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Saturday, October 24 - The MAGS Annual Fall Meeting
at the
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Hagerstown, Maryland
for
Genealogy - History - Scenery - Vendors - Fun with Friends

The MAGS Annual Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24, 1998, in the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel in Hagerstown, Maryland. Hagerstown, rich in German-American history, is surrounded by beautiful rolling hills, green vegetation, and higher ridges which provide spectacular views of the valleys below. The city is the seat of Washington County, Maryland, a county with a rich history to accompany its refreshing scenery.

Hagerstown, A Colonial Town

Hagerstown got its name from Jonathan Hager, the German frontier settler and pioneer. Hager, born in 1714 in Germany, was the first American of German birth to occupy a seat in the Maryland Colonial Legislature. As an American patriot, Hager took a leading role in the events leading up to America's independence. He also laid out the town which carries his name, although he called it *Elisabeth-Stadt* after his wife. Hager's home, a solid colonial frontier structure, has been preserved as an historical shrine. In the adjacent Hager Museum, the visitor may see memorabilia associated with the German-American pioneer. [see *Der Kurier* Volume 15, Number 1, March 1997, for a full article on Hager and the Hager house]

The Meeting's Central Location is a Plus!

Hagerstown can be reached from the Baltimore area by going west and north on Route 70. From Washington, D.C., and northern Virginia it can be easily reached via Route 270 onto Route 70. Friends and members coming from northwestern Virginia can scoot up Rout 81 through Winchester. And for those of you from Pennsylvania, Hagerstown is just south of the Pennsylvania-Maryland border on Route 81. (continued on page 35)

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September 19. Palatines to America, Virginia Chapter Fall Conference. St. John's United Church of Christ, Franklin & Lombardy St., Richmond, VA. 9 a.m to 4 p.m. (see article in side) Info: (703) 591-3656; e-mail: toedick@aol.com

October 9-10. Orangeburgh German-Swiss Octoberfest XVIII "Sharing Family Secrets" P.O. Box 974, Orangeburg, SC 29116-0974 Ph (803) 534-1227.

October 24. Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society's Annual Fall Meeting - 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Hagerstown, MD.(see inside for more details)

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April 24. MAGS Spring Meeting, Blob's Park main hall, Jessup, MD.

May 12-15. National Genealogical Society meeting Richmond, VA.

If you would like your organization's event or program placed on der Kalender, please send the information to the MAGS Editor: Merl E. Arp, 20 Kinsman View Circle, Silver Spring, Md 20901-2652, by the fifteenth of the second 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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The Meeting's Focus: Sources, Techniques & Technology

The MAGS Fall Meeting will focus on sources, techniques and technology. John Frye, who will speak on Washington County Research, manages one of the largest and most comprehensive special collections of historical and genealogical materials covering both western Maryland Washington County. Ed Winner, MAGS manager of the MAGS Surname Exchange Index, will inform us on how to use the Index as a tool and source in our research. Linn Hendershot will take us on a trip into genealogical cyberspace. Linn is a former marketing consultant who turned a medical library into a computer lab and helps the disabled access the digital world at the Western Maryland Center in Hagerstown. So don't be afraid of the technology! Come relaxed with open eyes and open ears!

Research Sites and Places to Visit

Hagerstown can be well worth a weekend! Page 36 lists a few of the research sites and places to visit in Hagerstown and the area, with addresses and days/hours open to the public. If you have wheels you can tour the scenic countryside. With luck we may have spectacular fall foliage. For a foliage update, phone 1-800-LEAVES 1. So get out your calendar and start planning today! Hagerstown, here we come!

President's Message

At our Spring Meeting at Blob's Park we announced we would re-order a supply of the German Atlases which have been so popular among MAGS members. Our first orders sold out quickly, so we have ordered thirty additional copies at the same price of twenty dollar (\$20.00) each for MAGS members, plus five dollars (\$5.00) for shipping.

These 280-page Maxi Atlases have sixty seven pages of indexes. Of special help to researchers, postal codes are given next to place names in the index. Maps measure 11" by 14". They are shown in color, with markers pointing out nature reserves, tourist routes, toll roads, scenic views, picturesque towns, and areas "worth a journey" and "worth a detour".

The Atlases are available to current members *only* at the discount price of \$20 per atlas plus \$5 shipping. They cost thirty dollars (\$25 plus \$5 shipping) for non-members. To order, send a check made payable to the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society to Corrine Earnest, President, MAGS, P.O. Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316-0507.

These atlases sell fast, so don't wait long to order. And be sure to tell your friends about the availability of the atlases, and the many other benefits of membership in MAGS!

Corrine Earnest
President

Research Sites and Places to Visit

Hagerstown, MD (21740):

1. Washington Co. **Historical Society**, located in the Miller House, lower level, 135 W. Washington St. (Gen. library Hrs. M & Fr, 9 am-4 pm; W, 1-4 pm; Off. Hrs. M-F, 8 am-4 pm)
2. Washington Co. **Free Library**, 100 S. Potomac (Hrs.M-F, 9 am-9 pm; Sa, 9 am-5 pm; Western Md. Room has comprehensive and special historical and genealogical materials covering both Western MD and neighboring areas--Hrs: Th & F, 9 am-8 pm). On-line catalog service available from your home or office by calling 301-739-7600. Washington Co. **Genealogy Society** meets at the Library on the 4th Monday of each month.
3. **County Courthouse**, On W. Washington St. at Summit Ave. Hrs. M-F, 8:30 am-4:30 pm.
4. **Rose Hill Cemetery**, 600 S. Potomac Street (Manager's Phone 301-739-3630)
5. **Hager House & Museum**, City Park, 110 Key Street (Hrs. Tu-Sa, 10 am-4 pm; Su 2-5 pm)
6. **The Miller House & Garden**, 135 W. Washington St. (Museum Hrs. Apr-Dec, W-Fr, 1-4 pm, Sa 2-5 pm). Tours last 1 hour.
7. **The Hagerstown City Farmers Market**, 25 W. Church Street (301-739-8577, ext. 193; Hrs. Open year around at 5 am)
8. **Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum**, 300 S.Burhans Blvd; (301-739-4665 or 1998; Hrs. Fr-Su, 1-5 pm)
9. **The Mansion House Art Center**, City Park (301-797-6813; Hrs. April-Dec Th, F, Sa, 11 am-4 pm, Su 1-5 pm; Jan-Mar, Fr, Sa, 11-4 pm, Su, 1-5 pm)
10. **Museum of Fine Arts**, City Park, (301-745-3741; Hrs. Su, 1-6 pm.; Tu-Sa, 10 am-5 pm.)
11. **Antiquing & Flea Markets** (many)
12. **Country Peddler Gift Shop**, 405 W. Franklin St (301-797-6965; Hrs. M-Sa, 10 am-5 pm; Su 12N-5 pm)
13. **Homeplace**, 20518 Beaver Creek Rd (301-791-2756; Hrs. M-Sa, 10 am-5 pm; Su 12N-5 pm)
14. **Schmankerl Stube** (Bavarian Restaurant) 58 S.Potomac St (301-797-3354; Hrs. Tu-Fr, 11:30 am-2 pm; 5-10 pm; Sa & Su, 11:30 am-Closing).

The Restaurant Guide lists Rococco's (Italian), Crazy Horse Steakhouse & Saloon Park 'n Dine Restaurant (on the C&O Canal), Richardson's, Bob Evans, etc.

Boonesboro, MD:

1. Boonesborough Museum of History, 113 N. Main St. (301-432-6969; Hrs. May-Sept, Su 1-5 pm or by special appointment)
2. Old South Mountain Inn--restaurant, 6132 Old National Pike (301-432-6155; Hrs. Tu-F, 5-9 pm; Sa 11:30 am-1:30 pm & 4-10 pm; Su 10:30 am-1 pm & 12N-8 pm; Closed Mondays)

Fairplay, MD:

1. Ziem Vineyards & Winery, 16651 Spielman Road (301-223-8352; Hrs. Th-Su, 1-6 pm)

Kennedy Farm, MD:

1. Kennedy Farm--a National Historic Landmark, John Brown's MD headquarters, north of Harpers Ferry.

MAGS Welcomes New Members

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Our thanks go to the following vendors for participating in the Spring Meeting and being of service to those in attendance. These vendors helped make our program successful. Our members and readers are invited to contact them for further information about their offerings.

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2215 Millstream Road
Lancaster, PA 17602

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Morgantown, PA 19543-9701

FRAKTUR FORUM

by Corinne Earnest

MORE KERNS ON FRAKTUR

This article continues listing KERNS on fraktur per the requests of John KERN and Georgia Bryngelson. A taufschein (birth and baptism certificate) made about 1785 was filled out for Ana Susana KARN, daughter of Christoph and Catharina Margreta KARN. Ana Susana was born August 22, 1762 at about three in the morning in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. She was baptized by Casper STOVER, Lutheran, on August 29. Sponsors at her baptism were Simon and Ana Susana KERN. Ana Susana probably married a SALLADE, for an added note says Anna Susanna SALADAE died November 14, 1839 at age 77 years, 2 months, and 23 days. This fraktur is pictured on page 149 of the second volume of Klaus Stopp's, *The Printed Birth and Baptismal Certificates of the German Americans*.

Perhaps further evidence that Ana Susana married a SALLADE comes on a taufschein made for Jacob SALLEDIN, son of Jacob and Susanna (KERN) SALLEDIN. Jacob Jr. was born in Upper Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, on May 19, 1798 at about ten o'clock in the morning. He was baptized by Pastor MUELLER or MOELLER (no date given). Sponsors at his baptism were Peter RITZMANN and his wife Catharina-lisbeth. This taufschein was sold at Sotheby's on May 8, 1974 (Lot #118). Earlier that same year, on January 23, Sotheby's sold a taufschein (Lot #56) made for Johannes KUNTZ. Zitia (?) HUBLER and Elisabet KERN were sponsors at Johannes's baptism which took place on December 19, 1811. Johannes KUNTZ was born on November 20, 1811 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania to Johanes KUNTZ and Katarina SIGER. The photographs from these sales catalogs are small, making the data recorded on the fraktur difficult to read.

Other fraktur with the name KERN have sold at auction. Some have names both John and Georgia are researching -- such as Christopher, Nicolas, Adam, William, Carl, and Henry. A taufschein was sold at Alderfer Auction Company in Hatfield, Pennsylvania on May 26, 1994. It was made for Susanna KERN, older sister of Johan Carl KERN (see June 1992 issue of *Der Kurier*). Susanna was born December 29, 1796 in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. She was baptized by Pastor BLUMMER on February 12, 1797. Her parents were Christophel and Susanna (BAUMAN) KERN. Sponsors at her baptism were Nicolaus KERN and Magdalena BAER. An added note says Susanna KERN married Josua PETER in 1817. It may be that Josua PETER was actually Joseph PETER, for his taufschein was sold by Alderfer's the same day. It says Joseph PETER was born July 14, 1795 at five in the morning in Heidelberg Township, Northampton County. Son of Wilhelm and Magdalena (HUNSICKER) PETER, Joseph was baptized by Johan Henrich HELFFRICH (no date given), and confirmed by HELFFRICH in April 1809. Sponsors at his baptism were Joseph and Catherine HUNSICKER. Magdalena HUNSICKER's father was Johan HUNSICKER.

On December 15, 1994, Alderfer's sold a taufschein made for Nathan SCHNEIDER, son of Johannes and Maria SCHNEIDER. Nathan was born June 6, 1813 in Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. He was baptized by Pastor HEIN. Sponsors at his baptism were Heinrich and Elisabetha KERN. Also on December 15, 1994, Alderfer's sold a taufschein (Lot #23) made for

Maria Eva FISCHER, daughter of Johanes and Margaretha (KERN) FISCHER. Maria Eva was born January 12, 1798 at about five o'clock in the morning in Upper Milford Township, Northampton County. She was baptized by Pastor HELFRIG [sic] (no date given). Sponsors at her baptism were Mathias and Eva KERN, the grandparents.

An example related to the above certificate is shown in John Joseph Stoudt's *Sunbonnets and Shoofly Pies*, published in 1973 by A.S. Barnes and Co., Cranbury, New Jersey. This taufschein was made for Jacob FISCHER, son of Johannes and Margaretha (KERN) FISCHER. Jacob was born August 19, 1795 in Upper Milford Township, Northampton County. He was baptized September 28 by Reverend HELFERICH. Sponsors at his baptism were Jacob FISCHER and his wife.

I will continue KERNs on fraktur in a future issue of *Der Kurier*. If you have names you wish me to research on fraktur, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Corinne Earnest, P.O. Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316.

Library News: Recent Accessions

Carl M. Shrader, Library Administrator

The MAGS LENDING LIBRARY has many new books and other material donated or purchased between August 14, 1997-March 12, 1998. These are available for loan now. If you are not registered to borrow books, see the back page of this issue for information.

Several members have approached me in regards to various Issues of the Book List. There have been about one dozen since the Library opened and they vary in listings according to the size of the collection held by the Library at the time of issue. You can order the latest version (which is now printed on demand direct from the computer, one at a time, so it is always up to date. Send four dollars (\$2.00 for printing and \$2.00 for P&H). Remember you can always order any new material announced in the *Der Kurier* (if you are registered) using the Book List or catalog and accession numbers printed in any issue of *Der Kurier*.

The list is in order of receipt.

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS RECEIVED, August 14-28, 1997.

1007 Donor: Mary K. Meyer #C56 (Catalog #F157.K47)
GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH FACKENTHAL LIBRARY, FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE, LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA by Elizabeth Kieffer. A copy of a reprint from the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Volume 48, No. 3, September 1960. 15p.

1008 Purchase (Catalog #F106.G541 vol. I)
PASTORS and PEOPLE: German Lutheran and Reformed Churches in the Pennsylvania Field, 1717 - 1793, Volume I - Pastors and Congregations by Charles H. Glatfelter. The Pennsylvania German Society, Breinigsville, PA, 1980. 551p.

1009 Purchase (Catalog #F106.G541 vol. II)
PASTORS and PEOPLE: German Lutheran and Reformed Churches in the Pennsylvania Field, 1717 - 1793, Volume II - The History by Charles H. Glatfelter. The Pennsylvania German Society, Breinigsville, PA, 1981. 544p.

1010 Purchase (Catalog #F157.L2P15)
PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS, Volume II. Sponsored by The Pennsylvania Chapter Palatines to America, Harrisburg, PA, 1984. 112p.

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS RECEIVED, September 18-30, 1997.

1011 Donor: Mary K. Meyer #C56 (Catalog #CS44.M44)
MEYER'S DIRECTORY of GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES IN the U.S.A. and CANADA, 1996 - 1997 by Mary K.

Meyer. 11th Edition, Mt. Airy, MD. vii, 135p.

1012 Donor: Marilynne Ocando #961 (Cat #Z6028.M297)
MAP LINK 1997 Catalog, Maps for the Entire World, Map Products including CD ROM and Mapping Software. Map Link Inc. Santa Barbara, CA, 1997, 124p.

1013 Donor: Mary J. Bollinger (Catalog #CS71.B874)
OUR KEYSTONE FAMILIES Columns Numbers 1274 / March 27, 1991 - 1358 / October 28, 1992; Numbers 1408 / October 13, 1993 - 1459 / October 5, 1994 from The Press and Journal Newspaper, Rehrersburg, PA. Schuyler Brossman.

1014 Donor: Heritage Books, Inc. (Catalog #)
DAIRIES of two ANSBACH JAEGERs. Translated and Edited by Bruce E. Burgoyne. Bowie, MD. Paper, 166p.

1015 Donor: Heritage Books, Inc. (Catalog #E269.G3.B957)
GEORG PAUSCH'S JOURNAL and REPORTS of the CAMPAIGN in AMERICA as Translated from the German Manuscript in the Lidgerwood Collection in the Morristown National Historical Park Archives by Bruce E. Burgoyne. Bowie, MD. Paper, 148p.

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS RECEIVED, January, 10, 1998.

1016 Donor: Picton Press, reviewer-Corinne Earnest, #A665 (Catalog #E184.M8.R795)
The DANSBURY DIARIES, Moravian Travel Diaries 1748 - 1755 of the Reverend Sven Roseen and others in the area of Dansbury, now Strousburg, PA. Translated by William N. Schwarze and Ralf Ridgway Hillman. Picton Press, Camden, Maine. 1994, 274p.

1017 Donor: Picton Press, reviewer-Corinne Earnest, #A665 (Catalog #CS71.K64)
The CORRESPONDENCE of HEINRICH MELCHIOR MÜHLENBERG, Vol. 2, 1748 - 1752. Edited and Translated by John W. Kleiner and Helmut T. Lehmann. Picton Press, Camden, Maine. 1997, 316p.

The following list of books were donated by the Embassy of the Republic of Germany, Accession numbers 1018 - 1040 to Corinne Earnest, President of MAGS.

Accession #1018 (Catalog #DD259.W337)
THE GERMANS, Who Are They Now? By Alan Watson. Fully revised and updated. Destined to become indispensable reading for anyone who needs to understand Germany and the Germans'. Edition q, inc., The British Printing Co. Ltd.,

London. Paper, 490p.

Accession #1019

DER FREUNDSCHAFTSUND HANDELSVERTRAG von 1785 zwischen SEINER MAJESTÄT DEM KÖNIG von PREUSSEN und den VEREINIGTEN STAATEN von AMERIKA/THE TREATY of AMITY and COMMERCE of 1785 between HIS MAJESTY the KING of PRUSSIA and the UNITED STATES of AMERICA. Published for the first in German translation and in facsimile with French and American original texts and comments on the importance, background, and genesis. Edited and commented by Professor Dr. Karl J. R. Arndt. Heinz Moos Verlag, München. Oversize.

Accession #1020

GERMAN HISTORY, A Pupils' Competition for the Federal President's Prize by Bodo von Borries. Inter Nations, Bonn. 1989, paper, 98p.

Accession #1021

ROOTS IN the RHINELAND, America's German Heritage in Three Hundred Years Of Immigration, 1683-1983. Christine M. Totten, German Information Center, New York. 1983, paper, 80p.

Accession #1022

GERMAN IMMIGRATION TO PENNSYLVANIA 1683-1933, A Genuine research and study in acculturation by Alfred A. Curran. Brentwood University Press, Columbus, GA. 1986, paper, 95p.

Accession #1023

GERMAN HISTORY 1933-45. An Assessment by German Historians by Hermann Mau and Helmut Krausnick. Translated from the German by Andrew and Eva Wilson. Oswald Wolf (Publrs) Limited, London, 1978. Paper, 157p.

Accession #1024

AMERICA WITHIN US, GERMAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCES and VISIONS. Edited by Beate, translated from the German by Jan van Heurck. A. Hase & Koehler Verlag, Mainz. 1995, paper 397p.

Accession #1025

FROM the U.S. CONSTITUTION to the BASIC LAW of the FEDERAL REPUBLIC of GERMANY/Von der AMERIKANISCHEN VERFASSUNG zum GRUNDGESETZ der BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND. A Survey with 241 Documents, Illustrations and Plates. Kurt Rabl, Christoph Stoll, Manfred Vasold. Verlag Moos & Partner, München. 1988, paper, 199p.

Accession #1026

FRAGEN an die DEUTSCHE GESCHICHTE, Wege zur Parlamentarischen Demokratie. Historische Ausstellung im

Deutschen Dom in Berlin. Paper, 512p.

Accession #1027

THE BUNDESRAT, THE LÄNDER AND GERMAN FEDERALISM. Key Institutions of German Democracy, Number 1, German Issues. Uwe Thaysen, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies 13, Washington, DC. 1994, paper, xiii, 46p.

Accession #1028

THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL COURT. Key Institutions of German Democracy, Number 2, German Issues 14. Donald Kommers, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, Washington, DC. 1994, paper, xii, 46p.

Accession #1029

PARTNERSHIP im WANDEL. DIE ZUKUNFT der DEUTSCH - AMERIKANISCHEN BEZIEHUNGEN/PARTNERSHIP in TRANSITION: THE FUTURE of GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS. Society to Promote the Schurman Library for American History at the University of Heidelberg. Speech by Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, 26 May 1992. Paper 36p.

Accession #1030

GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS: A Selective Bibliography. Margaret B. Krewson. Library of Congress, Washington, DC. 1995, index, paper, 319p.

Accession #1031

FRIEDRICH LIST 1789/1989, An Historical Figure and Pioneer in German-American Relations/Eine Historische Gestalt und Pionier auch im Deutsch-Amerikanischen Bereich. Eugen Wendler. Verlag Moos & Partner, Gräfelfing. 1989, paper, 15p.

Accession #1032

COMMON VALUES-COMMON CAUSE, German Statesmen in the United States American Statesmen in Germany 1953— 1983, Statements and Speeches. German Information Center, New York. 1983, 204p.

Accession #1033

OUR MEN in WASHINGTON, From the first Prussian Minister Resident to the Ambassadors of the Federal Republic of Germany by Frank Lambach. Druckhaus Rudolf Müller, Köln, 1976. 128p.

Accession #1034

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS: PIONEER of GERMAN-AMERICAN LITERARY STUDIES. Essays on the Occasion of an Exhibition of Documents, Manuscripts, Books and Prints in the Rare Book Exhibit Room, Boston Public Library. 1979. Exhibits on the same theme, will be held in Berlin and Bonn in 1980. Catalog prepared by Anneliese Harding, Boston. Paper, 100p.

Accession #1035

SPAN200, The Story of German-American Involvement in the Founding and Development of America. A companion piece to the SPAN 200 Exhibit by Klaus Wust and Norbert Muelen. Published in behalf of Instituted für Auslandsbeziehungen, Stuttgart, 1976. Paper 96p.

Accession #1036

GERMANY PRESENTS, Cultural Documentary Films and Videos. Published by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Washington, DC. 1997, paper, 31p.

Accession #1037

DOCUMENTARY Films and Videos About Germany. Published by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Washington, DC. 1997, paper, 47p.

Accession #1038

GERMANY PRESENTS, Feature Films and Videos. Published by the German Information Center, New York. 1996, paper, 40p.

Accession #1039

DEUTSCH-AMERIKANISCHE BEZIEHUNGEN: Die gestigten Grundlagen der Freundschaft. Vortrag von Hans-Dietrich Genscher Bundesminister des Auswärtigen. 1983. Paper 16p.

Accession #1040

DIE DEUTSCHE SAMMLUNG der KONGRESSBIBLIOTHEK: AUFBAU und ENTWICKLUNG seit 1815, Margrit B. Krewson. Paper, 20p.

1045 Purchase, (Catalog #Z6824.G3B15)

Hans Bahlow DICTIONARY of GERMAN NAMES, Henry Geitz, Editor. Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI, 1993. 641p.

1046 (Catalog F187.W3M697) Fuller, Marsha Lynn 1998 NATURALIZATIONS of WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND Prior to 1880.

Hagerstown, MD. Paper, no page numbers, includes index.

1047 Donor: Joan W. Sheviak (Catalog #Z1250.M627) MAGS ANNUAL FALL MEETING Packet, 24-25 October 1997, *Berks County Pennsylvania Sampler*.

The following list of newsletters were donated as reciprocal exchange by the Society or organization named on each publication with MAGS *Der Kurier*. Accession number 1048 for the group. MAGS Board Meeting, January 1998.

Accessions #1048 (Z) (Catalog #CS42.N45)

NGS NEWSLETTER, vol. 23 #4-5, July/August-September/October 1997. National Genealogical Society,

Arlington, VA.

(Z) (Catalog #CS42.N43)

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY, vol. 85 #1 March-#3 September 1997. National Genealogical Society, Arlington, VA.

(Z) (Catalog #F187.C25.C38)

CARROLLTONIAN, vol. xvi #4, 1996-vol. xvii #1, 1997. Quarterly of The Carroll Co. Genealogical Society, Inc. Westminster, MD.

(Z) (Catalog #F160.G3.B57)

BEYOND GERMANNIA, vol. 9 #4-5, 1997. John Blankenbaker, Chadds Ford, PA.

(Z) (Catalog #F232.G3.M67)

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Buchbesprechung

MUHLENBERG'S CORRESPONDENCE

The Correspondence of Heinrich Melchior Muhlenberg, Volume II, 1748-1752, edited and translated by John W. Kleiner and Helmut T. Lehmann. Hardcover, 316 pages, indexed. English language edition published in 1997 by Picton Press.

Heinrich Melchior Muhlenberg, patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America, was an influential preacher during the American colonial period. Volume II of **The Correspondence of Heinrich Melchior Muhlenberg** contains 61 letters written by and to Muhlenberg for the years 1748 through 1752.

These were trying times for the Lutheran Church because they lacked good preachers to meet demand. Compounding this problem was that many groups of immigrants brought their own preachers -- scavenger preachers, Muhlenberg calls them -- who in the eyes of the Lutheran bureaucracy did not have correct credentials. In 1751, Muhlenberg wrote his "melancholy letter." He was apparently suffering from what in today's terms we would call a mid-life crisis and burn-out. But he recovered and played an important role in the Pennsylvania Ministerium.

The letters bring home how human attitudes have changed little in the past two hundred years. The letters are filled with problems involving personalities, bureaucracy, too little money, and unreliable help. Muhlenberg, himself, shows himself to be human. Apparently, he wanted to preach in New York where life might have been a little easier. And at the death of his mother, he charged that his brothers treated him unfairly in splitting the inheritance. And the last letters in December 1752 counter allegations against him that came from his father-in-law, Johann Conrad Weiser, a towering figure in southeast Pennsylvania.

Each letter is given a brief short introduction and concludes with end notes that orient readers to understanding the context of the letter. If the reader is unfamiliar with Muhlenberg and Pennsylvania during the colonial period, it is helpful to have read the introductory material in Volume I.

For price and availability, contact Picton Press, P.O. Box 250, Rockport, ME 04856-0250.

Reviewed by Russell D. Earnest
East Berlin, PA

(Buchbesprechungen - continued)

Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns 2nd edition by Edward R. Brandt, Ph.D., Mary Bellingham, Kent Cutkomp, Kermit Frye & Patricia A. Lowe, also Paula Goblirsch & Ray Kleinow (chapter on "Computers and Genealogy" and George E. Arnstein, Ph.D. (Chapter on Jewish genealogy). Published by the Germanic Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 16312, St. Paul, MN 55116-0312. Cost: \$32, plus \$4 shipping.

The introduction to this 517-page book states that it "is intended as a guide to help beginning and advanced genealogists search for their German-speaking ancestors throughout the world," and it accomplishes this goal. Novice genealogists may be overwhelmed by the amount of information in this excellent reference book, unless they initially limit themselves to the first eleven chapters and specific references to their ancestors' religion or country of origin. There are numerous books available for the researcher of German (middle European) immigrants to the U.S., but few that discuss Germanic (German-speaking and/or of German ancestry) immigrants from other areas of the world. In addition to discussing research methodology in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Liechtenstein (the "German speaking countries"), research pertaining to German-speaking ancestors in every part of the world is discussed. Many of us are unaware of German settlements in places such as Micronesia, China, Tasmania, and Cameroon, to mention a few. If your ancestors spoke German, but came from a non-German speaking country, this book may provide essential information for your research. Germanic Genealogy discusses the reasons for emigration from German-speaking countries, such as religion, politics, war, and natural disasters, as well as subsequent emigration from the area where they had settled. The emigration routes and world-wide German settlements are shown in 26 maps in an appendix.

Germanic Genealogy discusses where the people went and where to find religious and civil records for these people, including the addresses of archives, libraries, societies and other resources in the U.S., Europe, and numerous other countries. This includes "multi-ethnic and non-Germanic societies of importance to Germanic research." It also lists publishers (with addresses and phone numbers) of maps and books useful in genealogical research.

Chapter XX contains sample letters in English and German and suggestions for finding translations into other languages, as well as sample pedigree charts and family group sheets in German, Polish, and French. Three are samples of the Gothic script, language notes, and a glossary of German terms with English equivalents, that are needed in research. There is also information on various calendars and date problems.

In case all of this is not thorough enough for your needs, there is a twenty page annotated bibliography at the end of the book, as well as a bibliography at the end of each chapter.

Reviewed by Susannah E. Brooks, MAGS Stumped Roots Chairperson

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THE DANSBURY DIARIES 1748-1755

The Dansbury Diaries, Moravian Travel Diaries 1748-1755 of the Reverend Sven Rosen and others in the area of Dansbury, now Stroudsburg, Pa. translated by William N. Schwarze and Ralf Ridgeway Hillman. First published in 1939 under the title **Dansbury Diaries**. Reprinted by Picton Press, 1994. Hardcover, 274 pages, indexed.

The Dansbury Diaries were first published in 1939. The 1994 Picton Press edition was expanded by adding **Old Dansbury and the Moravian Mission** by Ralf Hillman, first printed in 1934 and the **Powell List of Sufferers**, published in 1906.

Dansbury was a settlement at the site of today's Stroudsburg in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, near the Delaware Water Gap. This history of Dansbury is important for several reasons: Dansbury was the site of a Moravian mission from which ministers travelled from Pennsylvania to New Jersey and back; the diaries and attachments have valuable information on early families in these areas; the vigors of being a Moravian preacher are well-documented; and readers gain valuable insights into Moravian teachings and the effects of the French and Indian War on the region. This war, often called by contemporaries the Indian Uprising of 1755-56, was responsible for the destruction of the Dansbury settlement. Stroudsburg was to rise from the ashes following the War for Independence.

Much of the "Diaries" part of this publication was written by Sven Roseen in 1748 through 1749. He gives a hands-on account of what it took to be a frontier missionary. These missionaries faced not only inclement weather and disease, but probably more frustrating to them, potential souls to be saved from soul owners who had other interests. For the genealogist, these snippets from real life are clues to the religious and often economic values of frontier families. Additionally, Roseen and other diarists let us glimpse with compassion into the Indian wigwams. Roseen was Swedish by birth and the other diarists were primarily English. But the early Dansbury settlers were often German. Thus, the reader gets a real taste of Penn's experiment in Pennsylvania when the preacher would give a sermon in English followed by one in German.

Because the diaries were written by Moravian missionaries, the reading can be ponderous to today's tastes. But Picton Press has provided an everypage index so the family historian, the student of the Moravian history and the French and Indian War, and the local historian will find value in **The Dansbury Diaries**.

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Reviewed by Russell Earnest

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NOOSE BEST

#16-28 Seek info on Rachael NOOSE b 1828, m Rev. John A. BEST. Ch: Hezekiah; Jacob; Margaret (b 1854); Annie Mary Jane (b 1859); A. M. "Mac" (b 1862); Emma (b 1867); all Washington Co., MD. Lived in Sample Manor; their home sold 1929. Who were her parents? Have no other info on my g-gmo.

Roy L. Harmon 1017 Back Bay Beach Road West River, MD 20778-2215

LUECK LUEK GASENHAUSE

#16-29 Seek info Frank Joseph LUECK b 4 May 1872, West Prussia; m Anna Mary GASENHAUSE; liv Cumberland (Mapleside), MD. Worked for B&O RR. Need city of birth in West Prussia. Will ans all letters.

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EVERLY EBERLE

#16-30 Seek info Casper EVERLY (Gasper EBERLE) b ca 1740, Germ; d 1800 in Monongalia Co., WV. Seek rec mar Casper & Sarah ___? (b ? when, in PA; d aft 1806.) Also seek entry point to US of Casper and other fam members. Probably PA or MD.

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