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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I certainly hope this issue of the *Der Kurier* finds you in good health and enjoying life to its fullest.

It was a real pleasure for me to be with many of you at Blob's Park to renew some earlier acquaintances, to acquire new friendships and to share in the outstanding program arranged by our Vice-President, Programs, John Humphrey. John continues his record of providing interesting and informative speakers. Judging from the comments made to me, the day was enjoyed by all attending.

Once again, our thanks to John and to those other Board members who worked to arrange the day for the rest of us. Thanks to Diane Kuster for all her efforts as our Registrar, to Betty deKeyser for her assistance with the audio, to Carl Shrader and Susannah Brooks for manning the conference tables, as well as to Gail and Deyerle for their reports to the membership. I know there were others working unnoticed, behind the scenes, in many ways. Our sincere thanks to them as well.

Having spoken about working behind the scenes - for myself personally and on behalf of the entire membership - a sincere thanks to all those Board members for their dedicated work throughout the year so vital to our maintaining MAGS's many services to its members and to the larger genealogical community. It is my distinct pleasure to have the opportunity to serve with this devoted, hard-working group. We all know - without these volunteers, there would be no MAGS.

As announced at our Spring meeting, your Board, in addition to ensuring the ongoing services of our society, is continuing work on the development of a Library Contingency Plan as well as "jumping through the hoops" required for incorporating MAGS in the state of Maryland.

Finally, I hope that you are all having a most enjoyable and productive season of family reunions, cemetery searches, and vacation trips - all planned with a view to new opportunities for furthering your genealogical research - of course.

Hoping to see each of you in Leesburg 28 October 2000, I remain

Yours in Service,
Al Werking, President



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The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society (MAGS) is a non-profit genealogical society founded July 10, 1982. Annual dues are only \$10 per year (individual) or \$12 per year (family), and membership is open to all interested persons without regard to place of residence, nationality, or ethnicity. Benefits of membership include:

- Spring and Fall Meetings** featuring expert speakers.
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- Ahnentafels** published in *Der Kurier*.
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- Surname Exchange Index**
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Submissions to *Der Kurier*. Articles concerning Germanic genealogy and heritage in the Mid-Atlantic region are welcome, as are "Letters to the Editor." Research articles should document conclusions with appropriate citation of primary sources.

MAGS reserves the right to edit submissions for length and style. Any material published becomes the property of MAGS. Deadline for submissions: the first of January, April, July and October. Submit to: John W Bieber, 25 Rolling Road, Claymont, DE 19703. E-mail: long.hair@att.net Phone: 302-798-7210.

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September 6-9. Federation of Genealogical Societies, 2000 Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration materials: FGS/UGA Conference, P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940; Phone (toll free): 888-FGS-1500; Online: <http://www.fgs.org> Early discount if postmarked by July 25.

September 23, 2000. Eighth Annual Family Ancestry Fair (Bucks Co, PA), 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Speakers, vendors, exhibitors, hereditary organizations, genealogy societies and publishers. Free parking, admission, lectures, handouts. No registration required. For more information contact Bucks County Genealogical Society, P.O.Box 1092, Doylestown, PA 18901 or call 215-230-9410.

October 21-22, 2000. Family Heritage Weekend (Virginia). There will be a variety of learning opportunities, guest speakers, basic genealogy workshops, special living history presentations, ethnic food, etc. For more information, contact the American Frontier Culture Foundation, PO Box 810, Staunton, VA 24402-0810 or call 540-332-7850.

October 28. MAGS Annual Fall Meeting, Best Western, Leesburg, VA. Theme is "**Searching for Your Ancestors in Germany.**" Speaker will be **Trudy Schenk**, A. G., leading Germanic genealogy research scholar and author. She has been an Accredited Genealogist with the Family History Library in Salt Lake City since 1978 and is co-author of the Württemberg Emigration Index. For further information, see insert in this issue of *Der Kurier*, or contact Diane M. Kuster, Registrar, 251 Serpentine Dr, Bayville, NJ 08721. Ph: 732-606-6032. Email: DMKUSTER@compuserve.com

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December 2, 2000. An all day genealogy conference titled, "The Paper Trail: The Records of Your Ancestors" will be held at the Chester County Historical Society. The conference is being given by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Chester County Historical Society and Historical Society of Montgomery County. For information, write to the Chester Co. Historical Society, 225 North High Street, West Chester, PA 19380-2691 or call 610-692-4357.

If you would like your event or program placed on der Kalender, please send the information to the MAGS Editor by the stated deadline (see inside front page).

Surname Resource

MOCK, MAUCH, APPLE, PICKLE. Website: <http://chandra.bgsu.edu/~stoner/gen/mock.htm>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAGS SEEKS STORE MANAGER

As you know, anyone currently interested in purchasing the several items (publications, pins, tote bags, atlases) handled by MAGS - will need to contact each of the several individuals handling the various items. We have known for some time - THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER WAY. So - your Board has established the new position of Store Manager.

This person will be responsible for handling the purchase and sale of items we have available for members.

As we all know - the success of our society depends upon the willingness of individual members to agree to handle the many functions vital to carrying out the business of the organization. The Store Manager is the latest addition to our leadership cadre in an attempt to improve services to our membership.

Again - it will never be placed on the list of big jobs - BUT it is an important one.

If you have any interest - please contact your President, Al Werking - and let's talk. Phone (301) 223-4243.

ATTENTION

MAGS is now accepting dues for the year
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Still the same low price:

\$10 for individual membership
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If the membership number on the address label of your *Der Kurier* ends in "00" you must pay next year's dues before January 1st.

Mail your check made payable to **MAGS** to:
S. E. Brooks, Membership Chairman
2010 Bermondsey Drive
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You do **not** need to complete a membership form, if your name & address are printed on your check. Include your membership number on the check.

THANKS AND CALL FOR HELP

Special thanks to Charlotte Couzantino, Shirley Forrester, and Marilynne Ocando for helping to staff the MAGS table at the National Palatines to America Conference in Harrisburg, PA. June 20th -21st. With their help we were able to make more German-American researchers aware of MAGS services.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone willing to work at our table at the MAGS Fall Conference in Leesburg, VA should contact Susannah Brooks at 2010 Bermondsey Drive, Mitchellville, Maryland 20721 or stop by the table at the beginning of that conference. Volunteering for even a half an hour helps the MAGS board members responsible for the table.

MAGS Welcomes New Members

A maximum of four surnames being researched by each new member appears *in parentheses and italics* following the new member's name. Space does not permit more than four surnames or most spelling variations. MAGS encourages all members to submit their research names to the Surname Exchange Index and to have the Index searched to determine if others are also researching the same family.

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- Alan B. Andrelczyk of Sandy, UT
(*Benner/Behner, Andrelczyk, Rinehart, Seib*)
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(*Buss, Leidich, Meeker, Welker*)
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(*Schmidt, Wise, Cole/Kohl*)
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(*Langenecker, Heizenreder, Raab, Winter*)
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(*Dönges, Milspaugh, Corwin, Hunyadi*)
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(*Dreher, Cripe, Bensinger*)
- Neal & Jean B. Ehlers of Ellicott City, MD
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(*Dupler, Kuhns, Hise/Hess, Greninger*)
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(*Schultz, Meyer, Bingel, Sword*)
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(*Schaefer, Mohlhenrich, Toepfer*)
- F. Joe Wehrle of St. Albans, WV
- Robert Youker of Bethesda, MD
(*Rudolph, Youker/Jucker, Juncker/Yoncker*)
- William J. & Joan Zielenbach of Hilliard, OH
(*Brumbach, Lipe/Leip, Dellinger, Lieder*)

FRAKTUR FORUM

by Corinne Earnest

LUTZ on Fraktur

In the September 1992 and 1999 issues of *Der Kurier*, I listed several examples of fraktur having the name LUTZ. This issue continues with that series. The Historical Society of Berks County in Reading, Pennsylvania, pictures several fraktur having the name LUTZ on Microfilm #251. Frame #339 shows a *taufschein* (birth and baptism certificate) made for Isaac KERSHNER, son of Heinrich and Lusetta (LUTZ) KERSHNER. Isaac was born in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, on January 27, 1853. He was baptized by Th. H. LEINBACH on March 26, 1853. Sponsors were Isaac and Lidia LUTZ. Frame #340 shows a *taufschein* made for Isaac's father, Heinrich KIRSCHNER [sic]. Heinrich was born December 31, 1821 in Heidelberg Township, Berks County. His parents were Peter and Sara (KALBACH) KIRSCHNER. An added note says he married Lusetta on August 19, 1843.

Frame #341 shows Lusetta's *taufschein*. She was the daughter of Jacob and Catharina (WENGERT) LUTZ. She was born in Jackson Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, on August 19, 1823. She was baptized by William ERNST on December 15, 1823. Sponsors at her baptism were Peter and Salome ECKERT. Lusetta married Heinrich KERSCHNER on her twentieth birthday, and an added note says she died in 1885 at age 61 years, 9 months, and 27 days.

Frame #359 shows a *taufschein* made for Jacob Henry LUTZ, son of Samuel and Mary Henrietta (HAFER) LUTZ. Jacob Henry was born in Reading on December 29, 1867. He was baptized June 20, 1868 by Benjamin D. ZWEIZIG, Lutheran. Sponsors at his baptism were Henry and Mary Julianna HAFER, Jacob Henry's grandparents. Frame #360 shows an example made for Jacob Henry's brother, Jacob. Jacob was baptized at age four by G.F. WOERNER, Lutheran, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on December 6, 1874. He was born June 4, 1870 in Old Lycoming Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Sponsors at his baptism were Gottlieb GEPLER, Jacob LUTZ, and Christina GEPLER. Frame #361 shows a *taufschein* made for Franzis Silma, daughter of Samuel and Henriette LUTZ. Franzis Silma was born in Lycoming Township on February 6, 1875 and baptized on April 12, 1875 in Williamsport by G.F. WOERNER. John BUCHART was sponsor.

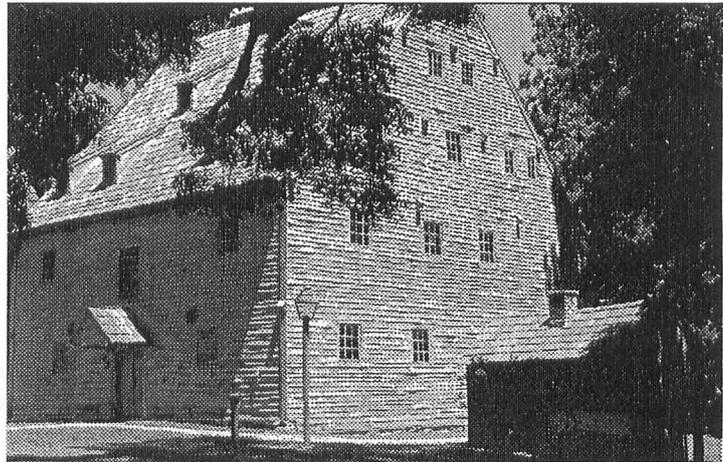
Frame #364 shows Samuel LUTZ's *taufschein*. He was the son of Jacob and Maria (FRY) LUTZ. Samuel was born in Alsace Township, Berks County, on February 2, 1844. He was baptized by Pastor MUELLER on May 26, 1844. Sponsors were Samuel and Ester BALTZER.

The Historical Society of Berks County is planning an exhibit of their fraktur for the year 2001.

If you have names you wish me to research on fraktur, send your request with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Corinne Earnest, MAGS Publications Chair, P.O. Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316. Please be patient for a reply.

Conrad Beissel and the Ephrata Community

On the outskirts of the somewhat congested Pennsylvania town of Ephrata lies a cluster of buildings in a pleasant rural setting. The largest and most impressive are timber buildings of German medieval design. They have stood in this spot for more than 250 years, since the time the surrounding countryside was still wilderness.



The *Saal* was the worship hall of the Ephrata Community. It was built with wooden pegs instead of nails, because the Community perceived a Biblical injunction against the use of iron (*Deut 27:5*).

The origin of this remarkable settlement traces to March 1, 1690, the date Conrad Beissel was born in the Palatine village of Eberbach. He learned the trade of baker and as a young man traveled extensively through the Rhine country as a journeyman. In such places as Strasbourg and Heidelberg he associated with religious mystics and Pietists who were challenging the established religious order of the time. This eventually got him in trouble with the authorities, and so he emigrated with some friends to the New Land, arriving in Boston September 1720.

By 1721 he had settled in Pennsylvania's Conestoga Valley. Beissel was a born leader and evangelist. Though he apparently meant to lead a hermit's life, pursuing his personal vision of salvation, he quickly became a leading figure in the Church of the Brethren (also called Dunkers on account of their practicing full immersion baptism). It must have been something to hear him preach. He could speak extemporaneously for hours, eyes closed, as though in a trance. His words and his magnetic personality attracted many devoted followers.

Eventually Beissel and his flock separated from the mainstream Brethren because of doctrinal differences. Chief among these were celebrating the Sabbath on Saturday and Beissel's ascetic leanings, which included a strong emphasis on celibacy.

In 1732 Beissel moved to an isolated spot on the Cocalico Creek, which became the site of the Ephrata Cloister in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His flock soon gathered around him, and Beissel organized the community into three groups. At the core of the Cloister were two celibate orders of "Brothers" and "Sisters" who lived communally. "Householders" were married couples who worshipped in the church but lived in their own cabins. Many members of the community discarded their given names in favor of spiritual names. Beissel himself went by the name of *Vater Friedensam* (Father Peaceful).

The Ephrata Community was one of the chief centers of German culture in colonial America. Ephrata pioneered German language publishing in America. They initially employed the printing presses of Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia and Christopher Sauer in Germantown. Later they obtained their own printing press and paper mill, producing hymnals and religious texts including the massive *Martyr's Mirror*, a central document of Mennonite history and spirituality. At 1200 pages, it is the largest book to be published in colonial America.

The Ephrata community practiced charity. They provided for the poor, and their skilled artisans helped new settlers build homes. A free school was established, and a Cloister visitor commented upon the community's "... beautiful way of child training."¹ Approximately 500 wounded soldiers were treated at Ephrata following the Battle of Brandwine (1777).

Visual and musical arts were important activities of Beissel and his talented, dedicated followers.² Members of the community produced beautiful, wonderfully original illuminated manuscripts. *The Christian ABC Book* (1750) contains spectacular examples of fraktur writing.

The community was a prolific source of new hymns, many created by Beissel himself. Beissel also developed his own unique theory of harmony, described in the Ephrata hymnal *Die Turtel Taube*, (The Turtle Dove). Through one of his characters, the German novelist Thomas Mann said of the Ephrata singing style: "It had been quite indescribable, not to be compared with anything in this world. He had, so the elder Kretschmar had said, sat in English, French, and Italian opera houses; that had been music for the ear, but Beissel's rang deep down into the soul and was nothing more nor less than a foretaste of heaven."³ Today the Ephrata singing style is preserved by the "Sisters of Saron," a high school singing group based in Whitehall, Pennsylvania.

The Cloister's size peaked about 1750 with approximately 300 residents. Beissel died in 1768, but a core of followers kept his ideas alive, leading to the founding of the Seventh Day German Baptist Church in 1814. An offshoot of the Ephrata community was established at Snow Hill, near Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, and this enterprise survived until very recently. Currently the fate of the Snow Hill property and its buildings is in doubt.⁴

Ephrata Cloister today is a National Historic Landmark operated by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. A total of 12 historic buildings survive, including the impressive *Saal*, or community worship hall, and the *Saron*, communal dwelling of the Ephrata Sisters order. A modest admission fee is charged. For information: Ephrata Cloister, 632 West Main Street, Ephrata, PA 17522. Phone 717-733-6600. Web:

<http://www.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Historical_Museum/BHSM/toh/ephrata/ephratacloister.htm>

MAGS members: Can you document ancestors who lived in Ephrata Cloister ? If your family history includes an Ephrata connection that you would like to share, write to the MAGS Editor with details (see inside front cover for address). Burial lists of members of the Ephrata community have been published,⁵ and the burial list of "Householders" is available online.⁶ Note that even members of the celibate Brothers and Sisters orders have descendents living today, as some joined these orders after producing large families, while others left the orders to resume married life.

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Please mention at least one time, one place, and one German surname with known variants. Limit each query to one family. Use no more than fifty (50) words, not counting your name and address. There is no charge for members of MAGS. Non-members please include \$1.00 (check payable to Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society) per query with your submission. More than one query may be sent at a time, but each should be clearly written or typed on a separate sheet of 8 1/2 by 11 inch clean, white paper. Please indicate desired priority for printing. MAGS reserves the right to edit. Neither MAGS nor *Der Kurier* assumes any responsibility for accuracy. Send your Queries to Edythe H. Millar, Queries Editor, MAGS, 511 FOREST GLEN CIRCLE, MURFREESBORO, TN 37128. E-mail: ehoffmillar@netscape.net

FRIESS WALTER

#18-22 Seek fam Wilhelmina FRIESS b Beuren, Duchy of Württemberg 1847; to US 1869, mar Adam WALTER; bur White Plains, NY, Rural Cemetery. Ch: James, John, Albert. Descendants please contact:

Joan Walters Drake 2532 Q St. NW Washington, DC 20007-4307 Ph: 202-338-2082

WEISER SCUDDER BLATCHLY

#18-23 Seek desc Georg Friedrich WEISER, b Duchy of Württemberg/Palatinate @ 1686; indentured to Samuel Smith, Smithtown, Long Island, NY. Son of Johann Conrad WEISER; Mar

Sarah SCUDDER; dau Prudence WEISER mar Daniel BLATCHLY

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WALTER / WALTERS FRIESS

#18-24 Seek fam Adam WALTER, b 1849, to US from Oeschingen, Duchy of Württemberg in 1869, d 1892, bur Rural Cemetery, White Plains, NY.; mar Wilhelmina FRIESS. Ch: James, John, Albert.

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Military Records

The World War I Civilian Draft Registration database contains 1,215,381 records reflecting all registrants born 1872-1900 from about 15% of U.S. counties. So far only six states are completed, but additional names are being added slowly. To learn about this database and search for your ancestor's name, visit: <<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ww1/draft/index.html>>.

There are also links to county-by-county abstractions of names and a listing of completed counties is available (state-by-state) at the linked USIGS Military Search Page: <<http://www.rootsquest.com/cgi-bin/start.cgi/usigs/linksearch.html>>. At this website you can search by various wars: The Revolutionary War, War of 1812, etc. As with many new databases on the web, the information is still in the process of being completed for all states and all wars.

New York Vital Records

The New York State Archives has discontinued its mail search service for the microfiche indexes to vital records (birth, marriage, and death certificates) in New York State outside of New York City.

The microfiche indexes to the older vital records filed at the New York State Department of Health continue to be available for use by the public at the New York State Archives and at the National Archives-Northeast Region, 201 Varick Street, New York, NY. Genealogical copies of vital records are available from the New York State Department of Health, Vital Records Section, Corning Tower Building/ESP, Albany, NY. For information via the web: <<http://www.health.state.ny.us>>. Source: *The Generator*, St. Mary's County Genealogical Society, Spring 2000 issue.

BUCHBESPRECHUNGEN

MAG's Fall Meeting will be held October 28 in Leesburg, Virginia, the county seat of Loudoun County. To mark this occasion, the first three books reviewed below pertain to Loudoun County research. For further information on the Fall Meeting, see the insert in this issue of *Der Kurier*.

Loudoun County, Virginia Marriage Bonds 1762-1850

by Mrs. Walter (Aurelia) Towner Jewell

1997, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, Maryland. Originally published 1962 by Virginia Book Company, Berryville, Virginia. Soft Cover, 155 text pages, 63 page index.

The compiler states, "It is unfortunate that many of the early marriage bonds have been lost. It is strange too, that many of the marriage bonds in existence are not followed by the actual marriage records in the Clerk's Office at Leesburg. For the latter reason, I have compiled this separate volume of the marriage bonds, believing them to be an invaluable addition to already published Virginia records".

Nearly all the material of the body of the text (pages 1 through 165) is arranged in three columns, i.e., Name of Groom, Name of Bride, and Date of Bond. Some family relationships are included. Names of witnesses and seconds are provided in some records. Some surnames are underlined - others partially underlined - with no explanation telling why.

The bulk of the text material related to bonds* (pages 1 through 154) is not arranged alphabetically by the name of the bride or the groom; nor is it arranged in chronological order by the date of the marriage bond. No explanation is provided by the compiler telling why the material is presented as it is. While interesting, this presents no particular problem for the researcher, as the book also includes a 63 page (double-column) every-name index.

Appreciating how many German families migrated from Pennsylvania, particularly York and Lancaster Counties, down through Frederick County, MD and on into Loudoun County, VA - makes this a valuable research tool for those engaged in such research.

* On page 155 there are cited 13 Marriage Licenses entered in Clerk's Fee Books 1762, 1764, and 1765, Loudoun County, Virginia. The marriage bond information (pages 1 through 165) runs from 05 January 1799 through 17 June 1799.

Reviewed by Al Werking

Index to The Tithables of Loudoun County, Virginia and to Slaveholders and Slaves 1758 - 1786

by Margaret Lail Hopkins

1991, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 N. Calvert St. Baltimore, MD 21202. Book # 2865. 146 pp. Indexed, Hardcover. Cost: \$20.00 plus 3.50 s/h.

To genealogists, indexes are a kind of Rosetta stone, unlocking the secrets of old records we might never have found. Such is the case with this slender, but information packed, volume. Legislation required that annual lists be made of residents aged 16 years and upward. Between 1758 and 1786 these lists provided a record of families who spent time in Loudoun County, VA. Those who were slave holders were also identified. Situated on a popular migration route, the area was a temporary home to some and the permanent residence for others. This index can unlock those secrets as well.

Most of the surnames are of English origin as one would expect in this part of Virginia. However, when a surname such as Shreve appears with twelve alternative spellings spanning the years 1760 to 1785, the German influence is obvious. The single entry for Tunis Stoll in 1768 may be the vital clue as to his whereabouts.

This useful volume includes an informative



The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society

Annual Fall Meeting

28 October 2000 - - - - Best Western, Leesburg, VA

Searching For Your Ancestors in Germany

- 8:30 a.m. Registration -- Juice, pastries, coffee, tea
- 9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks
- 9:10 a.m. **My Ancestor Came From Germany, "That's All I Know." Where Do I Begin?**
- 10:05 a.m. Recess
- 10:35 a.m. **Counties and Principalities in the 18th Century - A Political Map of Germany**
- 11:35 a.m. Business Meeting
- 12:00 Noon Buffet Luncheon
- 1:15 p.m. **Research in Germany: What Kind of Records Should I Search? Where are the Records Found?**
- 2:15 p.m. Recess
- 2:45 p.m. **German Names & Spelling Variations: How to Determine the Correct Given and Surname Spellings When Spoken Dialects and Inconsistent Recording Practices May Have Corrupted the Original Names**
- 3:45 p.m. Awarding of Door Prizes
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment

Speaker: **Trudy Schenk** will carry the day for this MAGS Meeting. Ms. Schenk is an Accredited Genealogist specializing in German research. Trudy is a native-born German who came to the United States at the age of twenty. For the past twenty years she has worked as a consultant at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Trudy has co-authored seven volumes of the *Wurttemberg Emigration Index Series*.

Notice: Absolutely no taping, either audio or visual, will be permitted without prior approval of the speaker and MAGS. Send your request to: John Humphrey, Program Chairman, P.O. Box 15190, Washington, DC 20003, no later than October 6, 2000.

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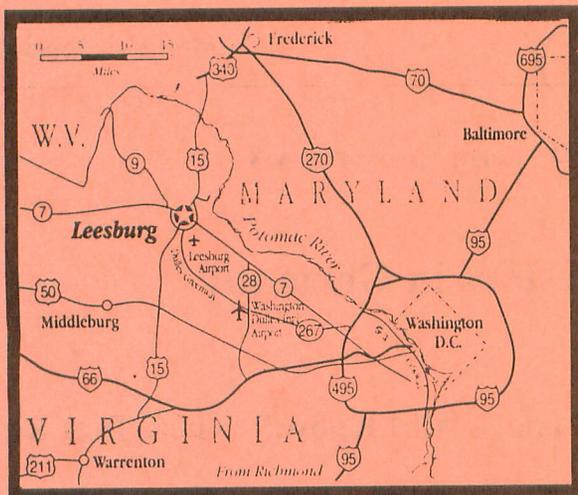
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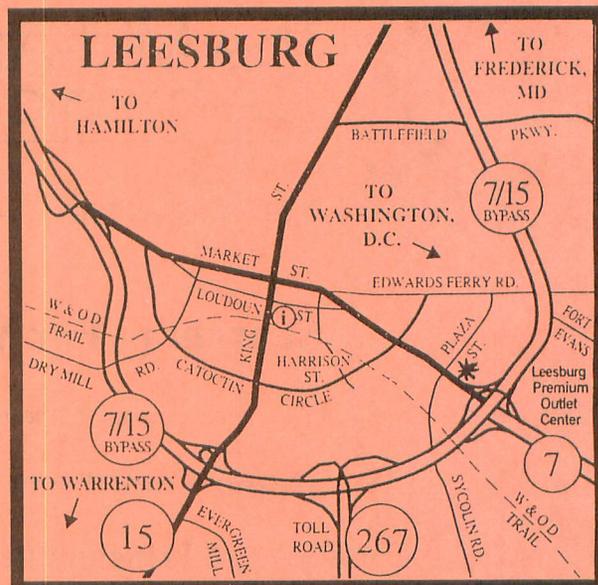
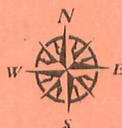
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LOCAL AREA MAP

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Directions to MAGS Fall Meeting Site: The meeting is in the **Main Conference Room of the Best Western Leesburg Dulles**, located at 726 East Market St, Leesburg, Loudoun Co., VA. Virginia State Route 7 is locally known as Market St. The Leesburg ByPass is US15 and Route 7. The Best Western is located on the north side of East Market St. (Route 7) about 1/2 mile west of the Route 7 interchange at the ByPass.

Lodging: The **Best Western Leesburg Dulles** is located at 726 East Market St., Leesburg, VA. The Hotel is holding a block of rooms with two double beds until 6 October 2000. For reservations phone 1-703-777-9400. The MAGS rate is \$98.35 including tax. Mention MAGS to receive this rate for Friday, 27 October. Check-in after 3 PM. Dining facilities nearby. Rooms available for the physically challenged.

Other Lodging: This locality is busy in the Fall. Other possible places for lodging are: (1) Holiday Inn-Leesburg at Carradoc Hall, 1500 E. Market St, Leesburg 20176. PH: 703-771-9200. (2) Days Inn-Leesburg at 721 E. Market St, Leesburg. PH: 703-777-6622. (3) Loudoun Co. Guild of Bed & Breakfasts, 108 Loudoun St. SW, Leesburg, VA 20175. PH: 800-752-6118. They will provide a list of B&B's in the area.

Travel/Transportation: Dulles International Airport is approximately 20 miles from Leesburg via the Dulles Greenway (Rt 267). Some Hotels offer airport shuttle service. Free maps of VA, Leesburg, & Loudoun Co. provided in our Meeting Packet.

Visitor information: Loudoun Tourism Council, Leesburg, Ph: 800-777-1758. Ask for Janet Wenzel or Patti Rodgers or www.visitloudoun.org. Town of Leesburg, Virginia, Ph: 703-777-2420. Ask for Susan B. Farmer or sfarmer@leesburgva.org.

Sites for Research: Thomas Balch Library, 206 East Market St., Leesburg. Ph: 703-737-7195. A local history and genealogy library operated by the Town of Leesburg. Hours: Open several hrs everyday but Sun. A brochure will be in our Meeting Packet.

A Sampling of Other Sites to Visit: Loudoun Museum, 16 Loudoun St, Leesburg. 703-777-7427. The museum is also the start of the Leesburg Walking Tour. Ball's Bluff Regional Park and National Cemetery. Lovettsville, "The German Settlement". Other Leesburg area sites: Morven Park House & Carriage Museum, Oatlands Plantation, Old Stone Church Site.

introduction which adds to the value of the whole. Many thanks to the compiler and to Genealogical Publishing.

Reviewed by Betty deKeyser

**Abstracts of wills, inventories, and
administration Accounts of
Loudoun County, Virginia 1757-1800**

by J. Estelle Stewart King
Index by Elizabeth Petty Bentley

1996, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.; Baltimore, MD 22102, paperback, 85 pages.

This is an updated edition of the book originally published in Beverly Hills, CA in 1940 and later reprinted with an improved format and new index by Genealogical Publishing Company in 1978, 1979, and 1984. For this edition, the text has been re-organized and retyped. The entire work has been re-paginated and a table of contents and new everyname index added.

As is obvious by the title, the book contains, for the period of 1757 to 1800, abstracts related to wills, inventories, and administration accounts in Loudoun Co, VA.

A bit more surprising are some of the entries in the Table of Contents, to wit: Rent Rolls 1761; Militia of Loudoun County; Families of Soldiers in the Continental Army; Pensions; Commencement of Pensions - 1831; Deed Book "I"; Inscriptions from the Leesburg, Virginia, Old Methodist, Old Episcopal (Leesburg), and City (Leesburg) cemeteries.

With an appreciation for the large number of Germans who migrated down out of Pennsylvania and through Frederick County, Maryland into Loudoun County - and beyond - this book can prove to be a valuable resource. As a researcher experienced with several years of research in Frederick County, MD records, I recognized immediately many of the surnames of the index as those surnames to be found in Frederick County, MD, and earlier in York County, PA.

Reviewed by Al Werking

**Ohio County (WV) Index, Volume 2,
Index to County Court Order Books
(Part 2, 1777-1881)**

by Kenneth Fischer Craft, Jr.

1998, Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Book #C702. 501 pp. 8.5 x 11", full name and place-name indexes. Softcover. Cost: \$69, plus \$4 shipping/handling.

There is a phenomenal amount of information and detail in this book. The original Ohio County covered parts of eight present-day Northern West Virginia panhandle counties: Brooke, Doddridge, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, Pleasants, Tyler and Wetzel. Included in this volume are some Revolutionary War records, but the majority of the book focuses on 'Road Orders', identifying road supervisors, road orders, surveys, etc.

Land deeds set aside a percentage of the land for the development of roads, bridges, etc. If an ancestor worked on the roads his name may be included here. There is a massive new gazetteer, plus numerous historical and modern maps from 1821 into the 20th century. Every creek, landing, church, post office, school, cemetery and mill is indexed along with personal names. There is a personal timeline index that relates landmarks to the year built. To help you find your ancestor, several new and creative research approaches have been provided using the information in the book.

If your ancestors lived in one of the counties covered by this volume, or near one of the many landmarks listed, you may find what you're looking for here. The author uses the Geographic Names Information System to locate landmarks and explains how to acquire maps. He also provides addresses and order forms for purchasing other maps. Volumes 1-4 have been published, indexing various court order books for Ohio County (WV). Kenneth Craft is a MAGS member.

Reviewed by Marilynne G. Ocando

National Intelligencer Newspaper
Abstracts:
1824-1826 (Vol 7), 1827-1829 (Vol 8)
 by Joan M. Dixon

1999, Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716.

Vol 7: 511 pp. Softcover. Book #D403. Cost: \$39.50, plus \$4 shipping/handling.

Vol 8: 572 pp. Softcover. Book #D404. Cost: \$43.50, plus \$4 shipping/handling.

The seventh and eighth volumes in this continuing series contain abstracts from *The Daily National Intelligencer* (formerly *The National Intelligencer and Washington Advertiser*), Washington, D.C.'s first newspaper. Entries include classified ads, presidential appointments, marriages, deaths, legal notices, congressional lists, advertisements, appointments, marriages, runaway slave notices and rewards, tax lists, notable court cases, letters, military affairs, maritime information and other noteworthy events in and around the nation's capital. These abstracts are a vital resource for researching ancestors living in the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. area because they connect family names to businesses, occupations, locations, estates, relationships, associations, and specific dates. The abstracts are arranged chronologically. The book includes an index of surnames as well as vessels and tracts of land.

The entries are fascinating. One page can contain abstracts about people from Montgomery Co., MD, Knoxville, TN, Harpers Ferry, MD, Capitol Hill (D.C.) and Eastport, ME. Situations range from accidents, properties for rent, marriages, deaths, as well as actions of Congress and the Circuit Court of Washington Co., D.C. For example, Vol 7 contains the following entry: "Died: on Sep 15, at NY, Mrs. Ann Ferguson, w/o Alex'r Ferguson, formerly of NY, & late of Balt. Her death was caused by a wound rec'd in the breaking down of a stage coach, while on the way bet that city & Phil." Examples from Vol 8 include abstracts about the death of Capt. Robt. Henley at Sullivan's Island, Charleston,

SC; a sale of property, *Rose Mont*—a little farm in Fairfax Co., VA by John F. Deneale; convictions before the Superior Ct. of CT; and many more.

This reviewer would appreciate a larger type size to make it unnecessary to put the book down before being ready to do so.

Reviewed by Dorothy Jackson Reed

Memories of Allegheny County,
Pennsylvania

by Northwestern Historical Association,
 Madison, Wisconsin

1999, Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Originally published 1904. Volume 1: 560 pp; Volume 2: 530 pp. 8 ¼ x 5 ¼". Each volume indexed separately in Volume 2. Contains portraits for most entries. Soft cover. Book #N567. Cost: \$67.50, plus \$5 shipping/handling.

These two volumes contain a gold mine of information. Most biographical sketches range from a half page to a full page and contain current position or trade, city of residence, birth date, biographical information about parents, the names of wife and children, and in some instances the names of all siblings. Some entries are very full and detail boyhood home and years, education, religious affiliation and work experience up to the current position.

There are no portraits or separate entries for women; however, in 1904 there were probably few if any women in Allegheny County working outside the home in responsible positions.

The volumes have no preface or explanation as to how the information was collected. Entries were probably submitted by subscription by each entrant who supplied the information. It was then rewritten into a standard form. The entries are not alphabetized, but the indexes in Volume 2 are easy to use.

Since there is no documentation, the information for each entry would need to be checked. If you are lucky enough to find an ancestor here, verification should not be too difficult.

Reviewed by Joan W. Sheviak

Friedrichstal Church Records

1698-1812

by Cathryn S. Dippo

1999, Heritage Books, Bowie, 429 pages. Soft cover. Available from the publisher: Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Bowie, MD 20716 for \$61 plus \$4 shipping/handling.

Cathryn Dippo, a MAGS member, has meticulously transcribed the Evangelische Church records (2 books) from Friedrichstal, a village established north of Karlsruhe in 1699 as a home for Protestant refugees, especially the French-speaking Walloons. The first entries in the church books are baptisms from 1702, which were recorded from earlier sources by the first pastor upon his arrival in 1710. The earliest entries are in French; then the entries appear in either French or German, dependant, one assumes, on the language of the church member; and most if not all of the later entries appear to be in German.

Ms Dippo has included the original page numbers of the church books, which at first is a bit confusing since each page has the old page number(s) as well as the page number of her book. The original page numbers match those in the separate indexes for the two original volumes. The original page numbers would be a tremendous help to the researcher, who is using both the microfilm of the original records as well as this transcription, because he/she could immediately match page numbers and the entries. At the end of the book is a section of translation aids including a 14 page German/English and French/English dictionary of terms used in the church books. In a few places the dictionary is not arranged in strict alphabetical order, but one needs

only to look a few words up or down from the expected location to find the word they are looking for.

Each of us who has struggled to read entries in old church books wish that a transcription such as this one were available for the books from the churches our ancestors attended.

Reviewed by Susannah E. Brooks

Cemeteries of Hyattstown

by Dona Lou Cuttler

1998, Heritage Books, Inc, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Soft cover, 80 pp. Cost: \$14.00 plus \$5.00 s/h.

As one who has spent many hours copying inscriptions from gravestones, this reviewer fully recognizes the value of publication of the data. For the researcher who knows that Hyattstown is in Montgomery County, MD, this title may take on new significance. Its proximity to Frederick County adds new dimension. A clearer identification of the area served by the subject cemeteries would have been helpful.

This book goes beyond a straightforward recitation of the information presented on the stones in four cemeteries in the community. Biographical information that appears to come from other sources may add to the content of the book, but does little to provide documentation for the information. Drawings of the arrangement of the burial plots in some graveyards add to the usefulness of the book, but an alphabetical listing of burials for another is disappointing. Did anyone actually visit the location and attempt to read the stones or make a sketch of the arrangement?

The author has written several books about her area of interest. This particular one provides much useful information and documents the names of those buried in these Hyattstown cemeteries. Its shortcomings left this reviewer frustrated.

Reviewed by Betty deKeyser

Virginia Counties
by Morgan P Robinson

1999, Heritage Books, Inc, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Originally published 1916 as *Bulletin of the Virginia State Library, Vol 9*, Richmond, VA. Facsimile reprint, soft cover, 276 pp plus 6 pp index. Book number 3R511. Cost: \$24.50 plus \$4.00 s/h.

For Virginia researchers, this book could be the answer to many questions. It serves as a genealogy of the counties of Virginia, beginning with the legislation that created them and interesting footnotes detailing little known facts and explanations about their history. Numerous charts and maps provide another means of accessing the information presented. A lengthy bibliography lists, on a county by county basis, various histories and articles which relate to the material offered. One should be aware, of course, that all of the publications listed predate 1916.

The legibility of this facsimile reprint is quite good although a magnifying glass would be useful when studying the maps.

This book will be a welcome addition to the MAGS library and should appeal to researchers trying to trace the growth and movement of the population of Virginia, or looking for elusive records in counties that changed names and boundaries with astonishing frequency.

Reviewed by Betty deKeyser

CHRISTOPH VON GRAFFENRIED'S
ACCOUNT OF THE FOUNDING
OF NEW BERN, (NC)
by Vincent H. Todd

1999, Heritage Books. 434 pages. Facsimile reprint of 1920 publication. Softcover, indexed.

Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Bowie, MD 20716. \$31 plus \$4 shipping.

In 1710, Christoph Von Graffenried came to America with Swiss and Palatine immigrant families in an attempt to establish the settlement of New Bern in today's North Carolina. Von Graffenried wrote an account of his experiences in German and French, both included in this book, along with English translations from the German and French accounts. Von Graffenried's accounts describe the ocean crossing, explorations, the fledgling colony's relations with Indians (which include some gripping tales), living conditions, prejudice against German-speaking settlers, and the complex difficulties Von Graffenried experienced while providing for the people he brought to New Bern.

A more than 100-page introduction to this book gives an eloquent description of what led to seventeenth and eighteenth century migrations of German-speaking people from Switzerland and the Palatinate. Vincent H. Todd wrote this introduction in such a way that he gives perspective to how the New Bern settlement fit into the overall immigrations of German-speaking peoples from Europe. Portraying Von Graffenried as somewhat of an idealist, Todd lays the groundwork for understanding Von Graffenried's accounts, so that readers better understand the tremendous odds the New Bern settlement faced in the New World.

Von Graffenried's account taken together with Todd's introduction provide interesting and sometimes electrifying descriptions of early German immigrations and the tremendous hardships these immigrants faced in America.

Reviewed by Corinne Earnest

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MENSCH FAMILY AHNENTAFEL

Submitted by Gene E. Watson, 419 N. Grant St., Manly, IA 50456-5065

1. Cecil Glenn "Glenn" MENSCH, b 22 Sep 1892, Sterling, Whiteside Co IL, m 27 Aug 1919 in Holy Family, Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co IA, Learea "Happy" Catherine DALY. Cecil died 5 Jan 1980, Good Shepherd, Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co IA, bur 8 Jan 1980, Elmwood Cem, Mason City IA.

Parents

2. Clarence Harvey MENSCH, b 16 Jun 1867, Sterling, Whiteside Co IL, m 2 Sep 1886 in Sterling IL, Elizabeth Arvilla "Lizzie" PETTY. Clarence d 31 May 1931, Plymouth, Cerro Gordo Co IA, bur 2 Jun 1931, Elmwood Cem, Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co IA.

3. Elizabeth Arvilla "Lizzie" PETTY, b 1 Jul 1867, Emerson (?) IL, d 1 Nov 1947, Cherokee, Cherokee Co IA, bur 4 Nov 1947, Elmwood Cem, Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co IA.

Grand Parents

4. Wilhelm "William" MENSCH, b 3 Apr 1826, Catawissa, Columbia Co PA, m (1) 26 Dec 1846/7 in Columbia Co PA, Anna Catharine LEIBY; m (2) Anna LEFFERT; m (3) Ann —. Wilhelm d 1903.

5. Anna Catharine LEIBY, b 1826, PA, d 1893.

6. William PETTY, b 3 Jun 1820, NY, m in IL, Sarah Ann JOHNSON. William d 30 Apr 1895, bur Sterling, Whiteside Co IL.

7. Sarah Ann JOHNSON, b 22 Feb 1835, PA, d 3 Jul 1898, bur Sterling, Whiteside Co IL.

Great Grand Parents

8. Johannes (John) MENSCH, b 1789, Bucks Co PA, m Christianna HEIMBACH. Johannes d 1875, Catawissa, Columbia Co PA.

9. Christianna HEIMBACH, b 16 Oct 1796 (or perhaps 1790/91), d 20 Jun 1872, PA.

Great Great Grand Parents

16. John Christian MENSCH, b 31 Jan 1745, Springfield Twp, Bucks Co PA, m Anna Sabina HESS. John d 26 Dec 1826, Catawissa, Columbia Co PA, bur St. John's Evangel Cem, Catawissa PA.

17. Anna Sabina HESS, b 8 Feb 1753, d 10 Jul 1829, PA, bur Catawissa Cem, Columbia Co PA.

Third Great Grand Parents

32. John Nicholas MENSCH, b 1712, Hesse Kassel, Germany, m Sarah Elizabeth/Elizabetha —. John Nicholas d 1788.

33. Sarah Elizabeth/Elizabetha —, b 1714, Hesse Kassel, Germany.

WESEMAN FAMILY AHNENTAFEL

Submitted by Gene E. Watson, 419 N. Grant St., Manly IA 50456-5065

1. Jeanette Milda WESEMAN, b 28 Oct 1913, Dike, Grundy Co IA, d 12 Apr 1985 at home in Waterloo, Black Hawk Co IA, bur 17 Apr 1985, Garden of Memories, Waterloo, Black Hawk Co IA.

Parents

2. Upko "Okke" WESEMAN, b 7 Sep 1889, near Forreaston, Ogle Co IL, m 5 Jul 1913, Cedar Falls, Black Hawk Co IA, Louisa "Louise" GRAVES. Upko d 30 Mar 1935, Columbia Hot., Grundy Center, Grundy Co IA, bur 2 Apr 1935, Rose Hill Cem, Grundy Center IA.

3. Louisa "Louise" GRAVES, b 30 Apr 1890/2, Lincoln Twp, Grundy Co IA, d 16 Jan 1934, at

home in Grundy Center, Grundy Co IA, bur 19 Jan 1934, Rose Hill Cem, Grundy Center IA.

Grand Parents

4. Geerd Klaassens "George" WESEMANN, b 3 Dec 1856/7 (?), Tichelwarf, Weener, Ostfriesland, Germany, m. 10 Jun 1882, in Beschotenweg, Weener, Hanover, Ostfriesland, to Jantjelina Bossina (VEENINGA) VENENGA. Geerd d 19 Jul 1936, Grundy Center, Grundy Co IA, bur 22 Jul 1936, Rose Hill Cem, Grundy Center IA.

5. Jantjelina Bossina (VEENINGA) VENENGA, b 30 Aug 1860, Beschotenweg, Ostfriesland, Germany, d 7 Feb 1933, Grundy Center, Grundy Co IA, bur 10 Feb 1933, Rose Hill Cem, Grundy Center IA.

6. Johann "John" GRAVES Sr., b 26 Mar 1843, Bienermoor, Ostfriesland, Germany, m 17 Feb 1876 in Germany to Seesetta/Lizetta (TAMMEN) TEMMEN. Johann d 1 Aug 1934 at home in Grundy Co IA, bur 4 Aug 1934, Lincoln Center Cem, Grundy Co IA.

7. Seesetta/Lizetta (TAMMEN) TEMMEN, b 25 May 1849 (?), Brienermoor (?), Ostfriesland, Germany, d 4 Oct 1925, Lincoln Twp, Grundy Co IA, bur Lincoln Twp Church Cem, Grundy Co IA.

Great Grand Parents

8. Klaas Harms WESEMANN, b Oct 1835, Weener, Ostfriesland, Germany, m 12 Jul 1857 to Everdina Geerds WOLTERMANN. Klaas d 20 May 1869, Holthuserheide, Weener, Ostfriesland, Germany.

9. Everdina Geerds WOLTERMANN, b 20 Jun

1834, Mohlenwarf, Weener, Ostfriesland, Germany, d 9 Sep 1906, bur 11 Sep 1906, Holland Cem, Holland, Grundy Co IA.

10. Upko VEENINGA m Hilke Weerts WALLERSTEIN.

11. Hilke Weerts WALLERSTEIN.

Great Great Grand Parents

16. Simon Hinderks WESEMANN m Grietje Harms EDEN.

17. Grietje Harms EDEN.

18. Geerd Geerds WOLTERMANN m Antje Klaasen HOVENGA.

19. Antje Klaasen HOVENGA.

A Schleswig-Holstein Researcher

The Palatine Immigrant, Dec. 1999, provides a URL to the Website of a professional researcher in Schleswig-Holstein willing to work in records of that area. He is Hans-Peter Voss, who has access to church books, town histories, libraries and the county archive in the city of Schleswig. You may examine his website at <<http://home.t-online.de/home/hans-peter.voss>>. He includes on his Website the basics of Old German script – and even some fishing stories! His e-mail address is hans-peter.voss@t-online.de. His mailing address is Herr Hans-Peter Voss, An de Marsch 6, D—25557 Steinfeld, Germany. We have no experience with his services. If you try him, please share your experience with us for the benefit of others.

Database of Great Lakes Vessels

The Historical Collections of the Great Lakes is in the process of creating a database of Great Lakes vessels. The project is being funded by a grant from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. The entry of information for about 8,000 vessels has been completed, and scanning of pictures is underway. The project was targeted for completion in February 2000. There are now over 4,000 image files with an additional 3,000-4,000 images still to add. A grant from the Ohio Coastal Management Assistance Program will bring completion to the project. (*Archival Chronicle*, Bowling Green St U, Dec 1999). Excerpted from *Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter*, March 2000.

Surname Resources

BROBST, PROBST. Website: <<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~brobst/>>.

YODER, JODER, YOTTER, YOTHER, etc. Website: <<http://www.yodernewsletter.org>>. Newsletter by mail: Yoder Newsletter, P.O. Box 594, Goshen, Indiana, 46527

LIBRARY NEWS: RECENT ACCESSIONS

Carl M. Shrader, Library Administrator

Since the last report, nine more MAGS members have been added to the roster for Library privileges. Items donated or purchased since June are available for loans to the 116 members registered to borrow from the Lending Library. If you have not joined the fun, see the inside back cover of this issue for information or write for a brochure.

We show new acquisitions in the order of receipt. All books, whether donations, reviewed copies from publishers or purchased, are for immediate use of qualified members and published in the September 2000 Book List. Eligible holders of older versions have up to date access to the Library collection by using these accession and call numbers and titles on the Loan Form as if they were in your Book List. Always keep these *Der Kurier* releases to supplement your catalog.

#1307: Donated by Heritage Books, Reviewed by Dr. J. Michael Shrader. F262.M4T662, by D. A. Thompkins, 1999. HISTORY OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY (NORTH CAROLINA) AND THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, 1740-1903. Facsimile Reprint, 2 in one, Soft bound, 5½" x 8½".

Accessions 1308 - 1324 donated by Mrs. Elda S. Bardsley, MAGS member. All Spiral bound, 8½" x 11".

#1308: CS18.S9.W447. HANDY GUIDE TO SWISS GENEALOGICAL RECORDS by Jared H. Suess. Everton Publishers, Logan, Utah; 1978, 8½" x 11", 92p.

#1309: F159.H461 ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, OTHER GERMAN RECORDS, GERMANTOWN - MT. AIRY, Burials w/ ages, 1831-1872. By John H. Heffner, also photo copies of original hand written Register of Baptisms, Vol. 4, 1842-1890. 1995, about 60p.

#1310: F158.61H46 ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, FOURTH AND SASSAFRAS, PHILADELPHIA, ESTABLISHED 1808. BURIALS; Fragments from Old Philadelphia Graveyards, contributed by Charles R. Barker, Compiled by John H. Heffner, 8½" x 11", abt. 40p.

#1311: F158.G3H461 OTHER GERMAN RECORDS, GERMANTOWN - MT. AIRY, POTPOURRI, 1711-1820, (Upper and Lower Cemeteries of Germantown.). Compiled by John H. Heffner, 1995, 8½" x 11", abt. 40p.

#1312: F158.G3H461 ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, OTHER GERMAN RECORDS, GERMANTOWN - MT. AIRY, POTPOURRI From 1711-1820, (Zion Lutheran, 4th and Race Streets, Philadelphia). Compiled by John H. Heffner, 1995, 8½" x 11", abt. 50p.

#1313: F158.M1H461 ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH GERMANTOWN - MT. AIRY, BIRTHS,

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, 1751-1845, Compiled John H. Heffner, 1995, 8½" x 11", abt. 60p.

#1314: CS71.B245 FOUR SCHIRMER OR SHERMER FAMILIES OF PHILADELPHIA, by Elda S. Bardsley, 1999, 8½" x 11", 23p.

#1315: F145.S23H46, Vol. I. THE RECORDS OF THE SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCHES AT RACCOON AND PENNS NECK, 1713-1786, RECORDS OF MARRIAGES, Compiled by John H. Heffner, 1997, 8½" x 11", 34p.

#1316: F145.S23H46, Vol. II. THE RECORDS OF THE SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCHES AT RACCOON AND PENNS NECK, 1713-1786, RECORDS OF BAPTISMS, Compiled by John H. Heffner, 1997, 8½" x 11", 71p.

#1317: F158.P1H461, PA GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTIONS, ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BARREN HILL, PA. 1944, Compiled by John H. Heffner, 8½" x 11", 76p.

#1318: F158.G3H4 Vol. I. ZION - ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1745-1785, Compiled John H. Heffner, 1994, 8½" x 11", abt. 75 sh.

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