



Are Your Pennsylvania German Ancestors Really Swiss?

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To understand the emigration to America, we must first understand some of the events that preceded it. We have read and heard occasional references to the Thirty Years' War as we study this emigration and attend various seminars. The Thirty Years' War started in 1618 and ended in 1648, thirty-five years before the founding of Pennsylvania and sixty years before the first large colony of Germans came to New York, but the effect of that war, and several smaller wars that followed, had a great influence on the subsequent emigration. For those who survived the battles, hunger, high prices and disease were waiting, and it was usually the disease that took the highest toll. The plague swept through Europe and many villages were totally destroyed or depopulated. At the end of the wars, a few new settlers came into the devastated areas from villages in Austria, Wuerttemberg and Baden and France; but by far, the largest number of new settlers who came to repopulate the area were from Switzerland. One of the areas that has been researched is the Kraichgau.

The book, *Swiss Immigrants in the Kraichgau after the Thirty Years' War*, lists more than five thousand names and in many cases, the village of origin in Switzerland¹. Another source, giving more family detail of some of the Swiss in the Kraichgau is my volume about emigrants from the Northern Kraichgau². A helpful source of

information on Mennonites in the Kraichgau and other German areas is the published Mennonite census lists. These lists were originally published in *The Mennonite Quarterly Review* in 1940 and 1941. They have been republished by Mennonite Family History, Elverson, Pennsylvania.

Similar lists of Swiss settlers exist and have been published for the German districts of Hanau-Lichtenberg and Nassau-Saarnverden, both territories that are today a part of Alsace. Both areas saw a large influx of Swiss after the wars in this area. These lists were published many years ago, and are out of print, but copies are available in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City³.

After the defeat of Louis XIV in 1697, many Reformed Swiss families came into the area and they appear in large numbers in the Reformed parish records at Diedendorf. Eventually many of these families participated in the emigration from this region in the 18th century. They are documented in my recently published volume about emigrants from the northern Alsace⁴.

Canton Bern provided the majority of Swiss immigrants into the Alsatian territories. In Nassau Saarwerden a total of 441 families with identified origins arrived in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries, over 400 of them from Canton Bern, and only 14 from Canton Zurich, plus a few from other Cantons. In Hanau-Lichtenberg there were (continued on p. 85)

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- 22 April **MAGS Spring Conference:** "The Other (Irish) Palatines" & "Saints, Sinners and an Occasional Horse Thief" featuring Hank Jones, Antrim Restaurant, Greencastle, PA (12 miles north of I-70 and adjacent to I-81). The Antrim is a restored Victorian restaurant.
- 18 March Fairfax Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar featuring Myra Gormley. For info contact Chuck Novak 703-444-2445.
- 8 April Virginia Genealogical Society's Spring Meeting: "Early Virginia: From Tidewater to the Valley and Beyond" Omni Hotel, Charlottesville, Va. For info write the Society, 5001 W Broad St, Ste 115, Richmond, VA 23230; 804-285-8954.
- 3-6 May 1995 NGS National Conference: "San Diego: A Place to Explore." For info write NGS, 4527 17th St, N, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.
- 20-23 Sept 1995 FGS National Conference: "From Sea to Shining Sea," Seattle, Washington. For info write 1995 Conference, 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.

Many MAGS members received the registration booklet for FGS/VGS Conference "On to Richmond" in late August. While we would like to be able to blame the post office for the delay, it wasn't their fault. We do apologize and hope that you came and had an enjoyable time.

Barbara Vines Little, Host Society Chair

Zur Information

The "Hartsook Family Bible" was published in the *Carrolltonian*, Vol. XIV:1 (Sept. 1994); records from the **Jacob Inabit Bible** appear in the *Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Vol. 4:8 (Fall 1993).

Information from the seven known to be extant **South Carolina fraktur** appeared in the *Journal of Early Southern Decorative Arts*, Vol. V:2 (Nov. 1979) "Fraktur in the 'Dutch Fork' Area of South Carolina" by Brent H. Holcomb and Christian Kolbe and are reprinted with permission in the *Orangeburgh German-Swiss Newsletter*, Vol. 5:4 (Sept. 1994).

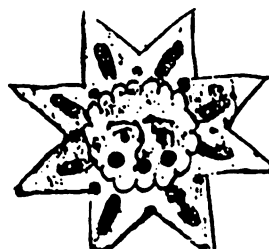
MAGS' member Michael E. Hartle has recently completed a novel, *Nie Wieder: Never Again, A Thrilling Saga of one Man's Journey in a Resurgent Germany*. Copies (\$7.00 ppd.) are available from the author, 304 Sunny Brook Terrace Road, #714, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

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Fraktur Forum

Diehl Fraktur



by Corinne Earnest

Blanche Diehl Rattigan asked about the name DIEHL on fraktur. She mentions her ancestor Abraham DIEHL (1790-1845). We found an Abraham DIEL mentioned as a sponsor on one birth and baptism certificate (Taufschein), but this Abraham is probably not her direct ancestor. The Abraham on the fraktur was married to a woman named Catharine by 1805 when the baptism took place, so this Abraham was probably older than Blanche's ancestor. However, for others who might be interested, the Taufschein was made for John George WOLLEBER, son of John Philip WOLLEBER and his wife Margareta, nee ROTH. John George was born March 4, 1805, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was baptized September 1, 1805 by Emanuel SCHULTZ. Information from this fraktur is courtesy of the Dietrich American Foundation.

Other early certificates we found having the name DIEHL include one made for Philip DIEHL, son of Philip and Anna Maria DIEHL. Anna Maria's father was Johannes WEYERBACH. Philip was born March 12, 1797, at about six in the morning in Centre County, Pennsylvania. He was baptized June 18, 1797, by Pastor ESPICH. Sponsors were Wilhelm and Barbara EHRLY. The whereabouts of this certificate is unknown.

A Wilhelm and Rohel (Rachel DIEHL) MOHARTER had Maria, born December 14, 1813, in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Maria was baptized March 12, 1814, by Reverend MELLER. This and a related certificate are in a private collection. The related certificate was made for Rachel DIEHL, Maria's mother. Rachel was the daughter of Felix and Elisabet (STENN?) DIEHL. Rachel was born April 10, 1793, at about 11 o'clock in the morning in Adams County, Pennsylvania. She was baptized May 12 (?) by Jacob GERINGER.

Sponsors were Johannes (VICKES?) and his wife Elisabet.

An Elisabeth THIEL was the wife of Johannes SCHAUDE. They had a daughter named Catharina on November 9, 1795, in Greenwood Township, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Catharina was baptized February 23, 1796, by Reverend GENTZEL. Sponsors were David and Elisabeth HEÜSER. This Taufschein is shown on LDS microfilm #1293549.

An early Taufschein was made for Margaretha KLOCK, whose mother was a DIEHL. Margaretha was the daughter of Jacob and Catharina KLOCK. She was born September 15, 1798, and baptized by Anton HAUZT, perhaps in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Sponsors were Peter and Elisabetha KLOCK. Margaretha married Daniel SCHLABIG. This certificate is in the Free Library of Philadelphia.

A certificate was made for Maria Anna CONRATH, daughter of Johannes CONRATH and his wife Lydia (DIEHL) CONRATH. Maria Anna was born in Augusta Township, Northumberland County, the morning of September 26 (?), 1826 (?). She was baptized by Reverend J.P. SCHINDEL, Lutheran (no date given). The sponsor at her baptism was Maria CONRATH. This fraktur (#218) is pictured in Donald A. Shelley's *The Fraktur-Writings or Illuminated Manuscripts of the Pennsylvania Germans* published by The Pennsylvania Society in 1961.

A Taufschein for Catharina JUNG was sold at Sotheby's Auction in New York on June 23, 1988, (Lot #110). Catharina was the daughter of Georg JUNG and his wife Susanna (DIEHL) JUNG. Catharina was born May 2, 1811, in Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. She was baptized June 15, 1811, by Pastor SCHEFFER, Lutheran. Sponsors were Michael DELANG and

Maria HOFFMEN.

We were unable to trace the whereabouts of a Taufschein made for Daniel HEILMAN whose mother was a DIEHL. Daniel HEILMAN, the son of Daniel and Gertraut HEILMAN, was born December 25, 1829, in Augusta Township, Northumberland County. He was baptized February 15, 1830, by Reverend FISHER. Sponsors were David MELIG and his wife Catharina. We excerpted this information from typed notes rather than from a photocopy of the fraktur, but we presume the information is accurate. These notes were provided by the Northumberland County Historical Society.

The name DIEHL appears on numerous other fraktur, including a few listed in our series, *German-American Family Records in the Fraktur Tradition*, Volumes I through III. However, we have listed here only examples from Northumberland and Schuylkill Counties where Blanche's early ancestors settled. Cumberland and Northumberland Counties at one time encompassed many of the counties mentioned on the above fraktur, possibly making these early certificates relevant to Blanche's family history.

Blanche also mentioned an ancestor named Casper HEPLER, Jr. (1751-1816). We found mention of him on two fraktur. The information from one comes from typed notes, but we trust the information is correct. Casper HEPLER and his wife Anna Maria were sponsors at the baptism of their grandson Benjamin REITZ, born July 19, 1808, at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon in Upper Mahanoy Township, Northumberland County. Benjamin was baptized by Pastor WALTER (no date given). His parents were Jacob REITZ and his wife Anna Maria, nee HEPLER.

We learn from another fraktur that Casper's wife's maiden name was SCHMIDT. She and Casper HEPLER are listed as parents of Anna Maria HEPLER, born at noon on July 19, 1786. She was born in Upper Milford Township, Northampton County, and baptized by Reverend HELLFRICH. The photocopy we have of this fraktur, provided by the Northumberland County Historical Society, is too poor to make out the name of the sponsor.

If you wish to have Corinne Earnest look for your family name on fraktur please send your request to the editor of *Der Kurier* by the end of the month of publication, i.e., for inclusion in the June issue, requests should be sent by the end of March. As always, first requested, first printed.

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sources is also included. Each state is presented separately. In the section under Virginia, American Revolution, a card file index to the Public Service Claims is listed, yet there is no reference to the actual records or to the three-volume set of abstracts compiled by Janice Abercrombie and Richard Slatten. Any attempt to cover a subject of this immensity is going to fall short of being complete. Readers should use it as a guide and not as the final word on what exists. As a guide, it is an excellent resource and should be on every library shelf.

Dolores Crumrine Rutherford, *The Detter-Dettor Family of York County Pennsylvania and Virginia* (1994) 27 pp.; full-name index; stapled; softcover; \$5.00 postpaid. Order from the author, 1758 Carmelo Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608-5764.

This small volume is an excellent example of how to publish a family genealogy without spending a lot of money. The author has preserved her research and reproduced it so that others may benefit. She has, in addition, produced a well-written, documented account of her family from its origins in Pennsylvania through its migration to Amherst, Nelson and Augusta counties. The Messencop, Strücker, Hütig and Spahr families are also treated.

Calvin E. Schildknecht, *Monacacy and Catoclin, Volume III: Additions and Corrections to the History of Frederick County, Maryland, by t.J.C. Williams and Folger McKinsey* (1994) vi, 307 pp.; illus.; bibliography; full-name index; smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$31.50 ppd. Order from Family Line Publications, Rear 63 East Main St., Westminster, MD 21157; 800-876-6103.

Many county histories were published in the early 1900s. They usually followed a format in which the county history was presented followed by undocumented mini-family histories which were usually produced by individual families and varied widely in their accuracy. In this volume, the author corrects inaccuracies and adds new data providing an updated history. He relies heavily (continued on p.88)

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more than 1100 Swiss with Cantons identified; 972 came from Canton Bern; about 70 came from Canton Zurich, and only a few from other Cantons. In addition to the two areas already mentioned, the Northern Kraichgau and Alsace, many other regions were also similarly affected by the frequent wars. The Palatinate, Baden, the Odenwald, all experienced destruction and repopulation.

Similar conditions existed throughout other German lands. Rothenburg, a lovely ancient walled city, is a tourist mecca today. In the 17th century Rothenburg ruled over a region of 400 square kilometers in Southwest Franconia and included approximately 100 villages within its territory. In 1618 when the war started, there were 1,503 taxable peasant households. By 1641, there were 447 households, a loss of 70%, and about 25 of the villages were completely uninhabited. By 1700, this territory had recovered its pre-war size and population.

In the Odenwald, a forested region located primarily in southern Hessen, the years 1634 to 1636 were so bad that they have a special name for that period: the *Schreckensjahren*, the horror years. Almost 90% of the people in southern Hessen died and many villages were depopulated. Most of the pastors died of the plague or were killed by soldiers; church records were lost or destroyed in many places. After 1650, record keeping resumed again, but not always in correct order. It took 100 years for the population figures in this area to return to their pre-war levels. In certain areas where there was such a large population loss, the process of repopulation actually developed a totally different population. The few survivors in an area often had to look elsewhere for marriage partners. Here, as elsewhere; people moved into the region from other German districts as well as Austria, Holland and especially Switzerland. A helpful book containing lists of names for this area is Herbert W. Debor's *Emigration into the Odenwaldkreis after the Thirty Years' War*⁵.

Information about the economic and demographic impact of the war abounds in the tax records, parish registers and other records which in

some areas were maintained with great care. Historians can pinpoint hundreds of villages that were depopulated, but there were also hundreds of towns and villages which survived the war almost intact. Historians disagree on the population loss in the Palatinate. One estimate says the population of the Palatinate dropped from half-a-million to less than 50,000. Another estimate places the loss at 3/4 of the Palatine population, and this is the number most frequently quoted. One must keep in mind that what appears to be a population loss was in reality a population transfer; villages emptied, but nearby cities grew with refugees seeking the protection that was offered by these fortified cities. This long and costly war has been described as an unprecedented catastrophe for the German people. The Treaty of Westphalia, which concluded this war, also contained the seeds of the later mass migration.

This treaty contained the stipulation that the people in each political unit should take the religion of the ruler. But the only recognized religions were Catholic, Lutheran and Reformed. There were many small religious groups that would eventually participate in the emigration to America, seeking religious freedom including Mennonites, Moravians, Schwenkfelders, Brethren (called Dunkards), German Quakers, and Amish.

We tend to emphasize the Thirty Years' War but the destruction did not end with the treaty at the close of that war. In 1674, French troops marched through the Palatinate, laying waste to the land. In France, the Edict of Nantes, which had provided some protection to French protestants, was revoked in 1686 and the Huguenots fled into the adjacent German territories. Once again, Louis XIV of France sent his troops, this time with orders to totally destroy the Palatinate. The destruction and brutality that followed surpassed the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. This war lasted for twelve years ending in 1697; but peace didn't last long. The wars of the Spanish Succession arrived with the new century and lasted until 1714⁶.

The religious factor also entered in. After the

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wars, in an attempt to get new citizens into their lands, certain German rulers were desperate enough to offer some concessions to induce settlers into their territories. These concessions included a limited religious tolerance. Switzerland was overpopulated and the Swiss Mennonites were being subjected to some rather severe persecution; some were being deported, since they refused to change their faith. With them went many Reformed Swiss who disapproved of the harsh treatment by the authorities. Thousands of Swiss moved into these German territories. After a time, some of the concessions that had been offered to induce these settlers into new areas were rescinded by the ruling families. Taxes were imposed and certain privileges were denied. Nor was the religious intolerance limited to just the Mennonites. Persecution, war, pestilence, hunger, religious intolerance, heavy taxation, all contributed to the emigration fever; but first and foremost on the list of reasons was the fact that they simply wanted a better way of life! Imagine the courage it took for them to go and find it. One of my favorite immigrants was a seventy-year-old man from Ittlingen named Johann Conrad Klemm⁷; he had two wives, and fourteen children born in Ittlingen in the Kraichgau. One of his sons emigrated in 1742; then, in 1747, eight members of his family received a special communion "before going to the New Land". He left some married children and grandchildren behind in Germany when he left with part of his family, probably knowing that he would never see them again. He survived the journey in 1747 and lived for seven more years in Pennsylvania. For every immigrant there is a similar story of courage. We can only begin to imagine the conditions that would compel a seventy-year-old man to leave home and family, to try to start all over again.

Many researchers are unaware of their Swiss ancestry because of their interim residence for one, two, and even three generations in German territories before their final emigration to America. There was also heavy Swiss emigration directly from Switzerland, at the same time this indirect emigration

was taking place. Part of this direct Swiss emigration has been documented in Albert B. Faust and Gaius M. Brumbaugh's *Lists of Swiss Emigrants in the Eighteenth Century to the American Colonies*. Originally published in two volumes (Washington: The National Genealogical Society, 1920, 1925), it was reprinted with Leo Schelbert's additions and corrections by Genealogical Publishing Company in 1976.

This is a good reference with which to start your research, but it does not contain every Swiss emigrant of that period. The Zurich lists, for example, cover just a ten-year period; and there was emigration from Zurich both before and after the years included in this work.

* A most useful set of volumes to help determine if your ancestral name might be of Swiss origin is Ulrich F. Hagmann's *Familiennamenbuch der Schweiz* (6 vols., Zurich: 1968-1976). These volumes contain a listing of all surnames and the towns and villages in which those names are found. The entries are coded and those with a small (a) indicate that the family name was found in that village before 1800. One drawback to this work is that surnames now extinct in Switzerland are not listed. So if all of the family emigrated in the 18th century and the name is not found there today, it will not be listed.

In every canton in Switzerland there is a state archive, but the material held by each one is different. Every canton does as it pleases about civil registry. In some cantons, but not all, the old records have been centralized in the state archive. There is no central archive for all of Switzerland that would compare to our National Archives.

When you have established that your German family is indeed of Swiss origin, there are several how-to books available for continuing your Swiss research. One of these, Maralyn A. Wellauer's *Tracing Your Swiss Roots* (Milwaukee: 1979), also includes the Swiss postal zip code directory, a finding aid for locating the correct Swiss village.

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² Burgert, Annette Kunselman. *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North America, Vol. I: The Northern Kraichgau*. Breinigsville: The Pennsylvania German Society, Vol. 16, 1983. An appendix contains many references to Swiss Mennonite families who appear in the Kraichgau records. It has been estimated that the proportion of Swiss in the Kraichgau was approximately 40% of the population after the Thirty Years' War.

³ Bodmer, Walter. *L'Immigration Suisse dans le Comte de Hanau-Lichtenberg au DixSeptieme Siecle*. Strasbourg: Imprimerie Heitz & Cie, 1930. The county of Hanau-Lichtenberg is located today in the Department Bas-Rhin, France.

Grieb, Robert. *L'Immigration Suisse dans les paroisses du Comte de Nassau-Sarrewerden apres la Guerre de Trente Ans*. Saverne: Societe D'Histoire et D'Archeologie de Saverne, 1971. The county of Nassau-Sarrewerden is today located in the Department Bas-Rhin, France.

⁴ Burgert, Annette K. *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America. The Pennsylvania German Society, Vol. 26*. Myerstown, 1992. This volume contains many families of Swiss origin who lived in this area before emigrating to America; in many cases, their earlier Swiss Heimat is given.

⁵ Debor, Herbert Wilhelm. *Zuwanderungen in den Odenwaldkreis nach dem 30jährigen Krieg*. 1989.

⁶ There are many works detailing the repopulation of the Palatinate. A sampling: Joder, Karl. "Swiss Emigrants from 1694-1754 who Settled in the Palatinate, Alsace-Lorraine, Baden-Württemberg and Pennsylvania", in *Mennonite Family History*, Vol. 2, no. 4. Elverson, PA., Oct. 1983.

Johnson, Arta F. A series of articles published in *Pfälzisch-Rheinische Familienkunde*, Band 12, Heft 7, 8, 9, 10, 1992-1993. Each article contains lists of Swiss located in specific Palatine villages; the villages published to date are Klein Schifferstadt, Haardt a. d. Weinstrasse, Dannstadt-Schauerheim, Iggelheim, Gimmeldingen and Mussbach.

Burgert, Annette K. *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North American Vol. II: The Western Palatinate*. Birdsboro: The Pennsylvania German Society, Vol. 19, 1985. A 12-page appendix lists many Swiss who appear in the Rieschweiler Parish, giving their Swiss village of origin.

⁷ Burgert, *Northern Kraichgau*, immigrant family # 286, page 207.

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The following are elected titles that list Swiss families who relocated in specific areas. Most titles mention the places of earlier residence in Switzerland and new villages of residence in Germany and France. Although several are foreign language publications, most can be read by persons who are just slightly familiar with either language. Some of the more recently published works are available from book sellers in America. Some older titles have been microfilmed by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and are available on loan at their branch libraries.

Bodmer, Walter. *L'Immigration Suisse dans le Comte' de Hanau-Lichtenberg au Dix-Septieme Siecle*. Strasbourg: Imprimerie Heitz & Cie, 1930. The county of Hanau-Lichtenberg is located today in the Department Bas-Rhin, France.

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Eshelman, H. Frank. *Historical Background and Annals of the Swiss and German Pioneer Settlers of South Eastern Pennsylvania*. Lancaster: 1917; reprinted Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1969.

Faust, Albert B. and Brumbaugh, Gaius M. *Lists of Swiss Emigrants in the Eighteenth Century to the American Colonies*. Originally published in 2 volumes, Washington: The National Genealogical Society, 1920, 1925. Reprinted with Leo Schelbert's additions and corrections, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976.

Recent Accessions

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Prologue, Quarterly of the National Archives. Three issues includes the 25th Anniversary Issue. Donated by: Deborah M.S. Brown.

Archives News, Friends of the Virginia State Archives. One issue only. Donated by: Deborah M.S. Brown.

Coon-Gohn Descendants from Chanceford Township, York County, Penn. by Frances Davis McTeer. Purchase.

Facts about Germany, The Federal Republic of Germany. Donated by: Carl M. Shrader.

ALA Glossary of Library Terms, by Elizabeth H. Thompson. Donated by: Carl M. Shrader.

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on sources which are listed in his bibliography. Although page numbers are not provided, readers will find a note as to the source of information keyed to the bibliography. This is a most useful volume and it should find a place beside the original and reprint copies of Williams and McKinsey's *History of Frederick County, Maryland*.

F. Edward Wright, *18th Century Records of the Germantown Reformed Church of Pennsylvania* (1994) iv, 158 pp.; illus.; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$14.50 ppd. Order from **Family Line Publications, Rear 63 East Main St., Westminster, MD 21157; 800-876-6103**.

The transcriptions include baptisms (beginning in 1752) of children born before 1800; marriages from 1753-1798; burial records 1752-1799, "catechumens 1758-1792 (the age of child is included) the and communion participants 1792-1803. The baptisms typically list the child, the birth date, the parents and the sponsor(s). Burials sometimes provide residences, age, parents, occupation and spouse. The marriages will sometimes list place of residence. We are again indebted to Mr. Wright for his work in transcribing early church records.

Library News: Recent Accessions

Carl M. Shrader, Library Administrator

These books and other material have been donated or purchased since June 15, 1994, and will be available for loan beginning January 1995. The list is in order of receipt.

An Index to Fifteen Years of the NOTEBOOK of Baltimore County Genealogical Society, including Surnames, Articles and Book Reviews from Volume I (1977) to Volume VII, Number 4 (1991). Compiled by Preston Beal, March 1993. Donated by: Carol L. Porter, Librarian BCGS.

Prince Georges County Genealogical Society BULLETIN, Volumes 20 thru Vol 24, including Indexes. Donated by: Avlyn Conley.

Antique Week, June thru July 1994, Genealogy Columns. Donated by: Avlyn Conley.

Handbook for Genealogical Correspondence, Prepared by the Cache Genealogical Library. Donated by: Carl M. Shrader.

Roots in the Rhineland by Christian Totten. Donated by: Mary Louise Broadbeck.

Americans from Germany by Gerald Welk. Donated by: Mary Louise Broadbeck.

Atlas of Anne Arundel County, Maryland by G.M. Hopkins, republished by Anne Arundel Historical & Genealogical Research Center, Editor: Carl M. Shrader. Donated by: Carl M. Shrader.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. Donated by: Vivian Luther Schafer.

The State of Maryland-Historical Atlas. A review of events and forces that have influenced the development. Department of Economic and Community Development. Donated by: Mary K. Meyer.

German Life. Culture, History, Travel. Bi-Monthly Magazine. Four Issues-Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar. Donated by: Carl M. Shrader.

The Guide to Family Associations and Newsletters (Past and Present) Volume O-Z only. Advertisement.

Orangeburg German-Swiss Newsletter. (Reciprocal).

Jots from the Point, Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. (Reciprocal.)

Forum, Federation of Genealogical Societies. (Paid).

FGS Delegate Digest, one issue. (Paid).

The Ambassador - Der Botschafter, United German Committee of the USA. Summer 1994. Donated by: Merl E. Arp.

ADAC Maxi Atlas Deutschland 1994/1995. Index of over

90,000 place names. In four languages-German, English, French, Italian. Donated by: Merl E. Arp.

The Palatine Immigrant, Palatines to America, Columbus, Ohio. Four issues 1993-4. Donated by: Deborah M.S. Brown.

National Capital Buckeye Quarterly, National Capital Buckeye Chapter, The Ohio Genealogical Society. Three issues-1993-4. Donated by: Deborah M.S. Brown.

The Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter. Four issues 1993-4. Donated by: Deborah M.S. Brown.

Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, VGS. Five issues and Index 1993-4. Donated by: Deborah M.S. Brown.

Shendo News, Shenadoah County Historical Society. One issue only. Donated by: Deborah M.S. Brown.

Harrisonburg Rockingham Historical Society Newsletter, three issues 1993-4. Donated by: Deborah M.S. Brown.

That Wagon Road, The Virginia Chapter Palatines to America. Three issues 1993-4. Donated by: Deborah M.S. Brown.

Palatine Patter, Newsletter of Palatines to America. Four issues. Donated by: Deborah M.S. Brown.

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- 1 Barbara Ann HIGGINS: b 1931 Plainfield, NJ; m 1950 Watchung, NJ

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- 2 Norman Mattison HIGGINS: b 1907 North Branch, NJ; m 1929 Plainfield, NJ; d 1982 Plainfield, NJ
- 3 Armeda Ruth KOCH: b 1908 Ringtown, PA; d 1982 Somerville, NJ

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- 4 Jacob Creveling W. HIGGINS: b 1879 Hunterdon Co, NJ; m 1900 NJ; d 1940 Plainfield, NJ
- 5 Ida May HAMANN: b 1882 North Branch, NJ; d 1958 Plainfield, NJ
- 6 Willington Arthur KOCH: b 1882 Ringtown, PA; m 1904 Ringtown; d 1963 Plainfield, NJ
- 7 Eva Amanda MERWINE: b 1889 Ringtown, PA; d 1970 Dunellen, NJ

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- 8 Jonathan Britton HIGGINS: b 1837 Hunterdon Co, NJ; m 1859 Hunterdon Co; d 1918 Somerset Co, NJ
- 9 Maria MATTISON: b 1836 Hunterdon Co, NJ; d 1919 Somerset Co, NJ
- 10 Henry W. HAMMANN: b 1857 New York, NY; m 1881 North Branch, NJ; d 1928 North Branch, NJ; Spanish American War Veteran
- 11 Mary Abeal DUMONT: b 1862 North Branch, NJ; d 1925 North Branch, NJ
- 12 William H. KOCH: b 1840 New Ringgold, PA; m #2 1870 Ringtown, PA; d 1922 Ringtown, PA; CW 48th Reg, PA Volunteers
- 13 Rachel Fayetta HORLACHER: b 1855 Barry Twp, PA; m 1880 Ringtown, PA; d 1945 Plainfield, NJ
- 14 Daniel Henry MERWINE: b 1855 Barry Twp, PA; m 1880 Ringtown, PA; d 1945 Plainfield, NJ
- 15 Lucy EISENHOWER: b 1856 Ringtown, PA; d 1946 Plainfield, NJ

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- 16 John HIGGINS: b 1813 Hunterdon Co, NJ; m 1836 Hunterdon Co; d 1889 Hunterdon Co;
- 17 Rhoda CARKHUFF: b 1814 Hunterdon Co; d 1895 Hunterdon Co, NJ
- 18 Asher A. MATTISON: b 1810 NJ; m 1835 Hunterdon Co, NJ; d 1891 Hunterdon Co, NJ
- 19 Mary Ann TRIMMER: b 1804 Hunterdon Co, NJ; d 1893 Hunterdon Co, NJ
- 20 George Henry HAMANN: b 1828 Wolfskehlen, Hesse-Darmstadt; m #2 1856 New York, NJ; d 1904 Brooklyn, NY; CW 5th Reg New York National Guard
- 21 Anna Barbara KOCH: b 1835 Germany; d 1920 North Branch, NJ
- 22 Peter DUMONT: b 1801 Somerset Co, NJ; m 1858 Belleville, NJ; d 1866 North Branch, NJ
- 23 Mary Ann JORALEMON: b 1822 Belleville, NJ; d 1878 North Branch, NJ
- 24 Christian KOCH: b 1790/99 PA; d 1879 New Ringgold, PA
- 25 Elisabeth REBER?: d Avt 1875? PA
- 26 David HORLACHER: b 1825 PA; d 1872 Ringtown, PA
- 27 Elizabeth NAUS?: b 1825 PA; d 1872 Ringtown, PA
- 28 Philip MERWINE: b 1835 Barry Twp, PA; m abt 1854 PA; d 1918 Ringtown, PA
- 29 Anna Maria SCHERER: b Abt 1827 PA; d 1894 Ringtown, PA
- 30 John EISENHOWER, Jr.: b 1807 PA; d 1864 Ringtown, PA
- 31 Elizabeth BOWMAN: b 1819 PA; d 1902 Ringtown, PA

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- 32 Judiah HIGGINS: b 1785 NJ; m 1809 Hunterdon Co, NJ; d 1824 Hunterdon Co, NJ
- 33 Mary QUICK: b 1782/92 NJ; d 1824 Hunterdon co, NJ
- 34 John G. CARKHUFF: b 1777 Hunterdon Co, NJ; m 1805 Hunterdon Co; d 1858 Raritan Twp, NJ
- 35 Mary DILTS: b 1780 NJ; d 1854 Raritan Twp, NJ

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- 36 Jacob MATTISON: b 1776 NJ; m 1802 Hunterdon Co, NJ; d 1831 NJ
- 37 Mary ANTHONY: b 1783 NJ
- 38 Amos TRIMMER: b 1765? NJ; m 1802 Hunterdon Co, NJ; d 1814 Amwell, NJ
- 39 Susanna SCOTT: b 1778 NJ; d 1858 Hunterdon, NJ
- 40 Philip Ludwig HAMANN: b 1797 Wolfskehlen, Hesse-Darmstadt; m 1822 Hesse-Darmstadt;
d 1874 Wolfskehlen, Hesse-Darmstadt
- 41 Anna Barbara DAMMEL: b 1802 Nauheim, Hesse-Darmstadt; d 1849 Wolfskehlen, Hesse-
Darmstadt
- 42 George KOCH: b Germany
- 43 Barbara KOCH?: b Germany
- 44 Abraham DUMONT: b 1763 Somerset Co, NJ; m 1788 NJ; d 1838 Somerset Co, NJ
- 45 Jane P. VANCLEEF: b 1770? Somerset Co, NJ; d 1851 North Branch, NJ
- 46 Christopher C. JORALEMON: b 1799 NJ; m Abt 1819 NJ?; d 1854 Belleville, NJ
- 47 Catherine VANIDERSTINE: b 1797 NJ; d 1833 NJ?
- 52 Philip HORLACHER: b 1780? Columbia Co, PA; d 1861 PA
- 53 Mary RITTENHOUSE?
- 56 Jacob MERWINE: b 1801? PA; d 1839? Schuylkill Co, PA
- 57 Margaretha -----
- 58 Michael SCHERER: d 1876? Berrysburg, PA
- 59 Catherine -----
- 60 Johannes EISENHauer: b 1781 PA; m 1803? PA; d 1861 Ringtown, PA
- 61 Eva -----

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The following information was found on a fragment of a page at a sale. The first two entries are in pen the last two in pencil. They all appear to have been written by the same hand.

Larrie Bergman was born on the 5th day of November A.D. 1873 in the Eavning

Reuben Bergman was born on the 12th of April A.D. 1876 at half past Eleven o Clock in th Evning

Ellen Bergman was born on the 15th September 1878 in the F noon at 10 O Clock

Hanna Heisey

Ruben Bergman Died September 18th 1878 in the morning at 4 clock



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Marty Hiatt & Craig Roberts Scott, *Index to Loudoun County, Virginia, Chancery Suits 1759-1815* (1994) iv, 206 pp.; perfect bound; softcover; \$20.00 plus \$2.50 postage. Order from Iberian Publishing Co., 548 Cedar Creek Drive, Athens, GA 30605-3408; 800-394-8634.

For the researcher nothing surpasses that bundle of papers in a chancery file containing the list of litigants to the disposition of his ancestor's intestate property. In fact, complex cases sometimes include the names of those of the second and third generation naming husbands and wives and providing information on the current whereabouts and/or lack of knowledge thereof. While most researchers are aware of the existence of these court cases, access in all too many instances is limited by the lack of adequate indexes. Until the 1830s most counties interfiled chancery cases with other ended cases and provided no index. Only close readings of often unindexed order books provided access. Consequently, Loudoun researchers should consider this volume a real treasure. Although it is a simple vs. (plaintiff) *advs.* (defendant) index, many of the entries contain given names as well as last names. Suit numbers are also listed providing access for the long distance researcher. Armed with this number, copies of the entire suit may be requested from the county clerk. If time (often measured in months) is a factor, researchers may wish to contact a local researcher instead. Unlike its parent county Prince William, Loudoun County has suffered little record loss and with the advent of this volume access to its records has dramatically improved.

Spratt, Thomas M. *Valley of Virginia Confederate Series: Page County, Virginia, Men in Gray* (1994) x, 414 pp.; full-name index; perfect bound; softcover;

\$24.95 plus \$2.50 postage. Order from Iberian Publishing Co., 548 Cedar Creek Drive, Athens, GA 30605-3408; 800-394-8634.

This is the second in a series of volumes developed by the author. The interest in his first volume (Shenandoah County) prompted the author to continue his work. Unlike many volumes on Confederate history, the information provided here goes beyond the service record to the person. The date and place of birth, marriage, death and place of burial for serviceman; his wife, children and parents; his spouse's parents and his service record are included when available. A bibliography, list of county cemeteries with their location and a list of soldiers alphabetically and by unit designation are also included. The author attempted to include any man born in the county or who married, lived and died in the county and served in a Confederate unit. Service for a Confederate veteran especially toward the end of the war is often difficult to document especially if the soldier had a common name. Mr. Spratt is providing a valuable service to researchers. We look forward to his next volume.

Shuck, Larry G. *Fayette County, West Virginia, Death Records 1866-1899* (1994) 218 pp.; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$15.00 plus \$2.50 postage. Order from Iberian Publishing Co., 548 Cedar Creek Drive, Athens, GA 30605-3408; 800-394-8634.

Mr. Shuck has compiled a number of volumes of Fayette and Greenbrier County records; however, this volume of the death records is of especial interest since these records provide information not found elsewhere. Logan County one of the parent counties for Fayette has suffered some record loss. These abstracts include the name, age, parents, date of death, person reporting the death and the relationship to the deceased and the

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place of birth if other than Fayette County. There is no indication of the source of the information. It is hoped that it was the original records rather than the WPA transcripts which contain a number of errors.

Alleghany Highlands Genealogical Society, *Alleghany County, Virginia, 1822-1854* (1994) iv, 102 pp.; perfect bound, softcover, \$20.00 plus \$2.50 shipping. Order from the Society, 1011 Rockbridge Street, Covington, VA 24426.

Alleghany County was formed in 1822 from Botetourt, Bath and Monroe counties. This compilation was taken from the "oldest" marriage register which precedes Marriage Register One. Information includes the name of the bride and groom, the date of the marriage and the name of the minister. Following the information from this volume and keyed to the entries are photostats of original ministers' returns and permissions. While many simply repeat the information in the register occasional jewels appear: I...certify ... I joined ... on the 4 day of August las Mr. Jacob Aritt and Miss Deannah Sizer. The bridegroom is a farmer age 19 years the 9th of June last was born in Alleghany County is the son of George & Elizabeth Arett his father is dead, his mother is living and is now the wife of Moses G Wright of said county. The bride is the daughter of Fielding Sizer of said County, age 17 year the 27 of Jan last her father is now living in said county her mother is dead and her name not recollected...22 September 1853.

Thomas Jay Kemp, *International Vital Records Handbook: Births, Marriages, Deaths, Third Edition* (1994) xi, 417 pp.; perfect bound; softcover; \$29.95 plus \$3.00 postage. Order from Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 North Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897; 800-296-6687.

Oops! Well it's not really wrong, but—it's misleading. Under the explanation for Virginia is the statement: County Clerks have vital records that are much earlier than the records of the Division of Vital Records [which begin 1 January 1853]—true, but only for marriages. Official recording of births and deaths began in 1853. As with any compendium, this one needs to be read with care, but it still should be in every research library. It's one of those handy, can't

do without volumes. It provides not only the address and phone number of the source of vital records copies, but the cost and a copy of the requisite forms including requests for copies of divorce records. Information is included for all states, the City of New York, U.S. territories, and over 200 other countries as well as general information on the microfilm holdings of the Family History Library and addresses of other institutions which may be of assistance. Dealing with bureaucracies is always a problem, to have in one place all the information necessary to obtain a copy of a marriage, or other vital record is a great help.

John Frederick Dorman, *The Virginia Genealogist, Volume 19* (1975, rpt. 1994) 391 pp.; full-name index; perfect-bound; softcover; \$26.00 plus \$3.00 postage. Order from Heritage Books, Inc. 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl, Ste. 300, Bowie, MD 20716; 800-398-7709.

Volume 19 continues three of Mr. Dorman's important contributions to Virginia genealogy: the 1800 personal property tax lists (Elizabeth City, Essex, Fairfax) which serve as a substitute for the destroyed 1800 census, the British Mercantile Claims which served to document numerous post-Revolutionary War migrations and the Guide to the Counties of Virginia (Nansemond through Orange in this volume). Other items of interest include the continuing series on the "Virginia Executive Papers," and "Rockbridge County Tithable Lists 1778-9," "Inquisitions on Escheated Land 1665-1676," "Some Delinquent Taxpayers 1787-90," "Logan County (WV) 1824 Tax List," and "Prince William County Order Book 1759-61." There are also Bible records, genealogies, queries and book reviews. As usual this is a well-rounded compilation with something of interest to almost any researcher.

The following books may be ordered from Tazewell County Historical Society, PO Box 916, Tazewell, VA 24651. Please include \$3.00 shipping per book.

Tazewell County Historical Society, *1850 Tazewell County, Virginia, Census* (199?) 103 pp.; full-name index; spiral bound; softcover; \$25.00.

Tazewell County was created in 1800 from Russell and Wythe counties and in 1850 it included McDowell County and part of Buchanan and Dickinson counties.

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The 1850 census was the first census which recorded everyone's name and birthplace; consequently, it provides the first clue many researchers have to the place of origin of their ancestor. Although the preponderance of Tazewell people were born in Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina are frequently listed and Maryland, Ireland, Ohio, Kentucky, New Hampshire, South Carolina are also found. Abstracts include the family number, names, age, occupation and place of birth. The index "includes all heads of household and most everyone in the home who are not obvious children."

Tazewell County Historical Society, *1860 Tazewell County, Virginia, Census* (199?) 103 pp.; full-name index; spiral bound; softcover; \$25.00.

By 1860 Tazewell County had reached its present boundaries and although much reduced in size, it contained 20 more households than in 1850. Abstracts include the family number, names, age, sex, occupation and place of birth. There are occasional annotations throughout the text which include such items as "Augustus White was an adopted son of Shadrach White and was Augustus Johnson at birth." It certainly pays to have a transcriber who is familiar with an area and its people.

Robert Wilson Thurman and Ruth Boyd Wilson, *Tazewell County Death Register* (1993) vi, 74 pp.; index; spiral bound; softcover; \$25.00.

Beginning in 1853 Virginia required that a record of deaths be kept in each county. However, as even a cursory examination will show, there was little compliance, few counties have complete records for the period, and those that exist are usually unindexed. The compilers have abstracted the first death register for Tazewell County covering the period 1853-1871. A total of 1203 deaths are listed; there is a chart breaking down the causes of death on a yearly basis. Information includes the name of the deceased (and the owner if a slave); race; sex; date, location and cause of death; age; name(s) of parents; place of birth; occupation; spouse and the name of the person providing the information and his relationship to the deceased. The entries are chronological and there is an index to the deceased. Researchers would be advised to check the parent(s),

consort and person giving info columns for familiar names. Perhaps in no other information source are we so likely to find clues to our ancestors whether through the place of birth of a long-lived sibling or the recording by a maternal grandparent.

Tazewell County Historical Society, *An Album of Tazewell County, Virginia* (1989) 208 pp.; illus; smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$30.00.

Sometimes in albums, but more often in boxes or tucked away in drawers or between the pages of books are pictorial histories of our past. And, often with the passing of individuals goes the knowledge of who or what they depict. Here we have a collection that will not fade away. Readers are invited to stroll through Tazewell's yesterday. If they accept the invitation they will find that they are seeing not just Tazewell's past. While the people and the places are specific to the area they are also a picture of the time: the log cabin, the coal camp, the parlor, even main street provides us with a glimpse of our past as well. Over 500 pictures selected from the collection housed at the Tazewell County Public Library are included. While brief captions are included in the book additional information is often filed with the original and is available at the library.

James C. Neagles, *U.S. Military Records: A Guide to Federal & State Sources, Colonial America to the Present* (1994) xiv, 441 pp.; illus.; index; smyth-sewn; hardcover; \$39.95 plus \$4.00 shipping. Order from Ancestry, Inc., PO Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110; 800-531-1790.

Although a number of books have been written on researching specific military records, no volume has attempted the task of covering them all until now. This volume describes the records for the Colonial through the Vietnam wars. One learns what records are available and where they can be found. Both national and state level sources are covered and the sources include the holdings of the National Archives and its adjuncts, historical institutions and archives of the armed forces, the Department of Veterans Affairs, state archives, libraries and historical organizations and patriotic organizations. A list of major published

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Paul Brockman 5503 Ashfield Road, Alexandria, VA 22315-4163

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SMELTZER

#12-94 Seek ancs Eve Ann SMELTER, b 8 Nov 1779, d 22 Mar 1847; m Nicholas LUDY, Frederick Co., MD. Her fa Adam, dates unk. Her mother, Margaret, maiden name & dates un.
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#12-95 Seek ancs Maria ENGLEMAN b 2 Fb 1844 Saxony, Ger, m Charles F LEINPENSEL, 5 Sept 1863, PA; d 7 Jun 1921, Northside, Pittsburgh, PA. Probably lived E PA before Pittsburgh. Were her parents Mary and Louis? Were her siblings Frederick, Louis & Emma? Will exch info.
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#12-96 Seeking info on desc John BAKER b c1796, Byron, Germ, m Caroline SCHROEDER/SHRADER; d 13 Jan 1870 Monroe co., OH; 12 ch.; d 1888 Center Twp, Monroe Co., OH; Frederick b 15 Jly 1842, OH, m Christena SMITH; 3 ch.; d 13 Dec 1931, OH. Will share info.
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German ZIP Codes

MAGS Board member, Dorothy Jackson Reed, has one of the new postal ZIP code books for Germany. If you are in need of the correct ZIP code for your correspondence, write to Dorothy, giving the address that you have (must have the state) and include an SASE. As a service to MAGS members, she will send you the new zip code.

Dorothy Jackson Reed
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Pennsylvania Births

MAGS member John T. Humphrey has just added two new volumes to his Pennsylvania Births series. His previous volumes include Bucks County 1682-1800; Lehigh County 1734-1800; Montgomery County 1682-1800 and Northampton County 1733-1800. He has just completed Philadelphia County 1644-1765 (\$39.00 plus \$3.00 shipping) and Chester County 1682-1800 (\$27.00 plus \$3.00 shipping). These volumes may be ordered from the author, PO Box 15190, Washington, DC 20003.

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