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MAGS Now in its Fourteenth Year

The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society is now in its fourteenth year of serving a membership concentrated in but certainly not limited to the mid-Atlantic region. MAGS began the current year in relatively good condition. The Society's membership is substantial, totalling 569 as of January. The Society's finances are adequate, showing a positive balance. *Der Kurier*, the society's major service to its members, is currently in a period of transition with the departure of former editor Barbara Little, but there is no reason to doubt that the newsletter will be maintained and hopefully even improved. Whatever the Society's accomplishments, its officers and board members welcome input from members. The Society's membership is dispersed over many states, which limits the opportunity for face-to-face exchange between members and the Society's officers. As a consequence, last year the MAGS board circulated a questionnaire to all members. The membership's response was gratifying and useful in helping to guide MAGS in its future activities and services. Thank you, members!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To get a first-hand look at the MAGS Lending Library and its operation, the MAGS Board recently met at the home of Carl Shrader where the Lending Library is housed. At last report, the Library has over seven hundred accessions, not including newsletters and periodicals. Carl showed us some thirty five steps it takes to process books through the Library from acquisition to loaning books to getting them back. Managing the Library is a big job, as are all tasks MAGS board members perform for the membership. And board meetings serve to remind me just how much we all need to pause a moment and thank those volunteers who willingly give so much time and effort to MAGS. Thank you, Carl, and thanks to all board members for your commitment,

Corinne Earnest

Are you overdue with your membership payment? You are overdue if your latest copy of the Newsletter carries the number 95 to the right of your name and you have not yet sent in your dues. The membership year began on January 1. Please send your dues payment (\$10 single, \$12 family) to Dorothy Jackson Reed, 14710 Sherwood Drive, Greencastle, PA 17225-8403. If you have questions, please phone Dorothy: (717) 597-1747.

Der Kalender

- 27 April MAGS Annual Spring Meeting
8:45 am - 3:45 pm. Blob's
Park, Jessup, Maryland (see
page 3 for further details).
- 5 May AGAS Maifest (May festival).
12 noon - 5 pm. Blob's Park,
Jessup, Maryland [MAGS is a
member of AGAS (Association
of German-American Societies
of Greater Washington, D.C.)].
- 8-11 May National Genealogical Society
[NGS] Conference in the
States "Traveling Historical
Trails", Nashville, Tennessee.
For info write NGS, 4527 17th
St., N; Arlington, VA 22207-
2399.
- 14-17 Aug. Federation of Genealogical
Societies National Conference
"In Your Ancestors' Image".
For further details, write FGS,
P.O. Box 3385, Salt Lake City,
Utah 84110-338
- 6 Oct. German-American Day
(nationwide). Dates of
observance may vary locally.
- 26 Oct. MAGS Fall Meeting, Holiday Inn,
Cumberland, Maryland (details
at a later date.)

If you would like your organization's event or program placed on Der Kalender, please send the information to the MAGS Acting Editor: Merl E. Arp, 20 Kinsman View Circle, Silver Spring, Md 20901, by the first of the month prior to *der Kurier* publication.

The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society

The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society was founded on July 10, 1982, by a group of dedicated persons having a common interest in learning more about the Germanic genealogy in the mid-Atlantic region. The term "Mid-Atlantic" describes the general area into which our early German ancestors came when they arrived in America, and for the Society's purposes includes New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, and the Carolinas. The Society holds two meetings annually, in the spring and in the fall, open to members and the interested public, featuring speakers expert or knowledgeable in various aspects of relevant genealogical research and knowledge. The Society publishes a quarterly Newsletter for distribution during the months of March, June, September, and December. In addition to the meetings, the Society offers a wide range of other services, such as a lending library, query service, professional referral and advice, and a surname exchange (see back page of Newsletter for listing and contacts for further information). The Society does not perform research for individuals or other organizations.

The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society is a non-profit organization whose officers serve on a voluntary, pro bono basis.

Membership in the Society is \$10.00 per year for a single membership and \$12.00 for a family membership (for further details see back page of Newsletter). The membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. Membership is based upon the individual's interests common to the Society and not on place of residence or ethnic affiliation.

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MAGS Spring Meeting: Springtime Gardening! Digging for Your Roots!

The annual Spring Meeting of MAGS will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 1996**, in the main hall of Blob's Park, Jessup, Maryland. For **directions to Blob's** and overnight **accommodations**, see below. **The registration fee** for the Spring Meeting is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, \$35 for new members, including the 1996 dues, \$5 late fee for registration mailed after April 13.. All fees include the breakfast snack, coffee and tea, and the midday buffet. **Send your registration** [name, address, phone number, check payable to MAGS] to: **Joan Sheviak, 3519 King Arthur Road, Annandale, Virginia 22003.**

For the April 27 **program** we have been fortunate to enlist two outstanding speakers, John W. Heisey and John T. Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey, our first speaker, is a well known author of genealogical books. The two timely subjects he will be speaking on constitute a sneak preview of a soon-to-be-published book. John is also on the board of directors of MAGS. Mr. Heisey, our second speaker of the day, is a professional genealogist and frequent columnist in *Antique Week*, *Pennsylvania Magazine* and *Mennonite Family History*. His first lecture on April 27 will tutor us in unscrewing the inscrutable German script writing. His second lecture of the day, illustrated with color slides, will deal with the everyday lives of our forefathers before and after emigration to America.

The day's schedule:

- a.m. 8:45 Registration, juice, pastry, coffee and tea.
 9:30 Welcoming remarks.
 9:35 John T. Humphrey: Baptismal Records - Understanding their meaning and use.
 10:20 Recess
 10:50 John T. Humphrey: Are you having trouble finding baptismal records for your Pennsylvania ancestors?
 11:45 Brief business meeting.
- p.m. 12:00 Buffet luncheon.
 1:15 John W. Heisey: German script seminar.
 2:15 Recess
 2:45 John W. Heisey: "They came from Europe" and "The Second Boat", with color slides.
 3:45 Adjournment.

Accommodations

The Swiss Chalet Motel, less than three miles west on Route 175 at the junction with Route 1, is holding a block of rooms until April 15 for reservations by MAGS participants. Some rooms have double beds. Phone (410) 799-1500 to reserve accommodations. Please mention you are a MAGS meeting participant in order to receive the special rate of \$42.70 per room.

How to Reach Blob's Park

Blob's Park is located in the southeast corner of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Route 295, and Route 175. Turn off the Parkway onto 175 eastbound, and immediately take the first right turn after crossing or leaving the Parkway. Continue to turn right and proceed past the fire station and left onto Blob's Park Road. Follow the Road for roughly a half mile past several residences to the parking lot and the main hall of Blob's Park.

People and Events

In Memorium

Richard E. Forrester, a long time member of MAGS, died February 1, 1996, at his home in Silver Spring, Maryland. He had been active in genealogy for the past thirty years, and was especially interested in the Quakers of the Eastern Shore. He was a past president of the Upper Shore Genealogy Society and of the Rockville Genealogy Club of the Montgomery County Historical Society, Montgomery County, Maryland.

His spouse, Shirley Forrester, is currently serving as MAGS editor for the MAGS Newsletter's Ahnentafel section.

Lancaster Mennonite Society to Meet

The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society holds its eighteenth annual Family History Conference, 28-30 March 1996. Internationally known author, lecturer, and scholar of Pennsylvania German and folklore studies, Dr. Don Yoder of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, will serve as keynote speaker. His presentation includes an address on Swiss contributions to Pennsylvania German culture, a lecture on Pennsylvania Dutch folklife, and two workshops on surnames and source materials for Pennsylvania German genealogical research. Registration fees of \$30 for society members and \$35 for non-members must be postmarked by 15 March. For program and registration details, write Lola M. Lehman, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602-1499, or phone (717) 393-9745.

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Maryland Genealogy Seminar to Meet March 15-16 in Westminster

A Maryland Genealogy Seminar will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 15-16, 1996, at Western Maryland College in Westminster, Maryland. The first day's program, subject to revision, will include lectures, some running concurrently, as follows: Vernon L. Skinner - Maryland probate records; Fran Waite - tombstones and cemeteries reflecting various religious and ethnic beliefs; Patricia Andersen - law, land and politics in Frederick; Jerry Hynson - manumission records in Anne Arundel and Kent Counties; Robert Barnes - records of the Maryland provincial court; Carlton Seitz - the land tracts of northwest Baltimore County and northeast Carroll County; Russell McCabe on the Delaware State Archives; and a panel of experts to answer individual questions on research problems..

Saturday's sessions will include: Annette Burgert - tracking the Germans; Robert Barnes - the peopling of Kent County, Maryland; Wesley Pippenger - solving research puzzles using Virginia records; Susan Koelble - boundary changes of Pennsylvania counties; Robert Headley on early families of Northern Neck, Virginia; Henry C. Peden - records of revolutionary patriots of Maryland; and F. Edward Wright - Quaker records.

There will be a banquet on Friday evening, lunch each day, as well as vendors and displays. The fee for both days is \$40.00; for one day: \$25.00. Banquet: \$ 15.00 additional. For reservations, send check or money order to: **Maryland Genealogy Seminar, Rear 63 E. Main Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157.**

FRAKTUR FORUM

Fraktur Sometimes Difficult to Read

James Miller asked about several names on fraktur. To date, I found none that "fit" specific ancestors he mentioned, but will detail examples having surnames he is researching for the benefit of others - and with hopes that James finds a clue that helps him. One name he asked about is BERINGER. An example having that surname was sold at Sotheby's in New York on June 9, 1983 (Lot # 68). It is a Taufschein (birth and baptism certificate) made for Georg BERINGER, son of Johannes and Elisabetha BERINGER. Georg was born in Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, on January 29, 1791, and baptized by Reverend ROELLER, Lutheran [no date given]. Sponsors were George and Margaretha BERINGER.

Like other hand-written records, fraktur can be difficult to read. One Taufschein we recorded in our second volume of *German-American Family Records in the Fraktur Tradition* may have the name BERINGER on it. However, the "B" in BERINGER appears identical to the "G" in "Gross Eltern" (grandparents) and in the mother's surname, GRÜNNENWALD. This certificate was made for Jonas, son of Johannes and Sara GERINGER or BERINGER. Jonas was born June 12, 1818, in Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. He was baptized July 18, 1818, by Reverend KNOSKE, Lutheran. Sponsors were Peter and Eva BERINGER or GERINGER, Jonas' grandparents. An added note suggests Jonas died August 8, 1862. This fraktur is at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It is also shown on LDS microfilm 1290169. Researchers might verify the name by checking the microfilm or by comparing it to church records.

A Taufschein sold at Roan's Auctions at Cogans' Station, Pennsylvania, on April 26, 1993, had such poor handwriting, we were unable to read all of it.



by Corrine Earnest

It was made for Georg PAHRINGER, son of Georg and Sahra (STIEGELER) PAHRINGER. The younger Georg was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, on January 31, 1828. He was baptized in 1829, but the remainder of the certificate is illegible.

The Lehigh County Historical Society lists two certificates that mention BEHRINGERS. One was made for Hannah Matilda, daughter of Ephraim and Matilda (KOHL) BEHRINGER. Hannah Matilda was born February 12, 1863, and baptized August 30, 1863, by W.F. MENDESEN. Sponsors at Hannah Matilda's baptism were the parents. Another example recorded by the Society says that Esther BOCK's parents were Peter and Esther (BERINGER) BOCK. Esther ROCK was born September 10, 1803, and baptized February 8, 1808, by Pastor FABER. Sponsors at her baptism were Johannes SCHAJDIT and his wife. The Society's records give no location on either example.

A bookplate in the Free Library of Philadelphia mentions Johannes BÄRINGER, who owned the book in 1839. No location is given, but the bookplate is likely from Bucks County. The bookplate is pictured in color in a two-volume set showing fraktur from the Free Library of Philadelphia's collection, published in 1976 by the Pennsylvania German Society (# 178).

Other names James asked about will appear in future issues. If you have names to research on fraktur, send a self-addressed envelope to our new address: Russell D. Earnest Associates, P.O. Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316-0507.

Carnival (Fasching) Time in the Old Country

Have you heard of Fasching? Well, if you haven't, you have surely heard of the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, which is an American equivalent to Fasching. Well, you may ask, what does Fasching have to do with my German heritage? The answer is simple and straight forward: Fasching, or under whatever name it was practiced in Germany, was and still is a major celebration in the southern and southwestern parts of Germany. It was best known in those parts of Germany (and Austria) which were predominantly Catholic and from which areas some of our early German forefathers came. So, when reading this article, let your imagination fly, and imagine that one of your German forefathers was out in the village street celebrating Fasching - and probably making a fool of himself! The Editor.

Nowadays, the Carnival season in Cologne, Munich, and other big German cities is simply a time for riotous celebration and costume balls. Very few people are aware of the historical function of Carnival customs and mummary.

Originally, the colorful costumes, masks, wild dances, shouting and general uproar served to drive away evil spirits. Processions of "revelers" would make their way through the snow-covered countryside and the streets and alleyways of the towns and villages, ringing bells, shaking rattles, crying, whooping and dancing around the houses.

"Fastnacht" in the Black Forest

In the Black Forest [Schwarzwald] the Carnival season is known as "Fastnacht" or "Fasnet" in the local dialect. It is a major event in the calendar, and the people in the region start avidly looking forward the "fifth season" of the year as soon as the days start getting longer after Christmas.

Alemannian Fasnet has a rich variety of traditions. Every Carnival centre - including Villingen, Rottweil, Bonndorf, Elzach and many more besides - has its own idiosyncratic customs. In the Ortenau district along, for example, there are well over a dozen different Carnival characters, including the Schalk (Jester) in Gengenbach, the growly bear in Oberharmersbach, the Schilfnarro (Fool o' the Reeds) in Zell, the Ranzengarde (Knapsack Guard) in Offenburg, and the untranslatable Gruisilochzottli in Lahr.

This great diversity reflects the complex sources of Alemannian Fasnet, with roots in several different

traditions. It is quite possible that it contains "Christianized" versions of pre-Christian customs, for example. The original purpose of Fasnet was probably to drive away the night and the darkness at the end of winter. This included rituals to ward off demons and evil spirits, beings which the farmers encountered every day of their lives in the concrete form of pests and vermin. The noise and riotous revelry were designed to drive away these threatening forces. The participants would crack whips, bang metal potslids together, and shoot off firecrackers to the accompaniment of the "Guggemusik", the main objective of which was to be as loud as possible.

As the same time as driving away the winter, the Fasnet celebrations also welcomed in the spring and the young year. This made it a special festival for children and young people, who always form the majority in the carnival revelry in the streets. The Pflaumenschlucker (Plum Eater) in Bondorf is always surrounded by crowds of Narrensamen (Fools-seed, or children), to whom he distributes fruit or sweets.

Some of the elements of the dances and parades may be expressions of old heathen fertility rites, but they are now extricably mingled with the Christian customs associated with the beginning of the Lenten period of fasting. In the last few days before Ash Wednesday, people make full use of the opportunity to enjoy a final spell of hearty feasting, drinking, dancing and merriment. The first day of the fasting is "Schmutziger Donnerstag" or "Mucky Thursday", which gets its name from the traditional little cakes baked in lard, which is locally known as "Schmutz" or "muck".

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The costumes and masks worn during Carnival also have a variety of origins. Dressing up and wearing masks makes it possible for the revellers to play a completely different roll, perhaps one that they dreamt about or have suppressed. As the same time, the masks can provide a remainder of the demonic elements that Carnival is supposed to drive away. The masks used are very different from those of Baroque court costume balls, which were simple, humorous and playful. The Alemannian Black Forest masks express very specific beings and characters in an exaggerated form: the Jester, the Hansele, the Witch, and so on. Behind those protective masks, you can tell your friends and neighbours what you really think about them without holding back, or give them a playful bash over the head with the pig's bladder.

The Carnival season is under the rule of "Fools' Law", of which the masquerade and costumes are a part. The fool says the truth in his own way. In the same way, the playful "Fools Courts" of the eleven-member Carnival Council use the wisdom to concentrate on the light side of life. And although no real harm is meant to anyone, they are ruthless in their exposure of human failings and arrogance. Life isn't quite so serious in the Fastnacht Season. Everyone takes things a little easier.

The Fools Season normally ends with the burning or burying of a Carnival effigy. Eight days after Fastnacht, on Funkensonntag (Sparks-Sunday), fires are burned on the hills and burning discs are catapulted down into the valleys to bring good luck and ignite the fertility of the fields.

A Modern Day Version of Fasching: "Firstalnfasching" - Carnival of Skis

Today's traditional Firstalnfasching, or Carnival on Skis, no longer aims to drive out demons, but it is certainly an effective remedy for grouchiness and gloominess of all types. In the course of time it has developed an excellent reputation among wintersport lovers, both in Bavaria and abroad. Many visitors actually plan their holidays so that they can be here during Carnival.

The origins of Firstalnfasching are simple. Over fifty years ago, Ernst Roth hit on the idea of moving the Carnival revelry from the streets and houses to the snowcovered hillsides. What began as an experiment soon became an institution. In the skiing paradise of Spitzingsee, Firstalnfasching is the high point of the entire year. The climax is on Carnival Sunday. The celebrations begin with the meeting of the "Maschkera" at ten o'clock, after which the huge, colourfully-decorated sleds start to rush down the slopes.

Firstalnfasching is only half as much fun without a costume, of course. Simply standing on the sidelines isn't nearly as enjoyable as speeding down the slopes yourself, dressed in an imaginative carnival outfit.

Carnival on skis is also celebrated in a big way in Oberwiesenthal, Geising and Holzgau. As the locals are quick to point out, the revellers in Cologne and Mainz aren't the only ones who know how to have a really good time!

Editor's Note: In today's Germany, Fasching is celebrated throughout much of the country, although in somewhat different ways than the original. However, Fasching is still used as an occasion to ridicule and tell jokes about politicians and anyone else you wish to poke fun at. It is also a time for much humor and outrageous jokes. It is also common to have a king and queen of the Fasching, adorned in glittering finery.

Question: was Fasching practiced by some of our forefathers after their arrival in America, or were the then-prevailing moral standards too rigorous to permit such levity?

The above article was taken from the February 1996 issue of Der Deutsch-Amerikaner/The German-American Journal, Vol. 37, No. 2, a newspaper published monthly by the German-American National Congress [DANK], 4740 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625. Our thanks to DANK and its newspaper for this article.

Library News: Recent Accessions

Carl M. Shrader, Library Administrator

The MAGS LENDING LIBRARY welcomes all gifts. Our growing collection owes its existence to the good will and benevolent interest of the members, publishers and authors who have contributed more than 850 gifts in accessions numbers (in unit count the aggregate are approximately 750 books, 2350 newsletters and more than 150 maps, pamphlets, audio and video tapes and other miscellany) in the past two and one half years.

We thank all those who have contributed so freely. If you have not yet become a benefactor, you are invited to consider presenting any items to the Library you no longer use. They will always be available for future reference and could help many others who may be walking the same road you have traveled on your journey.

The books and other material listed have been donated or purchased since November 18, 1995 and available for loan starting April 1996. If you have not registered, see the back page of this issue for information on joining.

The list is in order of receipt.

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS RECEIVED Nov. 20, 1995

Accession Numbers 832-837 Donated by Barbara V. Little C#160:

GERMANIC GENEALOGY, A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns, by Edward R. Brandt. 8½ x 11, Paper cover, Index, St. Paul, MN. 370p. 1995.

EARLY FAMILIES OF YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, Volume 1, by Keith A. Dull. 6 x 9, Paper cover, Index, Westminster, MD. 131p. 1995.

FREDERICK COUNTY BACKGROUNDS by Steve Gilland. 5¼ x 8¾, Index, Westminster, MD. 126p. 1995.

SEVEN STEPS to a FAMILY TREE, by William Dollarhide. 5½ x 8, Paper cover, Bountiful, Utah, 26p. 1995

DISTINGUISHED GERMAN -AMERICANS, by Charles R. Haller. 5¼ x 8¾, Paper cover, Ever name Index, Bowie, MD. 303p. 1995.

A HISTORY of CHRIST REFORMED CHURCH, United Church of Christ, by Paul Ellsworth Fogle. 5¼ x 8¾, Index, Middletown, MD. 105p. 1995.

LIBRARY ACCESSION RECEIVED Nov. 22, 1995

Accession #839

THE DERR FAMILY 1750 - 1986, With Allied Families of Baker, Flook, Hoover, Koogle, Long, Metzger, Smith, Templing, Toms, Yaste, and Youtsey by Roy H. Wampler. 6¼ x 9¼, Index, hardcover, 515p. 1987. Baltimore, MD. Donated by the author: Roy H. Wampler.

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS RECEIVED Jan. 4, 1996

Accession Numbers 840-841 Donated by Rosemary B. Dodd #A944:

THE FOUNDERS of ANNE ARUNDEL and HOWARD COUNTIES, MARYLAND. A Genealogical and Biographical Review from wills, deeds, and church records by J. D. Warfield. 543p. plus Index. Bowie, MD 1995 Reprint.

MARYLANDERS TO CAROLINA. Migration of Marylanders to North Carolina Prior to 1800 by Henry C. Peden, Jr. 225p. incl. Index. Westminster, MD 1994.

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**LIBRARY ACCESSION RECEIVED Jan. 6,
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**Accession Numbers 842-845: Donated by The
Baltimore County Genealogical Society**

AN INDEX to the NOTEBOOK, Volume X (1994). The Baltimore County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Towson, MD.

THE NOTEBOOK, Volume XI, No. 4, 1995. The Baltimore County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Towson, MD.

WINTER NEWSLETTER, December 1995. The Baltimore County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Towson, MD.

AN INDEX to the NOTEBOOK, Volume XI (1995). The Baltimore County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Towson, MD.

**LIBRARY ACCESSIONS RECEIVED Jan. 8,
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**Accession #846-852 Donated by the authors
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Jr. #A1324:**

DESCENDANTS of ANTON RINGWALD of DÖTTELBAACH, BADEN. Atlanta, GA.

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DESCENDANTS of JÖRG RINGWALD of ONSTMETTINGEN, WÜRTTEMBERG. Atlanta, GA.

DESCENDANTS of JOHANN RINGSWALD of SASBACH, BADEN. Atlanta, GA.

DESCENDANTS of CASPAR UMMINGER of SCHWIEBERDINGE, WÜRTTEMBERG. Atlanta, GA.

DESCENDANTS of HENDRICUS UMMINGER of LAUDA, BADEN. Atlanta, GA..

**LIBRARY ACCESSIONS RECEIVED Jan. 20,
1996**

**Accessions #853-854 Donated by the author:
Linda Gail Komar #C45:**

JOHN CUSIC of JEFFERSON and HARRISON COUNTIES, OHIO. Early 1800's and His Descendants. Fairfax, VA. 204p. incl. Index..

JOHN CUSIC of JEFFERSON and HARRISON COUNTIES, OHIO. The Supplement 1995. Fairfax, VA. 90p. incl. Index.

**LIBRARY ACCESSIONS RECEIVED Jan. 25,
1996**

**Accessions #855-861 Donated by Mary K.
Meyer #C56:**

EMIGRANTS from DOSSENHEIM (BADEN) IN the 18th CENTURY by Gabriel Hartmann. Article from Pennsylvania Folklife, Winter Issue 1971, 3p.

PALATINE EMIGRANTS of the 18th CENTURY by Friedrich Krebs. Article from Pennsylvania Folklife, Winter Issue 1971, 3p.

PALATINE EMIGRANTS of the 18th CENTURY from the NORTHERN PALATINATE by Friedrich Krebs. From Pennsylvania Folklife, Winter Issue 1973, 3p.

AMERICAN EMIGRATION from BADEN-DURLACH in the YEARS 1749-1751 by Friedrich Krebs. Article from Pennsylvania Folklife, Spring Issue 1973, 6p.

AMERICAN EMIGRATION MATERIALS from PFEDDERSHEIM by Albert Cappel. Article from Pennsylvania Folklife, 6p.

PENNSYLVANIA EMIGRANTS from FRIEDRICHSTAL. Article from Pennsylvania Folklife, Spring Issue 1973, 1p

PENNSYLVANIA GERMANASTRONOMY and ASTROLOGY IV: TOMBSTONES by Louis Winkler. Article from Pennsylvania Folklife, Winter 1972, 4p.

AHNENTAFEL

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I
1 Barbara Anne WATKINS: b 1939 Montclair, NJ

II
2 John Philip WATKINS: b 1911 Jersey City, NJ; d 1973 Tampa, FL
3 Marjorie Ruth DRESSEL: b 1911 Newark, NJ

III
4 Arthur Macdonald WATKINS: b 1875 Cincinnati, OH; d 1932 Cedar Grove, NJ
5 Eleanor Marie LOHMEYER: b 1880 Allegheny City, PA; d 1963 Lambertville, NJ
6 Charles Henry DRESSEL: b 1884 NYC, NY; d 1949 East Orange, NJ
7 Elizabeth Lillian RIEBOLDT: b 1888 Newark, NJ; d 1976 Passaic, NJ

IV
8 Alfred Eugene WATKINS: b 1845 NYC, NY; d 1909 Jersey City, NJ
9 Mary Miller MACDONALD: b 1848 Govan, Scotland; d 1908 Jersey City, NJ
10 Frederick Amos LOHMEYER: b 1853 Allegheny City, PA; d 1929 Altoona, PA
11 Bertha Agnes LANG: b 1854 Allegheny City, PA; d 1935 Glen Ridge, NJ
12 Charles Henry DRESSEL: b 1863 NYC, NY; d 1941 Newark, NJ
13 Anna Loretta DAILY: b 1864 NYC, NY; d 1937 Newark, NJ
14 Henry A. RIEBOLDT: b 1855 Newark, NJ; d 1938 Newark, NJ
15 Elizabeth BURGER: b 1856 PA; d 1945 Newark, NJ

V
16 John L. WATKINS: b 1816 England; d 1901 Jersey City, NJ
17 Marie WESSELS: b c 1820 NY; d 1891 Jersey City, NY
18 David MACDONALD: b 1813 Paisley, Scotland; d 1893 St. Louis, MO
19 Mary Ann Miller: b c 1818 Scotland; d 1888 St. Louis, MO
20 Henry LOHMEYER: b 1824 Germany; d 1860 Allegheny City, PA
21 Mary Catherine HARNS: b c 1827 Germany; c 1875 PA
22 George Philip LANG: b 1833 Strassbourg, France; b 1915 Pittsburg, PA
23 Caroline ARENSBERG: b c 1830 Hesse Cassel, Germany; d 1906 Bellevue, PA
24 George Mathias DRESSEL: b 1828 Frankfurt, Germany; d 1912 Bronx, NY
25 Barbara VON SCHNEIBER: b c 1837 Germany; d 1871 ? Wilkes Barre, PA
26 William DAILY: b 1832 Scotland; d 1886 NYC, NY
27 Sarah Jane DUBOIS: b c 1839 NY; d 1884 NYC, NY
28 Charles RIEBOLDT: b c 1828 Germany; d 1862 Newark, NJ
29 Marie WEBER: b c 1830 Germany; d 1864 Newark, NJ
30 George Adam BURGER: b c 1823 Germany; d 1905 Newark, NJ
31 Margaretha SIEGERT: b c 1828 Germany; d 1904 Newark, NJ

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- 33 Lucy: b c 1792 England; d NYC, NY?
- 34 John WESSELS: d c 1823 NYC, NY
- 35 Maria: b c 1800 NYC, NY
- 36 Neil MCDONALD: b 1776 Paisley, Scotland; d 1852 Scotland
- 37 Mary DUNN: b 1787 Kilbarchan, Scotland; d 1876 Glasgow, Scotland
- 38 Robert MILLER: b Scotland
- 39 Margaret MORRISON: b Scotland
- 44 Philip LANG: b c 1804 France; d 1884 Allegheny City, PA
- 45 Barbara GERST: b c 1803 France; d 1875 Allegheny City, PA
- 48 Mathias DRESSEL: b Germany
- 49 Margaret WENSEL: b Germany
- 52 Peter DAILY: b Ireland
- 53 Barbara : b Scotland
- 54 James H. DUBOIS: b Long Island, NY
- 55 Jane: b NY

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- 1 Annarose SLEETH: b 1921 Washington, DC

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- 2 James Riker SLEETH: b 1895 Servia, Braxton, WV; d 1971 Cheverly, Prince Georges, MD
- 3 Florence Evelyn ALTHOUSE: b 1895 Shadwell, Albermarle, VA; d 1977 Baltimore City, MD

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- 4 Waitman T. Wylie SLEETH: b 1869 Leading Creek, Lewis, VA; d 1942 Morgantown, Monongalia, WV
- 5 Rosa Jane JEFFREY: b 1864 Hewitt Creek, Boone, WV; d 1911 Waynesboro, Augusta, VA
- 6 John Rhodes ALTHOUSE: b 1847 Lancaster, PA; d 1926 Waynesboro, Augusta, VA
- 7 Anna Eugenia COLLIER: b 1871 Fayette, PA; d 1931 Washington, DC

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- 8 Adam Clarke SLEETH: b 1837 Leading Creek, Lewis, WV; d 1897 Clarence, Roane, WV
- 9 Mary ROMINE: b 1842 ; d 1913 Lewis WV
- 10 Isaac Quinn JEFFREY: b 1833 Hewitt Creek, Logan, VA; d 1914 Jeffrey, Boone, WV
- 11 Lavisa BIAS: b 1833 Hewitt Creek, Logan, VA; d 1923 Jeffrey, Boone, WV

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- 12 John ALTHOUSE: b 1819 Reamstown, Lancaster, PA; d 1899 Reamstown, Lancaster, PA
- 13 Mary Ann RHODES: b 1820 ? Lancaster, PA; d 1899 Lancaster, PA
- 14 Daniel Eugene COLLIER: b 1845 Fayette, PA; d 1870 Fayette, PA
- 15 Louisa STUMM: b 1847 Fayette, PA; d 1887 Fayette, PA

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- 16 Henry Waldeck SLEETH: b 1800 Lewis Co., VA; d 1874 Leading Creek, Lewis, WV
- 17 Mary WYANT/WIANT: b 1802 ? PA; d 1887 Leading Creek, Lewis, WV
- 18 Jonathan ROMINE: d c 1848 Leading Creek, Lewis, WV
- 19 Emilla NICHOLS: b 1817 Lewis, VA; d c 1908 WV ?
- 20 Josiah Hill JEFFREY: b c 1808
- 21 Nancy "Sis" CONLEY:
- 22 James BIAS: b c 1785 Spruce Fork, Boone, WV; d p 1870
- 23 Mary "Polly" Brooks: b 1805 Tazewell, VA; d c 1870 Boone, WV
- 24 John ALTHOUSE, Sr: b 1783 PA; d 1860 PA
- 28 Daniel COLLIER: b 1799 Addison, Somerset, PA; d 1877 Fayette, PA
- 29 Susannah SEATON: b 1805 Uniontown, Fayette, PA; d 1879 Fayette, PA
- 30 Adam STUMM: b 1795 ? PA; d 1871 Fayette, PA
- 31 Catherine: b 1816 PA; d 1906 Waynesboro, Augusta, VA

-----VI

- 32 David Wallace SLEETH: b 1762 Frederick, Orange, VA; d 1839 Gilmer, VA ?
- 33 Catherine CARPENTER: b 1827 ? PA; d Lewis or Gilmer, VA
- 34 Henry WYANT/WIANT:
- 38 John NICHOLS: b c 1780; d c 1841 Lewis, VA
- 40 William JEFFREY: b c 1777 Surry, NC ?; d c 1865 Boone, WV
- 41 Virginia "Jane" McFARLAND: b c 1777
- 44 Obediah BIAS, Sr: b c 1750; d a 1824
- 46 Richard BROOKS: b c 1783 VA; d 1853 Wyoming, VA
- 47 Margaret "Peggy" CLANCY:
- 48 Conrad ALTHOUSE: b c 1733 Lancaster, PA; d 1843
- 49 Maria Barbara WEINHOLD: b c 1760
- 56 John COLLIER: b 1766 VA; d 1857 Somerset, PA
- 57 Mary SLAGLE: b 1770 Hampshire, VA; d 1841 Fayette, PA
- 58 James C. SEATON: b 1780, d 1830 Uniontown, Fayette, PA
- 59 Elizabeth SWAN: b 1779 GREENE, PA; d 1869 Uniontown, Fayette, PA
- 60 John STUMM: b 1835; d ? PA

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- 64 John Alexander SLEETH: b Scotland; d 1794 Harrison, VA
- 65 Mary Ann WALLACE/WALLIS:
- 66 Nicholas CARPENTER: b 1743; d 1791 Harrison, VA
- 67 Mary WOLFE;
- 92 William BROOKS: b 1752 Prince William, VA; d 1841 Thompson Valley, Tazewell, VA
- 93 Nancy Ann LOCKE:
- 94 James CLANCY

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- 95 Phoebe
- 96 Jacob ALTHOUSE
- 98 Nicholas WEINHOLD: d c 1781
- 99 Barbara BRUCKER

- 112 Isaac COLLIER: d KY
- 113 Elizabeth CRESAP: b 1739 York, PA; d KY
- 116 James SEATON: d 1787
- 117 Betty:
- 118 Charles SWAN: b 1749 Loudon, VA; d 1882 Greene, PA
- 119 Sarah VAN METER: b 1757; d 1825
- 120 Adam STUMM: d 1834

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- 226 Thomas CRESAP: b 1694 Skipton, Yorkshire, England; d 1787 Oldtown MD
- 227 Hannah JOHNSON: b 1705 Harford, MD; d p 1774
- 236 John SWAN: b 1721 Loudon, VA; d 1799
- 237 Elizabeth LUCAS: b 1732; d 1805

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- 454 Daniel JOHNSON: b Harford, MD
- 455 Frances:
- 472 Joshua SWAN: b 1700 Loudon, VA

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- 944 John SWAN: b 1665 Stonington, CN

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- 1888 Robert SWANN: b c 1625 England or Scotland

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