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## **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All**

### **... and two items for your action, please!**

The Board of Directors of MAGS wish you and your families a merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We trust you have had a good year of searching for family roots and have unearthed precious nuggets of family history previously buried in the sands of the past. And if you haven't had much luck - well - 1997 will hopefully be better!

We do have two requests for your attention and action. First, it is time to renew your MAGS membership for the calendar year 1997. Despite rising costs we have been able to maintain our present dues level for the foreseeable future, although any postal increase might force us to raise the annual dues. To assist you in renewing your membership we have included a membership renewal form on the inside back page of this newsletter. Please fill out the form, enclose your check in the sum of ten dollars (single) or twelve dollars (family), payable to MAGS, and send check and completed form to our membership chairperson: Dorothy Jackson Reed, 14710 Sherwood Drive, Greencastle, PA 17225-8403. If you have any questions, please phone Dorothy on (717) 597-1747.

Our second request is that you cast your vote, yes or no, for a proposed amendment to the constitution and by-laws of MAGS - if you did not vote on the amendment at the fall meeting. The amendment will authorize committee chairpersons appointed by the MAGS president to be voting members of the board of directors. These committees currently include: Library, Ahnentafel, Stumped Roots, Queries, Surname File, Registrar, Counselor, and the Editor of the *Kurier*. On the inside back page of this newsletter you will find a ballot on which we ask you to record your vote and return to MAGS by January 6, 1997. The Board of Directors recommends a yes vote. Please send your vote in a separate envelope, with the word **BALLOT** marked on the front of the envelope, to the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, P.O. Box 2642, Kensington, MD 20891-2642.

Thank you for your attention to this message and thank you very much for your past support for MAGS! We look forward to serving you in 1997!

The Board of Directors

## Der Kalender

**April 26.** MAGS Spring Meeting, Blob's Park hall, Jessup, Maryland.

**May 2-3.** Maryland Genealogical Society seminar at Seafarers Harry Lundberg School, Piney Point, St. Mary's County.

**May 7-10.** National Genealogical Society Conference in the States, Valley Forge, PA. Host society: Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. Write NGS'97 Conference Registration Brochure, 4527 - 17th St. North Arlington, VA 22207-2399, or telephone (703) 525-0050 or FAX (703) 525-0052.

**June 11-13.** National conference of Palatines to America, Fort Wayne, Indiana

**Sep. 3-6.** Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, Dallas, Texas.

**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.**

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## 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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## The MAGS Fall Meeting: Joyner, Fall Foliage and Fun

The MAGS annual fall meeting was held on October 26 in the Holiday Inn in Cumberland, Maryland. Titled "Appalachian Autumnal Reflections", the program was a very informative and interesting mix of architecture, genealogy, fall foliage, and a fun train ride. The program began promptly with MAGS Vice President Frank Wisman introducing Cumberland's mayor, Mr. Edward C. Athey. Athey, pictured below, gave the MAGS audience a warm welcome, drawing the audience's attention to the city's many picturesque aspects.

(below) Cumberland mayor Edward C. Athey and guest speaker Peggy Shomo Joyner, C.G.



The mayor was followed to the podium by Albert L. Feldstein, a member of the Maryland Department of State Planning, who gave a very interesting slide show on the architecture and history of the city of Cumberland. The city began as Fort Cumberland, named after the

Duke of Cumberland, the colonial military commander in the colonies during the French and Indian War. In subsequent years the German imprint on the city became quite prominent. Many of the city's churches were built by the German community, which encompassed three religious groups: Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish. Feldstein noted that the "north side" of the city had been the residence of German immigrants, many of whom worked in the nearby glass factories and breweries. Today, many of the German names attached to buildings and some of the buildings themselves have disappeared, but the German historical imprint is a matter of record - thanks to individuals such as Mr. Feldstein.

The keynote speaker was Peggy S. Joyner, a genealogist well known throughout the mid-Atlantic region. Ms. Joyner gave an overview of colonial land ownership, land grants, surveys, patents, as well as historical source material relating to the German presence in what was the "North Neck" of colonial Virginia. Charles the Second, then King of England, gave much of the land between the Potomac and Rappahanock rivers to his supporters, transferring the land by charter. Some five million acres and twenty five counties were involved, including part of what is now West Virginia (whose land records remain in Virginia). The recipients of royal grants leased much of their land to settlers, some of whom were German. Unfortunately, as Ms. Joyner pointed out, the lack of documentation on these land leases remains a "hole in German family research", although certain

segments of the "North Neck" were heavily settled by Germans. Suffice it to say that family researchers should pay heed to Ms. Joyner's experience and publications on land records in this area: she is obviously the expert!

Ms. Joyner's second presentation sought to illustrate ancestral connections between Virginia, Maryland, and the Pennsylvania Germans. Using case histories, Ms. Joyner illustrated that researchers can follow, with some success, the movement of German families through the customary sources (birth records, Bible records, deeds, land records, etc.) One word of caution: county boundaries and names have changed, adding an element of confusion for the unsuspecting researcher. The researcher may have to check all counties concerned for changes. Ms. Joyner noted that there are also problems reading some of the records written in German script, as handwriting varied greatly and those making the records sometimes operated on the border of illiteracy. She suggested that researchers allow for errors and not reject similar but not identical entries out of hand. One good tip: compare signatures on documents and related notes to offset misspellings and illegible writing.

Ms. Joyner's primary afternoon presentation compared Virginia German church records to those in German churches in Maryland and Pennsylvania. In Germany, the law required the major recognized churches to keep records of births, deaths, and usually marriages. This practice was continued in the colonies by the German immigrants. The Lutherans and Reformed churches were the largest German denominations in the colonies. They often shared ministers because of the shortage of trained clergymen. The Mennonites, although a German group, did not baptize infants and therefore did not keep baptismal records. The Moravians, by contrast, keep excellent, extensive records. Sometimes the heads of Moravian families entered notes on their family history into the church records. As a general rule, baptismal records list the date of birth, the names of parents and sponsors, and the maiden name of the mother. Ms. Joyner pointed out that the names of sponsors can prove to be very important in tracing families. The Old German script was used up into the eighteen thirties in some cases.

Joyner pointed out that marriage records were regarded as "civil records" and record keeping varies, sometimes little more than the publishing of the bans by the church. Death records in Virginia German churches tend to provide little data, with the same being the case for German churches in Maryland. German churches in Pennsylvania provide the largest collection of source material on Germans. Sometimes there is a long gap between the arrival of German immigrants and the existence of German church records. For example, German settlers arrived in the Shenandoah valley as early as 1727, but church records generally are not available until 1780 and thereafter.

Ms. Joyner recommended that we check relevant bibliography, and then check carefully on what is and what is not included in available source material. Otherwise we may find ourselves spinning our wheels by perusing less useful source material. And of course, when writing your research results, give full attribution to sources and citations on material used.

The fall meeting adjourned following the now customary awarding of door prizes. With that, many of the participants moved to the Cumberland railroad station where they boarded the Mountain Thunder Scenic Railroad for an uphill and winding excursion to Frostburg, Maryland. Admittedly the fall foliage was past its prime, but it was still a scenic trip which will be remembered by all. END

## People and Events

### Welcome to Our New Members

We welcome the following new members to our MAGS fold:

Charles Parker Adams of Washington, D.C.  
Anne W. Andersen of Greenbelt, Maryland  
Edwin J. Baker of State College, Pennsylvania  
John and June Bollinger of Piney Point, Maryland  
Edna Jo and Michael Boroff of Millersville, Maryland  
Sabine Bosma of Severna Park, Maryland  
Carol Cummings of Rockville, Maryland  
Kathy A. Daitch of Silver Spring, Maryland  
Trudie Davis-Long of Mt. Airy, Maryland  
Sue Dietz of Winchester, Virginia  
Dorothy L. Eiser of Bensalem, Pennsylvania  
Forrest L. Fenstermaker of Williamsburg, Virginia  
John A. Fluke of Germantown, Maryland  
Eugene W. Gallagher of Baltimore, Maryland  
Anne M. Herrick of Bowie, Maryland  
Millie Hofmann of Arlington, Virginia  
Kathleen Franz Malinowski of Reisterstown, Maryland  
Lynda S. Myers of Hudson, Florida  
A. Nagamine, LLH, of Honolulu, Hawaii  
Grace Painter of Cincinnati, Ohio  
William R. Peiffer of Ephrata, Pennsylvania  
George Thomas Reed of Newark, Delaware  
Barbara Rutz of Malvern, Pennsylvania  
Alice A. Scharf of Annapolis, Maryland  
Harry R. and Gloria M. Schmitt of Lewisburg, PA  
Robert F. and Grace Shindle of Chambersburg, PA  
Lorraine B. Wallace of Bushwood, Maryland  
Agnes Bell Yount of LaVale, Maryland

and the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton, Cincinnati, Ohio

### Editor Earns Honor

Michael E. Pollock, editor of Frederick Findings, has been notified by Reed Reference Publishing company that he has been nominated for inclusion in Mar-

quis's Who's Who in the South and Southwest: 1997-1998. If he passes the preliminary review, a formal notification from Reed will follow in the spring of 1997. Michael Pollock, widely known for his extraordinary quarterly publication, is also known to MAGS members and friends as one of the regular vendors at MAGS meetings.

### Genealogical Council of Maryland Meets

The Genealogical Council of Maryland, whose members include delegates from various Maryland organizations, met on October 5, 1996. Highlights of the meetings included the following announcements.

(1) The Civil War Soldiers System (CWSS) has been completed for Maryland, and no additional work will be undertaken for other states. The project is being terminated due to budget cuts at the National Park Service. The Maryland Archives has volunteered to copy and retain the Maryland data. However questions remain regarding authority to do this. The Mormon Church will retain the work completed.

(2) The Cemetery Records of the Mount Olive Cemetery will be published in 1998. The cemetery will be two hundred and fifty years old in 1997. A Civil War reenactment group will replace monuments in the cemetery. The Francis Scott Key monument will be rededicated on August 8, 1997, in Baltimore, with actor Tom Barringer, Key's Civil War ancestor, in attendance.

(3) The Prince George's County Genealogical Society has a new library which is located at 12219 Tulip Grove Road in Bowie, Maryland - telephone (301) 262-2063.

## Palatines to America Conference

The 1997 national conference of Palatines to America will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on June 11-13. Sponsored by the Indiana Chapter on the theme of German genealogical research, the conference will coincide with the city's **Germanfest**, and just two blocks from the excellent genealogical research collection of the Allen County Public Library.

Palatines to America welcomes all persons researching German speaking ancestry. For further information about the society or the national conference, write to:

Palatines to America  
Capital University Box 101P  
Columbus, Ohio 43209-2394

or telephone: (614) 236-8281. \*\*\*\*

## NGS Conference in the States: 1997

The annual Conference in the States of the National Genealogical Society will be held during May 7-10, 1997, in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania is the local host society. The four day conference will feature lectures covering a wide spectrum of topics, including instruction on networking with fellow researchers, travelling the Information Superhighway, new genealogical software, and time to chat with fellow genealogists and experts. The location of the conference will enable participants to visit the historic Valley Forge National Park, or take a side trip to Pennsylvania Dutch country, Gettysburg, or Atlantic City. Moreover, Philadelphia, New York and Washington, D.C., and their research facilities, are all within a three-hour drive of Valley Forge. NGS Members automatically receive the conference registration material with the November/December NGS Newsletter. Persons

wishing to receive the conference registration brochure should write: NGS '97 Conference Registration Brochure, 4527-17th St. , Arlington, Virginia 22207-2399, or telephone (703) 525-5050 or FAX (703) 525-0052. \*\*\*\*

## Another German Information Source

According to an article by Warren K. Deem in the second quarter 1996 edition of the *German Connection* newsletter (Vol. 20 No.2), the German National Tourist Office (DZT) offers valuable genealogical research help, i.e., the addresses of German organizations engaged in family research.

For those who are not certain of the state or province whence came their immigrant forefathers, the head office address for the genealogical and heraldic societies is provided. Inquiries directed to the head office are forwarded to the appropriate regional office.

The addresses of twenty-seven regional offices are also provided for researchers who have identified their ancestral point of origin and wish to make direct inquiries.

In addition, there is a full page of addresses for other sources of genealogical research information, pedigrees of noble families, emigration records, genealogical publications - including the five new eastern German states - and how to address local registrars.

Requests for the German family research information described in the foregoing may be addressed to :

German national Tourist Office  
11766 Wilshire Boulevard #750  
Los Angeles, California 90025  
(310) 575-9799 or FAX (310) 575-1575

or

German National Tourist office  
122 East 42nd Street  
New York, NY 10168-0072  
(212) 661-7200 or FAX (212) 661-7174

## Historic Marker for First Germans in America Approved

The Commonwealth of Virginia has approved application by the German Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C., to erect an historic marker commemorating the arrival of the first Germans in America in Jamestown in 1608. Erection and dedication of the marker are planned for the spring of 1997. The text of the marker will read:

### *First Germans at Jamestown*

*The first Germans to land in Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in Virginia, arrived aboard the vessel Mary and Margaret about 1 October 1608. These Germans were glassmakers and carpenters. In 1620, German mineral specialists and sawmillwrights followed, to work and settle in the Virginia colony. These Pioneers and skilled craftsmen were the forerunners of the many millions of Germans who settled in America and became the single largest national group to populate the United States.*

Many millions of Americans claim German ancestry, and German-Americans can be proud of their role in the foundation and growth of this country. The Jamestown marker confirms the history of the arrival of the first Germans in America and is an important step toward celebration of the German-American quadricentennial in the year 2008.

The German Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C., is seeking the support of interested organizations and individuals to help defray the expenses of fabrication and erection of this marker.

For further information on the history of the first Germans in Jamestown and on how you can support this project, please contact Bradford

Miller, President, The German Heritage Society of Greater Washington, D.C., 3413 Canberra Street, Silver Spring, MD 20904 - tel. (301) 572-6803.

The names of donors will be included in a commemoration booklet, regardless of the amount donated. \*\*\*

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## Le Havre Emigration Records

Records for embarkations from LeHavre, France, for 1780-1804 were discovered in 1986. LeHavre was the port of embarkation for many emigrants from Switzerland and southern Germany during that period. These are records that have not been microfilmed by the LDS. They include birth date or age, birthplace, parents's names and spouse's maiden name. You may inquire about these records: Groupement Genealogique du Havre et de Seine-Maritime, B.P. 80, F-76050 Le Havre Cedex, France. Be sure to enclose three International Reply Coupons purchased at your local post office.

Source; Minnesota Genealogist, Dec. 1995, as published in Vol. 20, No. 2, 1996, German Connection.

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## MAGS Has New Membership Category

Effective immediately the Board of Directors of MAGS voted to include an **associate membership category** for our membership. Associate membership is limited to libraries, archives, and other institutions. Associate membership will cost five dollars per year.

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## FRAKTUR FORUM

### GLOCKS on FRAKTUR

by Corrine Earnest

Sue Cromwell asked about the name GLOCK/KLOCK on fraktur. Examples include a Taufschein (birth and baptism certificate) made for Daniel MAURER, son of Jacob and Magdalena (WERI) MAURER. Daniel was born February 2, 1809 at about six o'clock in the evening in Mahantongo Township, Berks [today's Schuylkill] County, Pennsylvania. Daniel was baptized February 15, 1809, by Pastor OBENHAUS. Sponsors at his baptism were Jacob and Elisabeth GLOCK. This Taufschein is privately owned.

A Taufschein, probably from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, is pictured in the two-volume publication showing the collection of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Illustration #415 pictures a fraktur made for Margaretha, daughter of Jacob and Catharina (DIEHL) KLOCK, born September 15, 1798. Margaretha was baptized October 5 by Andon HAUTZ. Sponsors at her baptism were Peter and Elisabetha KLOCK. An added note says Margaretha married Daniel SCHLABIG on July 27, but the year is illegible.

The whereabouts of a Taufschein made for Benjamin Franklin SNYDER is unknown. Benjamin's father was John SNYDER and his mother was Rebecca, daughter of J. KLOCK. Benjamin was born December 19, 1827, in Jackson Township, Northumberland County. He was baptized in May of 1828 by Reverend HEMPING. Likewise, the whereabouts is unknown of a Taufschein made for Mary Alice KLOCK, daughter of Johannes and Hanna (REITZ) KLOCK. Mary Alice was born in Washington Township in Northumberland County on August 9, 1860. She was baptized September 23, 1860, perhaps by A. BERGNER. Sponsors at her baptism were Peter and Esther KLOCK, grandparents of Mary Alice.

The Library Company of Philadelphia has a Taufschein made for Christina DRUCKENMILLER, daughter of Jacob and Anna Maria (KERCHER) DRUCKENMILLER. Christina was born March 19, 1795, in Upper Milford Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. She was baptized by Reverend BOSKRICH, whose name is often written VON BUSKIRCH. No date of baptism is given, but sponsors of Christina's baptism were Peter and Margreda KLOCK.

Sue suggested variant spellings of the name GLOCK/KLOCK. One spelling might be CLAUCH. A Taufschein with that name says Johannes CLAUCH was the son of Johannes and Anna Marie (HAUPT) CLAUCH. Young Johannes was born January 17, 1811, in Annville Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. He was baptized March 3, 1811, by Reverend LOCHMAN. His only sponsor was Christian LÖSSLY.

Other variant spellings Sue suggested are GLUCK and KLUCK. Reverend Daniel SCHUMACHER, reportedly made a Taufschein for Johann Peter KLÜCK, son of Johannes and Magdalena KLÜCK. Peter was born January 21, 1768. He was baptized January 27 by SCHUMACHER in Allemangel (Albany) Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Sponsors at Peter's baptism were Johann Peter and Catharina STEIGERWALT. Reverend SCHUMACHER's baptism register was translated by Fred Weiser and published by the Pennsylvania German Society. Family researchers find SCHUMACHER's register fascinating reading. However, this publication's index is incomplete. Descendants of the KLÜCKs, for example, might miss SCHUMACHER's entry that says Anna Maria KLÜCK was confirmed in 1755, but "murdered by Indians" the following year. Due to space limitations, I will return to the name GLOCK on fraktur in future issues. If you have names you wish to find on fraktur, write Russell D. Earnest Associates, P.O. Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316.

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## **Are You Having Trouble Finding Baptismal Records for Your Pennsylvania Ancestors?**

by  
John T. Humphrey

Our problems begin with the record keeping traditions the various denominations brought from Europe to the mid-Atlantic region. Some had better record keeping traditions than others, while some had no record keeping traditions at all. Simply stated, the problem is one of churches that were officially recognized by the state and those that were not. Denominations officially recognized by European Heads of State were often encouraged or required to maintain baptismal records for civil purposes. Those denominations included: the Lutherans, both Swedish and German; the Reformed, both German and Dutch; the Church of England; and the Catholic Church, but only in certain areas of Europe. That meant these denominations could develop a meaningful tradition of record keeping without fear of persecution and those traditions were, for the most part, maintained here as these various denominations established congregations and churches in this region.

Churches denied official recognition were often persecuted and that persecution was a serious disincentive to maintaining church records. Denominations that fall into this category include: the Baptists, Amish, Mennonites, Dunkards, Congregationalists, otherwise known as Puritans, and the Presbyterians.

### **An Example of a Non-Conformist Congregation**

The experience of the Presbyterian Church in England provides a useful example to illustrate the problem. In England the only true church was that church which organized around bishops who could claim legitimate descent from the Apostles. The Presbyterians organized their church government around Presbyters, Deacons, and Elders. In 1661 after the Interregnum, a number of laws were enacted by Parliament with the sole purposes of controlling non-conformist and dissenting denominations that included, among others, the Presbyterians, Baptists and Congregationalists. One of those laws was the Uniformity Act of 1661. Under this law, the only ministers who could legally preach in England were those ministers who were ordained by Bishops. Section 10 of this act imposed a one hundred pound fine on any minister who was not ordained and who was found guilty of administering the sacraments. Obviously unordained ministers were not going to keep records of baptism as those lists would have provided the authorities with evidence they were in violation of the law.

The Quakers, who maintained records during this entire time period, escaped the penalties under the Act of Uniformity as the Friends did not practice the sacramental right of baptism. The Quakers were merely maintaining records of birth, marriage and burial.

### **Time Lapses and Gaps in Colonial Church Records**

The problems that genealogists face in trying to locate baptismal records are not solely a factor of the record-keeping traditions these various denominations fostered in Europe. They are also a factor of unsettled conditions in the colonial provinces. An analysis of church records for this entire region shows there was a

delay or lapse of time between the dates congregations initially organized and the dates of initial entries in church registers. The evidence suggests this gap or delay exists because a record book was not available. Early on, ministers and church leaders could not go to Philadelphia, New Castle or Annapolis and purchase a book to maintain church records. These books had to be brought from Europe, but given the need to bring items essential to the sustenance of life, books were luxury items and had to come later.

Related to the problems of record books were the difficulties that almost all churches experienced in securing pastors - the person who ultimately had the responsibility of performing the baptism and recording that baptism in the church book. Initially many Lutheran and Reformed congregations were forced to rely on the services of itinerant pastors whose qualifications were questionable at best. Other Lutheran and Reformed churches secured the services of school masters who became pastors. In the absence of regular ordained pastors, these school masters/pastors provided solace and comfort to many recent immigrants and baptism for dying infants and children, but these men were not schooled in the rigorous traditions of professional Lutheran and Reformed pastors, that is, they were not conditioned to maintain records of their sacramental acts.

The persistent difficulties all churches had in keeping their pastor, once a minister had taken up his call for service, has resulted in another problem which the family historian faces - gaps in church records. Fundamentally stated, the intermittent absence of ministers at many churches resulted in periodic intervals in baptismal registers which no baptisms were recorded. Some gaps are of longer duration than others, that is, gaps that endure for several years can be found in some records while gaps of a much shorter duration can be found in others. The family historian working with those registers must develop an awareness of these intervals wherein baptismal records simply do not exist.

The family historian must also contend with the problem of baptismal information which was recorded in an unexpected location. The frequent mention of place names in church registers shows that children were not always baptized where the parents lived or attended church. For any number of reasons, they or the pastor went elsewhere, and depending on the circumstances surrounding the baptism, the information may have been recorded in an unexpected location.

Another factor contributing to the absence of baptismal records for an untold number of early settlers who were members of the Lutheran, Anglican and Catholic churches, was emergency baptism. Evidence, while limited, survives to suggest that some parents, midwives, and laymen baptized children under emergency circumstances. The majority of these baptisms were unrecorded because the persons performing the baptism, be it a parent, midwife, or lay person, did not have access to the church records wherein they could record what they had just done - if they had the ability to write much beyond their own name.

The foregoing article is an abbreviated version of a presentation made by Mr. Humphrey at the Spring Meeting of MAGS on April 27, 1996. Readers desiring more detailed information on this subject are directed to a new publication by Mr. Humphrey Understanding and Using Baptismal Records, a 168- page paperback with illustrations, charts, bibliography, which can be ordered directly from: John T. Humphrey, P.O. Box 15190, Washington, D.C. 20003.

# Library News: Recent Accessions

Carl M Shrader, Library Administrator

The books and other material listed have been acquired since August 1996 and now available for loan. Use the Catalog numbers on your Request Form and mark "new in DK December 1996."

If you have not registered for the Lending Library, see the back page of this issue for information on joining.

The list is in order of receipt.

**LIBRARY ACCESSION RECEIVED August 6, 1996**  
**Accessions #882 Donated by Mary K. Meyer #C56**  
(Catalog DD701.A512)

THOSE STRANGE GERMAN WAYS, A picture series on German customs published for American servicemen stationed in Germany. Hamburg, Germany, 1980, 142p.

**LIBRARY ACCESSION RECEIVED August 8, 1996**  
**Accessions #883 Purchase.** (Catalog F190.G3S6)

THE REPORT 43, A Journal of German-American History, Randall Donaldson, ed. Society for the German-American History, Baltimore, MD104p. 1996.

**LIBRARY ACCESSION RECEIVED Sept. 19, 1996**  
**Accessions #884 Purchase.** (Catalog #F180.F8R962)

FREDERICK COUNTY MARYLAND GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH GUIDE by Donna Valley Russell, 1991, Middletown, MD 64p.

**Accessions #885 Purchase.** (Catalog # F187.F8A545)

FREDERICK COUNTY MARYLAND LAND RECORDS, Liber B, Abstracts, 1748-1752 by Patricia Abelard Andersen, 1995, Gaithersburg, MD, 100p.

**Accessions #886 Purchase.** (Catalog # F187.F8M995)

MARRIAGE LICENSE of FREDERICK COUNTY 1778-1810 by Margaret E. Myers, Second Edition, 1994, Westminster, MD, 170p.

**Accessions #887 Purchase.** (Catalog # F187.F8W427)

RECORDS of MARRIAGES and BURIALS in the

MONOCACY CHURCH in FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND and in the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION in the CITY of FREDERICK, MARYLAND 1743 - 1811 by Frederick Sheely Weiser. Fourth Printing 1993, 183p.

**Accessions #888 Purchase.** (Catalog # F185.W3W947)

WESTERN MARYLAND NEWSPAPER ABSTRACTS 1786-1798, Compilation of items taken from the available newspapers of Hagerstown and Frederick, Maryland. F. Edward Wright. Second Printing 1993, Westminster, MD, 123p.

**Accessions #889 Purchase.** (Catalog # F185.F8W947)

WESTERN MARYLAND NEWSPAPER ABSTRACTS 1799-1805. Compilation of items taken from the available newspapers of Hagerstown and Frederick, Maryland. F. Edward Wright. Volume 2, Second Printing 1995, Westminster, MD, 168p.

**Accessions #890 Purchase.** (Cat. #F180.G3W423, v.1 )

MARYLAND GERMAN CHURCH RECORDS, Volume 1, Christ Reformed Church, Middletown, Frederick County 1770 - 1840 by Frederick S. Weiser. Fourth Printing, 1996, Westminster, MD. 98p.

**Accessions #891 Purchase.** (Cat. #F180.G3Z19, v. 2)

MARYLAND GERMAN CHURCH RECORDS, Volume 2, Zion Lutheran Church, Middletown, Frederick County 1781 - 1826 by Charles T. Zahn. First Edition, 1986, Manchester, MD. 87p.

**Accessions #892 Purchase.** (Cat. #F180.G3Z19, v.5)

MARYLAND GERMAN CHURCH RECORDS, Volume 5, Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick, Frederick County 1746 - 1789, Frederick S. Weiser, editor. First Edition, Second Printing 1995, Westminster, MD. 131p.

**Accessions #893 Purchase.** (Cat. #F180.G3W423, v.6 )

MARYLAND GERMAN CHURCH RECORDS, Volume 6, Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick, Frederick County 1790 - 1828. Frederick S. Weiser, editor. Second Printing, 1995, Westminster, MD. 131p.

**Carl M. Shrader, Library Administrator Accessions #894 Purchase.** (Catalog #F180.M8Y68 )

MORAVIAN FAMILIES of GRACELAND, MARYLAND, 1759 - 1871. Translated and edited from the Parish Register by Henry James Young, 1993, Westminster, MD. 124p.

**Accessions #895 Purchase.** (Catalog #F180.K16 )

DIRECTORY of MARYLAND CHURCH RECORDS compiled by Edna A. Kanely, Second Printing 1993, Westminster, MD, 195p.

**Accessions #896 Purchase.** (Catalog #F157.L2K29 )

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