers drop off outside that state. Their numbers even decrease outside southeast Pennsylvania. Berks, Lancaster, Lehigh, Northampton, Northumberland, Union, Centre, York, Dauphin, Lebanon, and Bucks Counties seem to have the most fraktur. Outside Pennsylvania, German settlements in Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Ontario,

Canada are next in line for where fraktur birth and baptism certificates were made in significant numbers. Fortunately for genealogists, fraktur made outside Pennsylvania are usually birth and baptism certificates rather than other types of fraktur, but for some inexplicable reason, Germans who moved away from Pennsylvania did not feel as great a need to own these personal documents.

Some researchers look for fraktur birth and baptism certificates for their families dating prior to 1760. But most fraktur birth and baptism certificates date from about 1780 to 1920. Also, you are more likely to find printed fraktur with your family name rather than hand-drawn fraktur. The fraktur prints began to dominate the fraktur market about 1800. This is fortunate for genealogists wanting to own an original certificate with their surname on it. Hand-drawn fraktur can be pricey whereas the prints are generally more affordable unless, of course, they were decorated by a major fraktur artist.

Most of all, researchers looking for specific spellings of surnames increase their chances of finding family fraktur if they tolerate a wide variety of spellings. Fraktur artists and scribes spelled phonetically and some of their attempts to spell what they heard can be downright strange.

If researchers will keep these tips in mind, they greatly increase their chances of finding fraktur with their family names.

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.

¹ Professor Dr. Klaus Stopp is presently researching American printed birth and baptism certificates in preparation for publishing a book on them. If you know of printed fraktur dating before 1900 and can get a good, clear photocopy of it, please send the photocopy to Corinne Earnest, PO Box 490, Damascus, MD 20872. She will forward photocopies to Professor Dr. Stopp in Germany.

Zur Information

Publications containing articles mentioned in this column will be available from the MAGS Lending Library approximately six months after they are mentioned.

A list of 54 persons buried in Manchester's Lutheran and Reformed cemetery taken from J. Thomas Scharf's *History of Western Maryland, Volume II* were published in the Carroll County Genealogical Society's newsletter the *Carrolltonian* XII:3 (March 1993) as a supplement to their publication of the stones for God's Acre. Inscriptions from Ebenezer Cemetery are also listed in this issue.

As always, one finds something of interest in the Sacramento German Genealogical Society's quarterly *Der Blumenbaum*. The spring 1993 (10:4) issue includes an article entitled "What You Need to Know About Sending Money Abroad," and "Germanic Matriculation Registers."

The Immigrant Genealogical Society's quarterly *German-American Genealogy* Spring 1993 includes an article on "Rheinland-Pfalz Resources" as well a very interesting article on "Inland Travel — Up the Mississippi" taken from the 1855 diary of Mr. Rauschenbusch.

The March 1993 (19:3) issue of *Anne Arundel Speaks* includes an article about how to copy tombstone inscriptions.

Information from a Joyner family Bible appears in the Winter 1992 *Orangeburgh German-Swiss Newsletter*.

A success story in *The German Connection* (16:4 October 1992) "Tracking Down that Early Pennsylvania Immigrant Ancestor" reminds us of two very important research techniques: if all else fails, follow the brothers and sisters and/or look at the neighbors.

The Germanna Foundation's Seminar and

Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, July 17, and Sunday, July 18, at Germanna Community College. The Seminar will feature Elke Hall on "Life in an Early Eighteenth Century German Village," Carter Hudgins on "At the Edge of Empires: The Landscapes of Everyday Life in Early Eighteenth Century Virginia," Douglas Sanford on "The Search for the First Homes of the Germanna Colonists" and Sara Aylor Lewis with "The Contribution of the Germanna Settlers to Virginia and Beyond" For more information contact John V. Blankenbaker, PO Box 120, Chadds Ford, PA 19317 (215) 388-1305.

The Prince William County Genealogical Society is planning a Seminar/Workshop on Methods, Techniques and Resources for Family History Research on Saturday, September 11, 1993, in Manassas.

The Shenandoah County Historical Society is, among other projects, currently gathering information on county families. If you have information to share or would like to join the Society, the address is 300 Stoney Creek Blvd., Edinburg, VA (703) 984-8200.

The American Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society is planning a German Discovery Tour July 29 - August 12. For a detailed itinerary write to ASHHS Germany Tours, PO Box 313, Davenport, IA 52805-0313.

The Western Pennsylvania Genealogy Society's newsletter *XIX:7* (March 1993) *Jots From the Point* includes an article on the intricacies of the Pennsylvania's county court system which should be of help to Pennsylvania researchers.



Buchbesprechungen

Don Heinrich Tolzmann, *German Pioneer Life: A Social History* (1992) xi, 128, viii, 95 pp.; illus.; index; perfect-bound; paper; \$22.00 + \$3.00 shipping. Order from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste. 300, Bowie, MD 20716. (800) 398-7709.

Tolzmann continues his search for early works on the German immigrant and provides in this volume two early publications, Benjamin Rush's *German Pioneer Lifestyle* first published as a part of Volume 19 (1910) of the *Pennsylvania German Society Proceedings and Addresses* as "An Account of the Manners of the German Inhabitants of Pennsylvania, Introduction and Annotations by Theodore E. Schmauk. Notes by I. Daniel Rupp, revised" and F.J.P. Schantz's *The Domestic Life and Characteristics of the Pennsylvania-German Pioneer: A Narrative and Critical History Prepared at the Request of the Pennsylvania-German Society* (1900). Rush who was born in Bucks County in 1745 and wrote his essay in 1789, provides the more contemporaneous account. Rupp's extensive annotations provide additional detail. While it is unlikely that the researcher will locate a lost ancestor in these pages, he will discover a great deal of information about how his ancestors lived.

Robert Vernon, *A Bibliography of Abstracts and Compilations of Virginia City and County Records*, (1993) vi, 108 pp.; acid-free paper; perfect-bound; paper; \$12.95 + \$2.50 postage. Order from Iberian Publishing Company, 548 Cedar Creek Drive, Athens, GA 30605-3408

The vagaries of the Virginia State Library's computerized card catalog are many as users will attest. Perhaps the above compilation taken from the VSL&A database will lead to some much-needed improvements. Subject searches of the catalog system often lead to serious omissions of available source records. Two examples, of omissions here should provide some

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.

indication of the problem: Although John Frederick Dorman has published 5 volumes of Orange County abstracts, none of these are listed. Nor does one find Crozier's abstracts of Spotsylvania records listed under that county. Before one decides to eschew the above as incomplete, check McGinnis's *Virginia Genealogy: Sources & Resources* and you'll find that Volumes 1-4 of Dorman's Culpeper County deeds are omitted and five volumes of the Sparacio's deed and will abstracts for Orange are omitted. Utopia is still beyond our reach.

Serious researchers are aware of the importance of bibliographies and most spend a great deal of time compiling them. In pre-computer days this reviewer had three shoe boxes full of index cards listing Virginia references. Consequently, she is fully aware of the importance of such a compilation as this, even though there are omissions and, as the compiler states, it is out-of-date the minute it is printed. Omissions aside, any serious researcher should find a place for this volume on his library shelf.

Anne Ross Balhuizen, *Searching on Location: Planning a Research Trip* (1992) x, 102 pp.; index; perfect-bound; paper; \$8.95 + \$2.00 postage. Order from Ancestry, Inc., Dept. SRV, PO Box 538, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. (801) 531-1790.

Planning is essential to any successful endeavor and a research trip is no exception. While many readers may dismiss this volume on the basis that it is nothing more than good common sense, it is something that many researchers fail to follow. The most important part of the trip takes place before leaving home, it is the preparation before hand that leads to successful research, whether it is contacting Great-Aunt Sally to make sure she will be home or getting an up-to-date road map or confirming hours of availability at a local historical society. An hour spent reading through this volume and utilizing (continued on page 58)

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its check lists may well make the difference between spending an unsuccessful day in poison ivy-covered graveyards or discovering the tombstone of Great Grandpa Davis.

John K. Gott, *Fauquier County, Virginia, Deeds 1778-1785, Volume 2* (1993) vii, 112 pp.; full-name index; perfect-bound; paper; \$15.00 + \$3.00 shipping per order. Order from Heritage Books, Inc.; 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste. 300; Bowie MD 20716. (301) 390-7709.

John Gott is a noted authority on both Fauquier County and the Germanna Colony of Orange County, many of whom moved to Germantown in the southern Fauquier. Although a number of histories of the county have been written, few of its records have been abstracted, thus this second volume of deeds which carries through the Revolutionary War is deeply appreciated. During this period many of the county's residents moved on to the valley or even further as migration followed into the south and west. Many names are recognizable Tidewater families and the list of abbreviations which includes Stafford, Westmoreland, Northumberland and Lancaster attest to this. Even some Valley names are apparent as backward migration did occur; more often than some believe. Each abstract gives the names of the grantor(s) and grantee(s) and all other individuals including spouses, dates written and recorded, by whom proved, water and other identifying land feature. In addition to deeds, one finds leases, contracts of sale, commissions, mortgages and apprenticeships.

Mary B. Kegley, *Glimpses of Wythe County, Virginia* (1986) ix, 218 pp.; illus.; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; cloth; \$21.95 + .85 (Va. tax). Order from Kegley Books, PO Box 134, Wytheville, VA 24382.

For a number of years Mary Kegley has authored a column in her local newspaper titled "Kegley's Corner" where she writes about a variety of early Wythe subjects. In addition, to articles on families and individuals the columns cover taverns, ordinaries, coffin makers' records, travel, cemeteries and all those other subjects that make up a county's history. This volume

includes those columns published between 6 September 1983 and 27 November 1985 as well as several articles which appeared in the *Wythe County Historical Review* and in the *Proceedings of the New River Symposium*.

The author is a well-known authority on the history of the area about which she writes and the reader will find that this volume contains documented history not hearsay. Whether one is researching the area or just wants some enjoyable armchair reading, this book will fit the bill.

Mary B. Kegley, *Glimpses of Wythe County, Virginia, Volume 2* (1988) ix, 199 pp.; illus.; full-name index; perfect-bound; paper; \$15.00 + .54 (Va. tax). Order from Kegley Books, PO Box 134, Wytheville, VA 24382.

A companion to the first volume of *Glimpses of Wythe County, Virginia* Volume 2 contains the "Kegley's Corner" columns for the period between 12 December 1985 and 21 December 1987. In addition, the 1770-1773 tithable lists from the author's earlier and now out-of-print *New River Tithables* are included along with two lists of pioneers on the Clinch and Holston Rivers which were not in the original publication. The range of topics includes tax records, taverns, frontier congregations, divorces, potters, lead mines and numerous families and individuals.

W.W. Abbot and Dorothy Twohig, editors, *The Papers of George Washington, Colonial Series, Volume 8, June 1767—December 1771* (1993) xxi, 654 pp.; Smyth-sewn; cloth; full-name index; \$47.50 + \$3.00 postage (Va. residents 4½% tax). Order from The University of Virginia Press, Box 3608 University Station, Charlottesville, VA 22903-0608. (804) 924-3469.

Many of us spend interminable hours searching for information about the lifestyle and events during an ancestor's life. We wonder about practices dealing with land purchase, rentals, etc., and we overlook one of the most easily accessed sources, printed manuscripts of notable people. Among these are the *Papers of George Washington*. In Volume 8, one finds, among other items, a letter to his brother Samuel Washington, discussing the lease/rental of property and the possible

sale of some pieces. Not only are the terms of the leases detailed, but many of the leaser's names are given. Other items of interest include the minutes of the meeting of the Mississippi Land Company, Washington's list of tithables for 1768, 1769 and 1770 including the names of slaves, an account of expenditures for a trip to the Great Kanawha which includes notes about places stopped, correspondence about land grants in western Virginia, memorandum of

a list of quit rents [1769], list of slaves with their ages belonging to Washington and John Parke Custis, and numerous cash accounts, often listing people's names and letters. Both the bibliography and the footnotes provide additional sources of information. Extensive annotations give added details of people and events. Certainly this is a source that colonial Virginia researchers, especially those in the Northern Neck, would find useful.

AHNENTAFEL

Carl M. SHRADER
10 St. Andrews Garth, Severna Park, MD 21146

- 1 SHRADER Carl M b 21 September 1928 LaFayette Christian Co. KY
 - 2 SHRADER Raymond Hill b 20 December 1894 Clinards Store Stewart Co, TN; d 18 Nov 1977
 - 3 CLARDY Constance LaRue b 10 Jan 1906 Near Weavers Store Stewart Co, Tn
 - 4 SHRADER William Henry Overton b 20 July 1855 Trigg Co, KY, d 3 April 1932
 - 5 BRYANT Addie Thompson b 17 September 1860 Montgomery Co, TN d 15 November 1931
 - 6 CLARDY Thomas Morton b 11 Nov 1858 Near Weavers Store Stewart Co, TN d 22 Nov 1937
 - 7 CARTER Willie Gertrude b 2 January 1858 French Lick Christian Co, KY d 18 March 1949
 - 8 SHRADER Michael W. b 16 November 1796 Bourbon Co, KY d May 1865
 - 9 HARDIE (Hardy) Mary Jain (Jane) b February 1827 Trigg Co, KY d c1895
 - 10 BRYANT George Washington b 26 May 1817 d 7 March 1899
 - 11 ROSE Nancy E. b 31 December 1829 d 3 July 1902
 - 12 CLARDY Joseph B. b ?1814 VA d 22 January 1886
 - 13 SHEMWELL Emily E. b 24 July 1823 d 18 July 1893
 - 18 HARDIE (Hardy) Thomas L b c180 VA
 - 19 Unknown
 - 24 CLARDY James Harrison 20 November 1786 VA d 30 September 1846
 - 25 DANIEL Henrietta Luritta b 25 April 1783 d 6 March 1838
 - 27 ? Mariam (Milly) b 28 August 1788 d 16 October 1858
 - 48 CLARDY John b 1740 Mecklenburg Co, VA
 - 49 BULLINGTON Mary Elizabeth
 - 96 CLARDY Benjamin ?Amelia Co VA d 1792
 - 97 ? Millicent d 1803
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Virginia Will Records From the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, the William and Mary College Quarterly and Tyler's Quarterly (1982, rpt. 1993) xvii, 984 pp.; illus.; full-name index; Smyth-sewn; cloth; \$45.00. Order from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. (800) 296-6687.

Through the years the editors of three of Virginia's most prestigious early quarterlies published numerous wills. Many were abstracted from county records, others were discovered in loose papers, archive collections and miscellaneous repositories. This compilation of early will records includes records from 34 Virginia counties as well as Maryland and England. Numerous burned county and 69 verbatim wills including those of John Rolfe, Ambrose Madison and Thomas Marshall are also included. A source-book found on most genealogical library shelves, it is one which serious Virginia researchers will wish to add to their collection.

John Frederick Dorman, editor, *The Virginia Genealogist, Volume 5, 1961* (1961, rpt. 1992) 234 pp.; full-name index; perfect-bound; paper; \$20.00 + \$3.00 shipping per order. Order from Heritage Books, Inc.; 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste. 300; Bowie, MD 20716. (301) 390-7709.

Heritage Books continues its reprints of John Frederick Dorman's *Virginia Genealogist*. In Volume 5, the "Guide to Counties of Virginia" covers the counties of Berkeley through Braxton. Also included are the 1800 tax list for Amelia County, a portion of Amherst's list, abstracts of Middlesex County wills 1713-1734, a continuation of "Local Notices from the *Virginia Gazette* 1780" and various marriage, Bible and Revolutionary War records as well as Ohio County petitions and a number of family genealogies. Among the features most welcome to the

researcher is the index which includes maiden names, an extensive place name index, and "see also" references which provide a check of alternate spellings.

John Frederick Dorman, editor, *The Virginia Genealogist, Volume 6, 1962* (1962, rpt. 1992) 237 pp.; full-name index; perfect-bound; paper; \$20.00 + \$3.00 shipping per order. Order from Heritage Books, Inc.; 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Ste. 300; Bowie, MD 20716. (301) 390-7709.

In this volume the editor continues his series, "A Guide to the Counties of Virginia" (and West Virginia) with Brooke through Campbell Counties. He concludes his abstracts of Middlesex County wills 1713-1734, "Local Notices from the *Virginia Gazette* 1780, the 1800 tax list for Amherst County and Augusta County's 1800 tax list. Most importantly he begins his abstracts of "The British Mercantile Claims" a source of information about Virginians and their migration during and after the Revolutionary War.

Carol McGinnis, *Virginia Genealogy: Sources & Resources* (1993) xi, 494 pp.; maps; bibliography; index; Smyth-sewn; cloth; \$35.00 + \$3.00 postage. Order from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. (800) 296-6687.

Although the Virginia State Library and Archives has published a number of finding aids on Virginia resources, until now no state-wide research reference has been available. This guide is not perfect; in fact its section on published Virginia county records is lacking (see previous review on Vernon's *A Bibliography...of Virginia Records*); however, the overviews of the various types of records are very well done. And, the author has provided the source of her information in footnotes. Simply said, this book should be on the shelf of every (continued on page 61)

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Virginia library and in the hands of every Virginia researcher.

Computer Corner

Precision' Indexing, *West Virginia: 1870 Census Index* (1992) 8 3½-DD disks (5¼ available); \$59.95. Order from **Historic Resources, Inc.**; PO Box 254, Bountiful, UT 84011. (800) 657-9442. Add 3% for postage.

Printed statewide references are large and expensive to produce; their cost places them out the reach of the average researcher. For those who have a computer, Precision Indexing's KwikSearch Datasets, offer an alternative. The information in the West Virginia 1870 Census Index is the same as that used in the print version. The cost, however, is much less. Information includes the name, age, sex, race, birthplace, locality and county of residence, and census series, roll and page number. In addition to the head of household, anyone residing in the home who has a different surname, any males 50 years old or older and any female 70 years old or older, all individuals in orphanages and individuals in a household with the same last name but a different race are listed. Individuals with the same given name are listed in order of age. As with other KwikSearch Datasets, the information can either be loaded on the hard drive or used directly from a floppy. Printing is via the DOS Print Screen utility. Requirements are minimal: IBM PC or compatible, 512K memory, monochrome or CGA, EGA or VGA monitor and DOS 3.0 or higher. The VisionView program necessary to view the dataset is shipped free with the dataset. The disks are not copy protected and help is available via phone from friendly and knowledgeable people. The instructions for installation and use are easy to follow. A multiple-page document file explaining the abstraction process can be printed via your word processor or directly from DOS.

Oops!

We did it again. Sorry, our information about Baltimore church interments was incorrect. Here is how it works:

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The address for the Awalts is
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Awalt
2207 Westridge Road
Timonium, MD 21093-3218

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WEIGAND #11-31 Seek pl/b in Germany, and parents of Christian/Sebastian Raphael
WIEGAND WEIGAND/WIEGAND, b 1811. Ar Port of Baltimore 1834, ship not listed.
CANDLER Lynchburg, VA by Aug 1846, when he married Mary Jane CANDLER.
Appreciate ANY info.
Mrs. William P. Matthews, 303 Shadow Valley Rd., High Point, NC 27262

HOENICKE #11-32 Seek parents EMMA HOENICKE/HONICKE b 10 May 1859 in
HONICKE Germany, possibly Potsdam area. Fa a brickmaker. She worked Berlin prior
JUNKERMANN to immigrating c1880; m. OTTO P. JUNKERMANN in NYC c1881. Lvd
NYC until c1910.
Ruth Martin, 6313 Desert Flame Drive, San Jose, CA 95120-3919

RAILE/REILE #11-33 Wish to share info abt desc of sibs and desc of SAMUEL/SIMON
RALEY RAILEY/RALEY (& all of abv) b 1816 or ca 1819 Germany. To US ca
RALEY 1840, d 1860 Allegany Co. MD (now Garrett Co., MD) German spelling may
RILLEY have been RAILE, REILE.
RILEY E. M. Raley Smith, 12 Strawhat Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

HASSINGER #11-34 Seek parents of Jacob HASSINGER b c1810, Bedford Co. PA. Marry
HAUSINGER Rebecca --?. Ch: Unab, Reuben, John, Cordella, Romina. Mvd to Richland
HAUZINGER Co., Ohio c1830.
R. K. Birdwhistell, 35 Blythewood Road, Pensacola, FL 32514

HELBERT #11-35 Seek info parents of Jacob HELBERT/HILBERT b 1 Jan 1794,
HILBERT Montgomery Co, PA; m. Elizabeth MOCH; d 26 Nov 1884, Ashland Co, OH.
HILBERD/MOCH R.K. Birdwhistell, 35 Blythewood Rd., Pensacola, FL 32514

VARNER #11-36 Seek info Adam and Christina VARNER. Earliest info found: son,
John b 2 Sept 1772 in Shenandoah Co., VA. Other Ch: Conrad, Abraham,
Henry, Adam, Jr., George, Jacob, Regina, Peggy, Catherine, Peter & Joseph.
Is there connection w/ Philip VARNER also lvg Shenandoah Co?
Micki Crozier, 10502 N. 135th W., Sedgwick, KS 67135-9675

VARNER #11-37 Seek info on 3 Ch of Adam and Christina VARNER, livg Shenandoah
BLAGG Valley of VA: (1) dau, Peggy m Joseph BLAGG or BRAGG 1820; (2) s Peter
BRAGG m Anna COOK ca 1811; (3) s John b 2 Sept 1772 m Mary; d 1822.
COOK Micki Crozier, 10502 N. 135th W., Sedgwick, KS 67135-9675

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- FOX #11-38 Seek parents, pl/b etc. of Susannah FOX b 1776. Marry George
FOUCH BARNHOUSE (BORNHAUS) 21 March 1805, Loudoun Co. VA by John
FOUCHE Littlejohn. Mvd fr Lovettsville, area to Springfield Twp, Jefferson Co., Ohio
BARNHOUSE 1814. Died there 17 May 1842. Bur Coleman Cem near Amsterdam. Will
BORNHAUS share info.
Kay Barnhouse Stout, 43671 South Acres Rd., Caldwell, OH 43724-9619
- BARNHOUSE #11-39 Seek info on Ch of Christoph BORNHAUS, Hessian soldier, b 14 Oct.
BORNHAUS 1757 Datterode, Hesse, Germany. Married Rosina ROLLER 11 Aug 1784,
BURNHOUSE New Jerusalem Church, Lovettsville, Loudoun Co., VA. Died 1 May 1833,
ROLLER Springfield Twp. Jefferson Co. Ohio. Seek info on wife and ch of brother
Jacob, d 1 March 1802; bur New Jerusalem Lutheran Ch.
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- ROELL #11-40 Seek info on Johannes/Jean/John ROELL/RÖLL b. 1817-1828? Wife:
RÖLL Katherine/Catherine Ramsberger; address: 792 3rd Ave., NYC; trade: cabinet
maker; d. between 1876-7; Where & when did he die? Where is he buried?
William P. Roell, 15 Bruce Lane, North; Kings Park, NY 11754-4504
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RÖLL, bapt. St. Peters Lutheran Church; father: John/Jean; mother:
Katharine/Catherine; Address: 792 3rd Ave., Manhattan, NY; siblings: John,
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OLDERMANN and Erna Sophie OLDERMANN immigrated in 1925 from
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Margarete Oldermann Halloran, 9877 Via Caceres, San Diego, CA 92129
- TRENTLY #11-43 Seek info on Pius TRENTLY b. 11 Ap 1808 Baden, Ger; d. 9 Jun
1889 Hazleton, Pa.; May have immigrated 1857 thru Boston leaving two sons
Alfonso & Lafayette in Germany
Norm Drasher, 45W Fishing Creek Road, Eppers, PA 17319
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RÖLLE Laugenbruch Kreis Neu Stadt, Ger; son of Frederick (Fritz) ROELLE/RÖLLE
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