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WE'RE STUMPED !

Whether a new or longtime member of MAGS, we should be aware that we have valuable services available to each one of us. The ***Library, Queries, and Surname Exchange Index*** have helped many of us find the clues we need to further our persistent Germanic research for that elusive ancestor.

This issue I'd like to highlight ***Stumped Roots***, which provides assistance to MAGS members who are truly stumped in their personal research. First, we have to provide information about the ancestor (or one family) and indicate the resources we have already used. This is reviewed by the ***Stumped Roots*** researcher, who then attempts to find additional resources, such as original records, books, websites, etc. that may contain answers to our questions. Actual genealogical research is not a part of this service. The following information must be included with a ***Stumped Roots*** request in order for the response to be meaningful: a family group sheet for the ancestor and/or a multi-generational chart plus a one-page write-up with questions limited to one ancestor. If you know the religious affiliation of your ancestor, that should be included, because this often determines the type of records that may be available. Also include a list of the sources already investigated, and a \$5 check made payable to MAGS. It's that simple! It often takes several months to answer these queries, so please be patient. This is a great service, waiting for us to make the first move.

Finally, all we have to do is check the last page of ***Der Kurier*** for the names & addresses of the providers of each of the services.

Happy Hunting!

Dorothy Reed, Acting President



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- Spring and Fall Meetings** featuring expert speakers.
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August 5-9, 2001. Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research. Roslyn Center, 8727 River Rd., Richmond, VA. Full registration postmarked by June 1: \$250; after June 1: \$275. For more information, call 804-285-8954; e-mail: mail@vgs.org

August 16-Sep 8, 2001. National Genealogical Society research trip to Northern Germany: Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen, Hannover, and more. Visit archives or sightsee: St. Michaelis Kirche in Hamburg; the port at Bremerhaven; Pergamon Museum, San Souci Palace, Brandenburg Gate, and Reichstag in Berlin. For details contact John Humphrey at 703-525-0050. Web: <www.ngsgenealogy.org>

September 12-15, 2001. Federation of Genealogical Societies. Annual Conference at the River Center/Adler Theatre in Davenport, IA. Theme: Great River Bend Genealogy. Contact FGS, PO Box 200940, Austin, Texas 78720-0940 or 1-888-FGS-1500. E-mail: FGS-office@fgs.org Web: <<http://www.fgs.org>>

A Call for Ahnentafels – Update on the MAGS Ahnentafel Project
by Corinne Earnest

For years members have contributed Ahnentafels to MAGS for publication in *Der Kurier* and in an Ahnentafel book, due for publication this fall. The MAGS Board wishes to keep its Ahnentafel Project going. We plan to publish Volume One this fall, and we seek additional Ahnentafels to publish in future issues of *Der Kurier*, and in subsequent volumes of the Ahnentafel Project book.

If you have an Ahnentafel you wish to submit to MAGS, please send it to MAGS Ahnentafel Chair, Shirley E. Forrester, 3804 Greenly St., Wheaton, MD 20906-

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October 27, 2001. MAGS Annual Fall Meeting. Holiday Inn, Gettysburg, PA. Meeting is co-sponsored by PA Chapter of Pal-Am. Subject: Civil War. For details watch for the next issue of *Der Kurier*, or check the MAGS Website.

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).

4365. When you submit your Ahnentafel, please give written permission to use it in *Der Kurier* and in the Ahnentafel Project books.

ELECTION TIME

Believe it or not, it's election time again – for MAGS, that is!

Please exercise your right as a MAGS member to vote for your officers. The official ballot is inserted in this issue of *Der Kurier*.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Dorothy Reed becomes Acting President of MAGS ...

The new President of MAGS is Dorothy Jackson Reed. As 1st Vice President she automatically assumes this position upon resignation of the President.

Dorothy has been a member of MAGS for over 10 years, and served as Membership Chair from 1993 to 1999. She has a special interest in Germans who came to Baltimore, Maryland in the mid 1800's. Dorothy is active in the Baltimore County Genealogical Society and teaches Genealogy classes at Hagerstown Community College. She has led trips to various archives and libraries, has done research in Salt Lake City, and has made 4 trips to various parts of Germany.

... upon Al Werking's Resignation

MAGS President Al Werking submitted his resignation effective March 15, 2001. Al was elected MAGS President in 1999. He deserves the thanks of the entire MAGS membership for his energetic and capable service to MAGS and Germanic genealogy.

MAGS Volunteers

The Board and members of MAGS wish to recognize and thank those who work "behind the scenes" to make the organization run smoothly. One such person is Janice Seabolt, who sends out membership packets to new members and makes certain that members who renew late receive any missing issues of *Der Kurier*. Janice has tirelessly performed this never-ending job for several years. The Membership Chair could not do without Janice's help. THANK YOU, Janice.

MAGS Spring Meeting

Approximately 160 attended MAGS's 2001 Spring Meeting held April 28 at Blob's Park, Maryland. Attendees heard excellent talks on the theme of "Genealogical Research: Some

New Perspectives." Featured speakers were Thomas W Jones, Dorothy Boyd-Rush, and John T Humphrey.

Door Prizes

A popular feature of MAGS meetings is the door prizes awarded to attendees. MAGS thanks the publishers and vendors who donate prizes. Here are lists of the door prizes awarded at the last two MAGS meetings, together with the organizations donating them and the winning recipients:

Spring 2001 Meeting

- 1-Year Subscription to *German Life*, donated by **German Life**, Zeitgeist Publishing, LaVale, MD. Winner: Ann Francesconi.
- German Life T-Shirt, donated by **German Life** (see above). Winner: Mildred Pessaro.
- \$25 gift certificate, donated by **Heritage Books**, Inc., Bowie, MD. Winner: Jean Iler.
- *American Surnames* by Elsdon C. Smith, donated by **Genealogical Publishing Company**, Baltimore, MD. Winner: Mike Heazel.
- Gift certificate for 20% off catalog or website purchase, donated by **Willow Bend Books** and Family Line Publications, Westminster, MD. Winner: Jay Bishop.
- Germany 2001 Calendar, donated by the **Embassy of Germany**, Washington, DC. Winner: Barbara Bishop.
- *Our Family Diary* by Russell D. Earnest, Jr., donated by **Russell and Corinne Earnest**, East Berlin, PA. Winner: Kathryn Oyler.
- Genealogy Fan Charts, donated by **Masthof Books**. Winners: Neal Ehlers and Charles Gelsleichter.

Fall 2000 Meeting

- One-Year Subscription to *German Life* magazine, donated by **German Life**, Zeitgeist Publishing, LaVale, MD. Winner: Judy Dennis.
- German Life T-shirt, donated by **German Life** (see above). Winner: Richard Buss.
- \$25 gift certificate, donated by **Heritage Books**, Bowie, MD. Winner: Mike Heazel.
- *Kinship: It's All Relative*, by Jackie Smith Arnold, donated by **Genealogical Publishing Company**, Baltimore, MD. Winner: John Schercinger.

- One-year complimentary membership valued at \$20.00, donated by **Immigrant Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 7869, Burbank, CA 91510. Winner: Aline Norris.
- Gift certificate for 20% off catalog or website purchase, donated by Willow Bend Books and Family Line Publications, Westminster, MD. Winner: Marjorie Buss.
- Four Loudoun County T-shirts, donated by **Loudoun Convention & Visitors Association**, Leesburg, VA. Winners: Marianne Harms, Elsie Saar, Richard Christensen, and Sylvia Graybill.

Finally, the **German Information Center**, 871 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017 (Web: <www.germany-info.org>) donated:

- *Johann Sebastian Bach, His Life, Work and Influence 1685-1750*, by Martin Geck. Winner: Gail Komar.

- *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Dichter, Naturforscher, Staatsmann 1749-1832*, by Klaus Seehafer. Winner: Nancy Dutton.
- *Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Wrapped Reichstag, Berlin, 1971-1995*. The Project Book. Winner: Carol Porter.
- *Americans from Germany*, by Gerard Wilk. Winner: Doris Keane.
- *America through the eyes of German Immigrant Painters*. A catalogue of the exhibition at City Hall, Boston, 1975. Winner: William Ruff.
- *Foreign ViewPoints, Multicultural Literature in Germany*, edited by I. Ackermann. Winner: Betsy Moyer.
- Two mouse pads. Winners: Robert Reisinger and Charlotte Mattern.

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.

Debra Hart & Eleanor Bean of Ellicott City, MD
(*Schmidt/Smith, Ruehl, Ewalt, Hubner*)
Alfred & Myra Carlson of Beachwood, NJ
(*Metzger, Schardien, Franke, Lehmann*)
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(*Beall, Close, Crook, Mucler*)
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(*Schmidt, Woyke, Gesse*)
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Kim Edward Myers of Redmond, WA
(*Myers, Hoffmaster, Drenner, Keller*)
Mildred S. Pessaro of Baltimore, MD
(*Shealey, Shock*)
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Dwight Scholl of Raleigh, NC
(*Scholl, Bruce, Harris, Stubbs*)
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(*Schrotz, Gross*)
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(*Kroft, Chill, Barteldt, Richter*)
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(*Shindle/Shindel(l)/Schindle*)
Susan Sorge of Fort Washington, MD
(*Dietz, Brant, Minnich, Wolford*)
Helen E. Tavik of Severna Park, MD
(*Schultz, Brader, Hoffman*)
Jennifer Crider Vorontsov of Laurel, MD
(*Berger, Crider/Kreider, Reitter*)
Ben H. Weddle of Front Royal, VA
(*Weddle/Wedel/Wettel*)
Pearl Zarrelli of Pittsburgh, PA
(*Oldendorf, Bonheyo, Berroth, Deininger*)

FRAKTUR FORUM

by Corinne Earnest

STUMP on Fraktur - Part II

This article continues with Stumps on fraktur from the December 2000 issue of *Der Kurier* (Volume 18, No 4). Most American fraktur are written in German. About 1875, we see increasing numbers of English language certificates, but prior to that date, most families of German heritage preferred their taufscheins (birth and baptism certificates), bookplates, and Bible records recorded in German. Occasionally, discrepancies occur as researchers abstract information from fraktur. These discrepancies often result from faded ink, paper loss, stains, or poor handwriting. Thus, certificates written in English are often as difficult to read as those written in German. In part, that's because scribes writing in English liked to decorate handwriting, sometimes to the point it became illegible. In *Geburts-und Taufscheine: Illuminated Pennsylvania German Birth and Baptismal Certificates*, Harry A. Focht lists data from an English language taufschein made for Sarah STUMPH, daughter of Mathias and Barbara (SCHATTO) STUMPH. Sarah was born May 28, 1806 in Monaghan Township, York County. She was baptized by M.D. KESSLER. Sponsors were D. MEYER and his wife. According to Focht, this example records information about Focht's own ancestors. They moved to Toboyne Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania, where Sarah married Thomas BERGER or BERRIER. Focht mentions that other researchers (including me) read Barbara's maiden name as SCHATLE or SCHATTE. Since Barbara was Focht's ancestor, I certainly defer to him.

In the Autumn 1978 issue of *Pennsylvania Folklife*, Judith E. Fryer lists a taufschein made for Johan Georg MUELLER, son of Michael and Margretha (STUMPF) MUELLER. Johan Georg was born September 29, 1789 at about five o'clock in the morning. He was born in Heidelberg Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. He was baptized on December 1, 1789 by Wilhelm HENDEL, Reformed. Valendein and Magdalena SAUDERSCHLEIGER (probably LAUTENSCHLAGER) were sponsors. Claude Unger's translation of this example was published in the April 15, 1951 issue of *The Pennsylvania Dutchman*. In that listing, the date of birth is given as September 29, 1782 and the date of baptism is given as December 2, 1783. The sponsors' names are written, "Valentin and Magdalena LAUTERSCHLAEGER."

Often, the problem with fraktur is not reading the text. Instead, the problem began when the scribe wrote the text. To be honest, who today hasn't said, "I can't read my own writing"? Sometimes fraktur artists and scribes were simply careless. For example, in Volume IV of *The Printed Birth and Baptismal Certificates of the German Americans*, Klaus Stopp pictures a taufschein made for Magdalena STUMP, daughter of Benjamin and Magdalena (BOYER or BEYER) STUMP. Magdalena was born January 22, 1811 at about two o'clock in the morning in Heidelberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. She was baptized by Pastor ULLRICH on September 28, 1820. The only sponsor at her baptism was her grandmother, Sara BOYER (or BEYER). The problem with reading the BOYER/BEYER name occurs because the scribe used lowercase "o's" and "e's" interchangeably.

CORRECTION

In the December 2000 issue of *Der Kurier*, I wrote in "Fraktur Forum -- Stumps on Fraktur" that Gorg HEUBEL was born in "Columbia County, Ohio." David Hively wrote to say, this should read "Columbiana County, Ohio." David is right. The fraktur clearly says "Columbiana County." As David Hively points out, there is no Columbia County, Ohio. The fault is mine, and I thank David Hively for calling this error to my attention.

Likewise, a taufschein was made for a girl named "Mamia" Elisabeth LEVAN, daughter of William and Mary Elisabeth (STUMP) LEVAN. The scribe wrote Mamia, but since her mother was Mary Elisabeth, he may have meant "Maria" Elisabeth. I try not to second guess the scribe and change names. For all I know, your great grandmother's name might be Mamia, and I don't want to rename her after all these years. Mamia Elisabeth was born October 26, 1879 in Greenwich Township, Berks County. She was baptized January 20, 1880. Her parents were sponsors at her baptism. The whereabouts of this certificate is unknown.

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. Please be patient for a reply. I have received several requests and am trying to respond to each in turn.

Will we find PEACE in our new Century?

Last year, on a cold, grey, and drizzly day, Remembrance Day came and went. Surviving veterans of horrible wars marched to war memorials and cemeteries to honour their dead comrades who had fallen at their side, to lay wreaths, and stand in silence to remember. This ceremony takes place every year, in every town and every country that has sent men and boys into battle, to fight and to die for whatever reason.

Once again I did not join in any of the Remembrance marches or in any of the ceremonies. Once again I did not visit any war cemeteries to pay my respect and put some flowers down, despite the fact that I am a war veteran, and that I knew so many comrades who lost their lives.

Once again I withdrew into the deepest corner of my soul and mind to mourn my comrade's senseless deaths - and every year it is the same, emotion overcomes me, and I pray that such terrible things won't ever happen again.

I don't think that I am alone with this problem. Having seen on television the faces of men who survived the crossfire on the beaches of Normandy and Dieppe, having listened to the voices of pilots and bomber crews, I know I am not alone, there are many more who feel like me.

Veterans of all wars and armies, who have faced death and injury, have seen and experienced the horror of war, who have heard the screams and whispers of the wounded and dying, have heard the terrifying sounds of the battlefield, the machine guns and rifles, the exploding of hand grenades, the whistling sound of artillery shells coming your way, the air pressure of bombs going off, those veterans will never forget.

Any veteran having gone through this man-made hell, carries forever deep emotional and mental scars, which will never go away,

Editor's Note: John Merz is an expert on Hessians in the American Revolution. He has an excellent Website on this topic, <http://www.cgocable.net/~hessian/>, and he hosts the AMREV-HESSIANS list.

Mr Merz's new book *GUIDE to Help You Find Your Hessian Soldier of the American Revolution* is reviewed in this issue of *Der Kurier* (p 30).

The Canadian "Remembrance Day" in November has similar purposes to the U.S. Memorial Day observed at the end of May. Hence I thought this issue of *Der Kurier* an appropriate time to publish Mr Merz's reflections. His experience as a German prisoner-of-war in America must provide some interesting perspectives on Hessians in the American Revolution, some of whom also became German prisoners-of-war in America.

and the strangest experience is, the pain of those scars increases with age.

I am a veteran of the Second World War and belonged to the 71st Infantry Division of the German army. Myself and all my comrades were drafted. We had to go and serve the German war machine. In 1944 I was captured by American troops at Monte Cassino in Italy and spent the rest of the war in POW camps at Colorado, Virginia, and Maryland, before being shipped home again in Dec.1945.

After my release and return to my bombed-out hometown Hanau, for which I did not blame the bomber crews - they had their orders just like we had ours - there was no homecoming celebration. After all, losers of wars are happy if they can go home and forget. There was much work to do and no time to think, no time or desire to talk about it anymore. Life goes on.

Since the end of the Second World War, many more wars broke out and were fought around the globe. The United Nations war in Korea, with American and Canadian troops involved, created a new generation of war veterans. The French army lost their war in Indochina and withdrew.

Then came the disastrous fight in Vietnam, dragging on for years with more and more American troops thrown into a bottomless pit, with no chance of an honourable ending. My heart was bleeding for those young soldiers. I knew too well what they had to endure, knew too well how they suffered, and mentally, I suffered with them.

What was most tragic, however, was how little support they received from home. After their war ended, they had no homecoming celebrations, no parades on Main Street either. They received no recognition and no help. How I felt for them.

Ever since the Vietnam Memorial Wall was built in the City of Washington, I had an irresistible urge to go to the memorial and touch it. In my mind it was also my wall, because it epitomized my sorrows, my pain and my frustrations and my anger. In my mind this memorial wall was a first section of a wall a hundred times as long, engraved with

the names of all those poor souls of all nations, who lost their lives in this bloody century.

Some years ago I made that trip to Washington. It was a rainy day when I stood for three hours at the wall, and walking down slowly from one end to the other, reading the names up and down, row after row. It seemed to be an endless number, and each one of them is remembered by mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, and by friends and comrades.

While I stood there in the rain, I remembered all my friends and comrades who died in battle for ideals they did not believe in, just the same as the boys whose names are engraved in the black stone of the Vietnam Memorial. It makes no sense – will man ever learn?

John Helmut Merz, Canada

Where is ... ?

The Web site <<http://fat-albert.alexandria.ucsb.edu:8827/gazetteer/>> is interesting because you can type in a name of a place and it finds it (even the tiny village of Oberreute, Germany). In addition it gives a geographic description and then a list of web sites related to the place. The maps aren't great but with the links you can find a better map. There was some success in finding old cities when a German city name was typed in and it located it in Czech Republic or Poland under the new name. That alone could be very helpful. (*Submitted by Susanna Brooks.*)

Sending Money to Germany for Postage

It's that same old question: "How do I send money to Germany for postage?" International Reply Coupons can be purchased at the local post office for \$1.75, but Germans can only redeem one coupon per envelope when mailing from Germany. One German stamp worth 3.00 DM—about \$2.00—is only enough to mail two pages from Germany to the U.S. If that is not enough to cover the mailing costs, they have to pay the rest out of their own pocket.

When you need to send money to Germany some people claim you can send U.S. dollars, because German banks in larger cities will exchange them. If you send to more remote areas it is better to have your dollars converted in the U.S. and send Deutschmarks.

International Currency Express, 427 N. Camden Dr., #F, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 only charges \$5 to convert your money into a check for any currency. Reports on the internet have sung the praises of this company. Call them at 1-888-278-6628 for further details. (*German Interest Group Newsletter – Vol. 7, No. 4, February 2001.*)

SUCHANZEIGEN

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

VON BOSSE

#19-5 Seek desc, ddt, dpl of Siegmund G. VON BOSSE. b 2 Oct. 1892 Egg Harbor, NJ. Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, Wilmington, DE 1914-1921; director Wartburg Orphans' School, Mt. Vernon, NY 1921-1934; Pastor Bethanien German Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA 1934-1941. Have already mined Willmington newspapers 1914-1921.

Joseph Neville 5232 Midwy Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193-4421. E-mail: mjnevill@erols.com

LONGENECKER *

#19-6 Seek relationship bet Ulrich LONGENECKER, imm bef 1720, d 1756, Coventry Twp. Chester Co. PA m Elizabeth; and Ulrich LONGENECKER, imm 1733, d 1752 Ralpho Twp., Lancaster Co. PA, m Ann Blaser.

Dick Cryer, Publisher, Longenecker Family Newsletter, 469 Riversville Rd., Greenwich, CT 06831. E-mail dickcryer@juno.com

MILLER * GOSNELL

#19-7 Seek info Josephine MILLER b 30 April 1885, Germ. Imm to US bet 1915-1930, Port of Baltimore; m Edwin GOSNELL bet 1915-1930 Baltimore City (Hampden); d 10 Sept 1965; bur Parkwood Cem. Baltimore County, MD.

Robert C. Huff 252-758 18601 Roxbury Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21746

HUFF * MULLEN

#19-8 Seek info Edward R. HUFF b 30 Feb 1930 Baltimore City, d 21 March 1984 Baltimore County, MD; bur Prospect United Methodist Cem.; f Joseph HUFF; mo Mary Catherine MULLEN.

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BRATTON FISHER * FISCHER

#19-9 Seek info John C. FISHER a pvt Rev W, lvd Germania, VA. b 24 Dec 1756, Bavaria, Ger; d 13 Mar 1809 Steubenville (Jefferson) OH. Fa Baron Ludwig Von FISCHER. John m in Staunton (Augusta) VA 10 Jul 1785 to Susanna BRATTON (b 1767, d 21 May 1827) in Steubenville, OH.

Doris Hetzel 3070 Kent Rd. # 501 Stow, OH 44224-4462

BOSLEY * HIPP * SHILLENBURG *

#19-10 Seek info John Frank HIPP b 2 Apr 1856, Ger; poss in CIV W. Mar Lucinds BOSLEY b 1857 Hardy Co., VA/WVA. Par William and Ann SHILLENBURG BOSLEY. They had 5 ch all b in Grant & Mineral Cos.VA/WVA. Hipps mov to Akron (Summit) OH.

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LEONHAUSER* HETTERICH/HEDDERICH *

#19-11 Exchg info on LEONHAUSER and HETTERICH/HEDDERICH that seem unique to Halsdorf, Hesse-Kassel. Eva LEONHAUSER b Dec 1835. Her mo Margarete HEDDERICH. Eva m/1 William HAUG, lvd nr Baltimore, MD. Eva m/2 Albert SCHMIDT lvd Brooklyn, NY. She d 1915.

Louise A. Eckhardt 1705 Yosemite Pl. Edmond, OK 73003. E-mail: leckhardt@mmcable.com

HAUG/HAUGH * LEONHAUSER * MEYERS

#19-12 Seek info Johann Wilhelm Heinrich HAUG (1823-1865) and George Paul (Penlock) HAUG (1825-1874). Believe they bro fm Wurttemberg and lvd Baltimore, MD. Wilhelm m Eva LEONHAUSER. George m Christina MEYERS.

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**Information on this family is available through the Surname Exchange Index.*

BUCHBESPRECHUNGEN

GUIDE to Help You Find Your Hessian Soldier of the American Revolution

by John H. Merz

2000. Published by John H. Merz, 703-350 Concession St., Hamilton, Ont., L9A 1B6, Canada. 132 pages, spiral bound. Approximately 3000 names, bibliography, pictures, maps. Cost: US\$ 20.00 includes regular mail postage. Make check or money order payable to John H. Merz.

This book is a collection of material from various sources pertaining to Hessian soldiers who fought in the American Revolutionary War. It includes historical information about German participation in the American Revolution, as well as genealogical data about the many Hessians who remained in America after the War.

About 30,000 German troops, predominantly but not exclusively from Hessen, came to America to fight on the English side. For much of the War, they comprised about 1/3 of total English forces in America. It is estimated that 6,000 remained behind after the War, approximately 2,500 settling in Canada and 3,500 in the United States.

In American tradition, Hessian soldiers have a bad reputation. They appear infamously in the Declaration of Independence where George III is charged with "transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation, and tyranny."

This book has an interestingly different perspective, because Mr Merz and most of the other writers are Canadian. Thus, the Hessians were not "mercenaries," but rather "auxiliary troops." There is merit in this distinction. *Landgraf* Friedrich II of Hessen-Kassel provided troops to help his brother-in-law, King George III. It was common practice in European warfare of that era.

We also read that Hessian forces arrived in Canada "... at a time when the British force of 8,500 was dangerously outnumbered by

American rebel forces." Intervention by the Hessians may have preserved Canada as a nation separate from the United States. Occasionally, defense of the Hessian case becomes too spirited, as when Terrence Punch dismisses the Declaration of Independence as "propaganda."

Of genealogical interest, the book includes names of approximately 3,000 Hessian soldiers who stayed in the New Land, with citations to the source of information. Several short articles (some copied verbatim from the AMREV-HESSIANS list) pertain to individual soldiers. Surnames mentioned include Stegman, Dickhaut, Shuchard, Dingeler, Bonstein, Grein, Goeddecke, and more.

Some material in this book can be found elsewhere, e.g., on the author's Website, <<http://www.cgocable.net/~hessian/>>, or in the archives of the AMREV-HESSIANS list on RootsWeb. It is very convenient, however, to have all this material assembled in a package. Anyone with a serious interest in Hessians in the American Revolution should consider purchasing this book.

Reviewed by John William Bieber

The Virginia Genealogist, Volume 16, 1972

by John Frederick Dorman, Editor

1994. Facsimile reprint. Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. 386 pp, Softcover. Everynome Index.

Heritage Books has "done it again" by reprinting the entire series of quarterlies. The editor's scholarship is enhanced by an everynome index comprising over 7,000 entries, including a cross reference to other spellings. The index also includes location names. Although there are few German surnames in the index, anyone with Virginia ancestors will most likely find intermarriage with other ethnic groups. As such, this

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MAGS EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS 2002-2003

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jo Boroff, Chair; Diane Kuster; Corinne Earnest

The candidates named below are recommended by the nominating committee to fill the positions on the Executive Board for two years starting in October 2001. The slate was presented to the MAGS membership in attendance at the Spring Meeting on April 28, 2001 at Blob's Park MD. When opened for additional nominations from the floor, no change in the list of nominees was offered. All members will receive this BALLOT in *Der Kurier*. Your BALLOT should be returned to the Treasurer (address on reverse) by **August 24, 2001**. Final results will be announced at the Fall Meeting, to be held on October 27, 2001 in Gettysburg PA. A brief biographical sketch of the candidates is provided below.

PRESIDENT: John T. Humphrey

John Humphrey has served on the MAGS Board since 1995 when he was elected to serve as Board Member At-Large. Since 1999, he has served as MAGS Second Vice President with the responsibility of putting together MAGS spring and fall programs. He is also Second Vice President of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America. Humphrey is the Director of the National Genealogical Society's Learning Center in Arlington VA. He is an award-winning author of 18 publications including: 14 volumes of Pennsylvania births; a two-volume family history titled *Early Families of Northampton County, Pennsylvania*; the critically acclaimed *Understanding and Using Baptismal Records* and *Pennsylvania Grave Stones, Northampton County*. Humphrey has written numerous articles for genealogical publications. He lectures throughout the US, and has appeared on national television and radio.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, Membership: Susannah Brooks

A native of Pennsylvania, Susannah Brooks has a B.A. in German Language and Literature from George Washington University. Brooks holds a M.Ed. in Special Education from Temple University. After 31 years as an educator, she retired in 1998 to pursue a part-time career as a genealogist

specializing in general US, German, and African-American research. In addition to doing research in the US and Bavaria, Brooks is a volunteer genealogy staff aide at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington DC, and a volunteer staff member at the Suitland MD Family History Center. Brooks has been a member of MAGS for six years serving as the membership chair for two years as well as answering Stumped Roots research queries since 1996. Brooks also compiled Part II of the Index to *Der Kurier* and the two annual indexes. She has made presentations on German and German-American genealogical research in the DC area and has written articles for *Der Kurier*.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, Programs: Jane Adams Clarke

Jane Clarke is a Fellow of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania (GSP), lecturer, consultant, author of genealogical articles, past editor of *Penn in Hand* (GSP newsletter), and author of most research tips contained therein. Clarke is Past and Honorary President of GSP. She also served as GSP Executive Director. Clarke served on the Board of Federation of Genealogical Societies as well as other societies. Clarke has been a professional genealogist for over 25 years, specializing in Philadelphia and south-

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eastern Pennsylvania research. She has expertise on research in Germany, Switzerland, and Alsace in France. She co-chaired committees for the NGS 1997 Conference and the 1983 National Convention of Palatines to America. Clarke leads research trips to Salt Lake City for the Historical Society of Montgomery County PA and for GSP. She is currently authoring a book on Philadelphia research for *Ancestry*.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Patricia Parker Cramer

A native of Washington DC, Pat Cramer's family lines go back to early 18th century southern Maryland. Cramer graduated from Wilson Teachers College in DC with a B.S. in education. She taught on the Junior High level. In addition to MAGS, which she and her husband, Bill, joined in 1982, Cramer belongs to the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America as well as four other genealogical societies. She served as Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the Mary Washington Chapter of DC DAR. Cramer also served as Bible Records Chair and Corresponding Secretary of the Prince George's County Genealogical Society (PG Society). In addition to these duties, she was one of the cemetery researchers who contributed to PG Society's *Stones and Bones*, and is currently one of the transcribers of the Murray Funeral Home records, a forthcoming publication of PG Society.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Deyerle R. Atkins
Deyerle Atkins is completing her second term as MAGS Recording Secretary. Atkins claims her German heritage from her great-great grandmother, Nancy Deyerle, from whom she got her given name. Atkins received her education in the public schools of Prince George's County MD. She attended the University of Maryland at College Park. She recently retired as a bookkeeper for a wholesale florist. Atkins claims the genealogy bug bit her on July 4, 1961 at 4:00 p.m. Five hours later, she was thoroughly infected and

has never recovered from the contagious disease. Her field of research is centered on the state of Virginia. Atkins joined MAGS in October 1992.

TREASURER: David Pincock

David Pincock is co-owner of Loudoun Tax & Accounting, Ltd., an accounting and income tax preparation firm in Sterling VA. Pincock is a retired Certified Public Accountant. He worked for local, regional, and national accounting firms in the DC, MD, and VA. Pincock is former treasurer for a church congregation and a regional church organization. He is Family History Counselor at Kensington MD Family History Center. He is currently researching his mother's side of the family that settled in Goshenhoppen area of PA. This family was originally from the towns of Fürfeld and Treschklingen in Germany.

AT-LARGE MEMBER: Betty deKeyser

Betty deKeyser has served MAGS as Second Vice President in charge of programs (1997-99) and At-Large Member (1999-2000). She will continue serving as At-Large Member until a replacement is found.

AT-LARGE MEMBER: Jean Blaich Ehlers

Jean Ehlers has traveled to Germany four times with the goal of finding her ancestors' villages. She has been a member of the Howard County MD Genealogical Society since 1979, and the Genealogical Society of NJ since 1982. While researching her maternal ancestry, she found a Revolutionary Soldier the family did not know existed. Since that discovery, she joined the DAR and has become an officer in the Maryland State Society DAR. She is also a member of Colonial Dames XVII Century and has held various positions in the local chapter. She is interested in the challenge of handling MAGS publicity duties and making new friends in MAGS. Ehlers and her husband joined MAGS in April 2000.

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quarterly is one of the more valuable research sources.

This volume covers such diverse topics as "Capt. Adam Thorowgood (1602-1640)," Essex Co. Wills, "British Mercantile Claims," New Monmouth Church in Rockbridge Co., Amelia County Wills, Loudoun Co., VA 1771 Tithable Tax List, Yohogania Co., VA Land Grants, book reviews and queries, and many, many other hard to find and old resources. One of the unusual entries is information contributed about Cole Diggs of Mathews Co., VA whose tombstone inscription in Montgomery County, MO includes a genealogy of the family. Extraordinary!

Reviewed by Deyerle Atkins

**Trundle and Allied Families
of Montgomery County, Maryland**

by William Neal Hurley, Jr.

2000, Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Ph: 1-800-398-7709. Item #H1660. Softcover, 275 pages, everyname index. \$24.50 plus \$4 shipping.

William Neal Hurley, Jr. launched a series of books called *Our Maryland Heritage*. The *Trundle and Allied Families* is Book Twenty in that series. Each book focuses on one or two families and includes information about them and a handful of allied families. For example, *Trundle and Allied Families* includes information about Hempstones, Whites, Dickersons, Brewers, Sellmans, Watkins, Arnolds, Dades, Fletchalls, Applebys, and more. These families come from Montgomery and Frederick Counties in Maryland.

Hurley begins his narrative style history with background about immigrant John Trundle of Anne Arundel County. John Trundle was born about 1624 at Suffolk near London, England. He immigrated to Maryland about 1640 and died in 1699. Throughout the narrative of this family, Hurley draws from census records, marriage records, estate records, and numerous other sources. Hurley mentions that one source is his own collection of data. Naturally, private collections are intriguing

resources in that they often contain pieces of information found nowhere else.

German names occasionally pop up in Hurley's publications, e.g., this book mentions Brosius, Ayers, Hersberger, Scholl, Shafer, and more. Since these German and English families settled along the Monocacy in Frederick County, Maryland, they were bound to intermarry.

Trundle and Allied Families begins with a 74-page chapter on the Trundles followed by shorter chapters on related families. This book includes a 12-page bibliography, a circa 1880 map of the Third, or Medley, Election District of Montgomery County, and charts showing family relationships. For researchers whose families settled in Montgomery County, Maryland, this book may contain nuggets of information that can help.

And if I may throw in a personal bias regarding *Our Maryland Heritage* series, these books are written in narrative form, rather than simple lists of data. This makes Hurley's series especially appealing and easy-to-read.

Reviewed by Corinne Earnest

**Records of the Revolutionary War,
3rd edition**

by W. T. R. Saffell

1894. Facsimile reprint published 1999 by Heritage Books, Inc. Bowie, MD. Paperback, 555 pages, with 43 page index by J. T. McAllister. ISBN 0-7884-1222-1

This collection comprises rosters with service records, accounting for some 15,000 soldiers and officers from the New England states, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina arranged by regiment, company, and corps. The author also includes lists of distinguished prisoners, Half-Pay Acts of the Continental Congress, Revolutionary pension laws, and a list of the officers of the Continental Army who acquired the right to half-pay, commutation and lands. The author includes many correspondences

written by officers of the Revolutionary War. The book contains two indexes: a general index and an index of the Virginia soldiers in the Revolution.

Reviewed by Al Werking

**Those Who Were:
Annotated Inscriptions of Two
Thousand People in Warrenton,
Virginia, Cemetery 1811 – 1998**

by Lee Moffett

1999. Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. \$16.00 plus \$4.00 s/h.

Lee Moffett has produced a wonderful book. This is not just a list of tombstones. The writer has researched the history of Warrenton, VA and surrounds and has found information about as many people in the cemetery as possible. We find what the people did for a living. In many cases, we find where they lived and what kind of houses they lived in. We often find the types of associations they had with other people in the area who are also buried in the cemetery.

I found the book most intriguing. Though I have absolutely no ancestor in that area, I read the entire book with zeal. I have never read a cemetery book like this although there may be many of which I have no knowledge. However, this book or its type should be a measure for all cemetery books.

Reviewed by Gail Komar

German Boy: A Refugee's Story
by Wolfgang W.E. Samuel

2000. University Press of Mississippi, 3825 Ridgewood Rd., Jackson, MS 39211-6492. Hardcover, 357 pages. \$31 plus shipping.

In January 1945, Wolfgang W.E. Samuel was nine years old. He would turn ten in February. At the time, he lived in a small village (Sagan) east of Berlin. His village was about to be overrun by Russians, who would turn the next few years of Samuel's life from one of

wartime hardship into postwar horrors. Wolfgang Samuel, along with his mother and younger sister, tried to escape the Russians and for a while, they managed to keep just one step ahead of them as they made their way west to what became the English zone when Germany became divided. Unfortunately, they did not make it in time.

Samuel dedicates his book to his mother, Hedy, who was a truly remarkable woman. She was raped by Russians and shot in the neck by a Russian who attempted to rape her. She had to give her body at other times to secure food for her family. Her older sister and niece were repeatedly raped and her father was beaten to death by Russians. As Wolfgang Samuel discovered through six years of his family's ordeal, he was a refugee, and no one liked refugees. The German population was so destitute following the war — especially in the Russian-held sector — that refugees, whether German or otherwise, added to the burden German citizens had for finding food, fuel, clothing, medical supplies, housing, and other necessities for survival. Shortages everywhere brought out the worst in people, and Samuel describes this "worst" with detail and sometimes gripping drama.

The Berlin airlift, which began June 1948, was the turning point for Hedy and Wolfgang, who witnessed this heroic event. Eventually, Hedy married an American soldier, and they all moved to Colorado. Wolfgang Samuel grew up to serve thirty years in the U.S. Air Force. He retired in 1985 as a colonel.

Too young to understand the horrors caused by Nazi Germany, Samuel does not try to excuse Germany once he grew up and wrote his book. Instead, he simply declares he both loved and became ashamed of his native country. While many understand the surge of vengeance felt by Russians and others following the War, to read Samuel's *German Boy* generates sympathy for innocents caught up in the horrors that resulted. *German Boy* is worth reading to understand more about this rarely told part of the World War II story.

Reviewed by Corinne Earnest

AHNENTAFEL

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I

1 William Alexander MEYERS, b 2 May 1991, Baltimore, MD.

II

2 William MEYERS, III, b 29 May 1963, Altrincham, Cheshire, England; m 15 Aug 1987, Ruxton MD.
3 Lisa Beth ORBACK, b 30 Oct 1963, Baltimore MD.

III

4 William MEYERS, II, b 23 Mar 1938, Philadelphia PA; m 15 Apr 1961, Cincinnati OH.
5 Phyllis Jean GOODMAN, b 18 Aug 1938, Oregonia OH.
6 Harold ORBACK (formerly OBUCHOWSKY), b 16 Feb 1923, Brooklyn NY; d 1994, Owings Mills MD.
7 Myrtle Virginia JONES, b 10 Sep 1924, Florence AL.

IV

8 Stuart Carl MEYERS, b 29 Mar 1912, Philadelphia PA; m 2 Apr 1936, Philadelphia PA.
9 Aline Ruth HAHN, b 14 Dec 1912, Philadelphia PA.
10 Morris Newell GOODMAN, b 5 Jun 1911, Dew Drop KY; m 24 Dec 1933, Oregonia OH.
11 Edna Mae CURRY, b 24 Sep 1911, Georgetown KY; d 26 Mar 1993, Baltimore MD.
12 Alexander (formerly Sascha) OBUCHOWSKY, b 23 Dec 1886, Wichniedneprovska, Ukraine; m
America; d 1972, Brooklyn NY.
13 Lena (Liza) BLANK, b 16 Apr 1896, England; d 1963, Brooklyn NY.
14 Otis O. JONES, b 1902, Florence AL; m Florence AL.
15 Zola Myrtle LEWIS, b 6 May 1903, Florence AL.

V

16 William MEYERS, b 16 Feb 1872, Philadelphia PA; m 12 Feb 1902, Philadelphia PA; d 2 Feb 1946,
Philadelphia PA.
17 Regina KAHN, b 6 Mar 1879, Philadelphia PA; d 20 Mar 1960, Philadelphia PA.
18 Leon Henry HAHN, b 19 Feb 1875, Philadelphia PA; m 8 Oct 1901, Philadelphia PA; d 28 Jul 1963,
Philadelphia PA.
19 Miriam SALLER, b 21 Dec 1879, Philadelphia PA; d 28 Apr 1971, Philadelphia PA.
20 William Preston GOODMAN, b 27 Jun 1885, Crackers Neck, Elliott Co KY; m 16 Jan 1907, Minor KY;
d 24 Jul 1957, Blufton IN.
21 Myrtie Viola MARTT, b 6 Jan 1884, Sandfork, Gallia Co OH; d 15 Feb 1967, Cincinnati OH.
22 Charles CURRY.
23 Anna ---.
24 Alexander (?) OBUCHOWSKY.
25 Basaleah (Leah) LINZER, b abt 1854, Kiev, Ukraine; d 1954, Baltimore MD.
26 Harold BLANK.
27 Miriam ---.
28 Matthew JONES.
29 Kate Louise SKINNER.
30 Hubert LEWIS, b TX.
31 Margaret Estella FOWLER.

VI

- 32 Saumel MEYERS, b 28 Apr 1839, Lisberg, Bavaria, Germany; d 24 Apr 1907, Philadelphia PA.
33 Fannie LOWENSTEIN, b 12 Oct 1865, Wilkes Barre PA; d 20 Dec 1926, Philadelphia PA.
34 Charles KAHN, b 30 Jul 1832, Schluctern, Hessen, Germany; d 25 Oct 1893, Philadelphia PA.
35 Bine (Balbina) KUHN, b 12 Jun 1843, Schluctern, Hessen, Germany; d 29 Aug 1920, Philadelphia PA.
36 Henry HAHN, b 29 Dec 1849, Alsay, near Manheim, Germany; m 6 Feb 1871, Philadelphia PA; d 20 Mar 1930, Philadelphia PA.
37 Clara HEIMAN, b 21 Feb 1852, Ichenhausen, Bavaria, Germany; d 1 Feb 1896, Philadelphia PA.
38 Abraham SALLER, b 26 Jul 1856, Stuttgart, Germany; m 2 Sep 1877, Philadelphia PA; d 12 Dec 1930, Philadelphia PA.
39 Fannie GERSON, b 19 Dec 1856, Kassel, Germany; d 13 Oct 1935, Philadelphia PA.
40 Lewis Logan GOODMAN, b 20 Apr 1853, Newfoundland, Elliott Co KY; m 20 Jan 1876, Bruin, Elliott Co KY; d 4 Jan 1926, Paintsville KY.
41 Sarah Marie WHITT, b 10 May 1860, Whitt, Carter Co KY; d 28 Jan 1926, Ashland KY.
42 James Lewis MARTT, b 8 Apr 1848, Saundersville, Lawrence Co OH; m 19 Mar 1873, Mercersville, Gallia Co OH; d 1 Feb 1940, Oregonia OH.
43 Florence CALDWELL, b 22 Jan 1853, Mercersville, Gallia Co OH; d 23 Oct 1925, Olive Hill KY.
55 Elka ---.

VII

- 64 Kalman MEYERS, b 1812, Lisberg, Bavaria, Germany; d 24 Jul 1891, Philadelphia PA.
65 Charlotte GOODMAN, b 1811; d 17 Oct 1885, Philadelphia PA.
66 Jacob LOWENSTEIN, d 1897.
67 Eliza ---.
68 Herman KAHN, b 1806, Schluctern, Hessen, Germany; d 1860.
69 Caroline, b 1809, Schluctern, Hessen, Germany.
70 Jacob KUHN, b 1797, Niederhochstadt, Bavaria, Germany; d 4 Jan 1872.
71 Rachel SCHWARZ, b 1806, Kaiserslautern, Germany; d 25 Dec 1874.
72 Jacob HAHN, b 1818, Alsay, near Manheim, Germany; m Germany; d 25 May 1881, Philadelphia PA.
73 Fannie BERG, b 25 May 1817, Alsay, near Manheim, Germany; d 5 Feb 1871, Philadelphia PA.
74 Leopold HEIMAN, b Apr 1810, Ichenhausen, Bavaria, Germany; d 27 Jun 1879.
75 Sarah HEILBRONNER, b 14 Dec 1812, Ichenhausen, Bavaria, Germany; d 27 Feb 1890.
76 Louis SALLER, b Stuttgart, Germany.
77 Miriam ---; b Berlin, Germany.
78 Levi GERSON, b Kassel, Germany.
79 Sarah ---, b 27 Apr 1815, Kassel, Germany; d 2 Jan 1890.
80 Calvin GOODMAN, b 1825 (?), TN; m 5 Mar 1839, Floyd Co KY; d aft 1890, KY.
81 Elizabeth Sarah MOORE, b 13 Apr 1823, Floyd Co KY; d 28 Oct 1875, Elliott Co KY.
82 John S. WHITT, b 12 Feb 1833, Wythe Co VA; m 12 Nov 1857; d 20 Apr 1868, Greenup, Carter Co KY.
83 Mary Elizabeth TABOR, b 20 Dec 1837, Greenup, Carter Co KY; d 6 Feb 1920.
84 Joseph Hendricks MARTT, b 22 Feb 1828, Gallia Co OH; m abt 1847; d 15 Jun 1883, Gallia Co OH.
85 Lydia Frances THORNTON, b 28 Feb 1829, Belmont Co OH; d 24 Apr 1884, Gallia Co OH.
86 Stephen CALDWELL, b abt 1819; m 24 Mar 1852, Gallia Co OH.
87 Minerva SHEETS, b 1822, Gallia Co OH.

VIII

- 132 Wolf LOWENSTEIN.
144 Henry HAHN, b Epplesheim, Germany; m 1818.
145 Rosa SCHLOSS.
160 Louis Lipolian GOODMAN, b abt 1815, VA.

164 Richard Price WHITT, b 8 Dec 1806, Russell Co VA (now Wythe Co VA); m bef 1827, VA; d 19 Jul 1872, KY.

165 Sarah (Sallie) WHISMAN, b 8 Jul 1806, Wythe Co VA.

168 Nathaniel MARTT, b abt 1788; d 20 Jul 1860, Gallia Co OH.

169 Lydia V. BIGGS, b 11 Jan 1795; d 11 Mar 1875, Gallia Co OH.

174 William SHEETS, b 1795, VA.

175 Elizabeth HENRY, b 1783, VA; d 2 Mar 1864, Gallia Co OH.

IX

328 Edmund WHITT, b 1744, Montgomery Co VA.

329 Hannah Lester SKAGGS, d 13 Aug 1856, Elliott Co Ky.

330 John WHISMAN, b 1776, Wythe Co VA; m 29 Jul 1796; d 31 Mar 1857, Lee Co VA.

331 Mary COPENHAVER, b abt 1780.

348 George SHEETS.

X

656 Richard WHITT, b 1728; m 1755, VA; d 12 Apr 1812. Occup: Minister.

657 Susannah SKAGGS, b abt 1730, VA; d bef 1797, Montgomery Co VA.

660 John WHISMAN.

661 Elizabeth ---.

662 Thomas COPENHAVER, b 1739, PA; m 1778; d 1802, Wythe Co VA. Occup: Captain.

663 Elizabeth MEISS, d 1783.

XI

1312 Richard WHITT, b abt 1690, VA; d aft 1769, Spotsylvania, Pittsylvania Co VA.

1313 Mary KIMBROUGH, b abt 1690, VA.

1324 Thomas KOPPENHEFFER, b Württemberg, Germany; arrived 1728, Philadelphia PA; d 1762.

1325 Anna Marie ZINN.

1326 John MEISS.

XII

2624 John WHITT, b 1645, Ross-on-Wye, near Birmingham, England; m 1673, Charles City VA; d abt 1715, VA.

2625 Ann DAUX, b abt 1645; d aft 1690.

2648 Wolfgang KOPPENHEFFER.

2649 Anna Marie ---.

Ahnentafels: The Good and the Ugly

Most Ahnentafels are written by people who are curious about their heritage. Ahnentafels published in *Der Kurier* and in a forthcoming book of Ahnentafels (see p 23, this issue) certainly fall in this category. Because Ahnentafels provide useful leads to fellow genealogists, MAGS solicits additional Ahnentafels for publication in *Der Kurier* and in future volumes of the Ahnentafel project books. See page 23 of this issue for details.

In stark contrast, a very ugly use of an Ahnentafel is recorded in *German Boy: A Refugee's Story* by Wolfgang W.E. Samuel. As a schoolboy in the village of Sagan, east of Berlin, Samuel's teacher asked him to submit an Ahnentafel going back 4 generations, including "religious beliefs" of his ancestors. Apparently the teacher thought Samuel's surname sounded Jewish. The village of Sagan was soon thereafter overrun by Russian troops, and Samuel did not complete his assignment. Corinne Earnest reviews *German Boy: A Refugee's Story* on page 32, this issue. The book is available in the MAGS Lending Library.

LIBRARY NEWS: RECENT ACCESSIONS

Carl M. Shrader, Library Administrator

Library Wish List

In the March 2001 Library News a WISH LIST of books, needed to complete a set in the MAGS library collection, was started and now continues. Two more titles have been added to the two books listed in the last issue.

1-“Monocacy and Catocin, *Some Early Settlers of Frederick and Carroll Counties, MD and Adams County, PA., also Descendants c 1725-1985*” Vol. I, C.E. Schildknecht, Editor, © 1985. Beidel Printing House, Inc., Shippenburg, PA 17257.

2 -“Monocacy and Catocin, *Some Settlers of Western Maryland and Adjacent Pennsylvania and Their Descendants 1725-1988*” Vol. II, C.E. Schildknecht, Editor. © 1989 and published by Family Line Publications, Westminster, MD, 21157.

3 - “Early Families of Northampton Co., Pennsylvania,” Repsher / Dietrich, Vol. I by John T. Humphrey.

4 - “Germans to America, Lists of Passengers Arriving at U. S. Ports” by Ira A. Glazier. (The Library has Volumes 1, 23, 24, and 58. Please fill in the holes where possible.

Acquisitions since the March Release

Add this update to your Book List as all registered Library members may order by Cat number as if they were in your Book List.

Acc. #1408: Donor: Diane M. Kuster, Cat F127.W5S311, Vol. I, 1886, by J. Thomas Scharf HISTORY OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, *Including Morrisania, Kings Bridge, and West Farms which have been annexed to New York City.* In two volumes, Vol. I, reprint Picton Press, 1992, hardbnd, 8¾ x 11¼, 893p. (Oversize, add \$1.00 postage).

Acc. #1409: Donor: Diane M. Kuster, Cat CS71.M298, Vol. 3, 2000 Millennium Edition.

WHO'S WHO in AMERICA, 54th Edition, Vol. 3, Indexes: Geographic, Professional, Retiree and Necrology. 1999, hardbound, 9¼ x 12, 766p. (Oversize).

Acc. #1410: Donor: Mrs. R. G. Bardsley. Cat F157.B25S741. Margaret Aaron Spielman.

BEDFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, *Unrecorded Bible Records gathered over a period of*

25 years. Closson Press, Apollo, PA, paper bound, 5¼ x 8½, 38p.

Acc. #1411: Donor: Mrs. Elda S. Bardsley. Cat F157.B8A425, Compiled by Ruth Allen.

EARLY PENNSYLVANIA REFORMED CHURCH & CEMETERY RECORDS: Springfield - Durham - Saucon Townships, Bucks County, PA. Closson Press, Apollo, PA. 1992, Softbound, 8¼ x 10¾, 378p.

Acc. #1412: Donor: Mrs. Elda S. Bardsley. Cat F159.M511, 1987. Judith A. H. Meier.

ADVERTISEMENTS and NOTICES OF INTEREST from Norristown, Pennsylvania, Newspapers, 1799-1821. Closson Press, Apollo, PA., Softbnd, 8¼ x 10¾, 166p.

Acc. #1413: Donor: Mrs. Elda S. Bardsley. Cat F159.M511, Vol II, 1989. Judith A. H. Meier

ADVERTISEMENTS and NOTICES OF INTEREST from Norristown, Pennsylvania, Newspapers, 1822-1827. Closson Press, Apollo, PA, Softbound, 8¼ x 10¾, 187p.

Acc. #1414: Donor: Mrs. Elda S. Bardsley. Cat F159.M511, Vol III, 1990. Judith A. H. Meier

ADVERTISEMENTS and NOTICES OF INTEREST from Norristown, Pennsylvania, Newspapers, 1828-1832. Closson Press, Apollo, PA, Softbound, 8¼ x 10¾, 199p.

Acc. #1415: Donor: Mrs. Elda S. Bardsley. Cat F159.M511, Vol IV, 1991. Judith A. H. Meier.

ADVERTISEMENTS and NOTICES OF INTEREST from Norristown, Pennsylvania, Newspapers, 1833-1838. Closson Press, Apollo, PA, Softbound, 8¼ x 10¾, 227p.

Acc. #1416: Donor: Marilynne G. Ocando. Cat F159.P6M479, 1986, McFarland, K.T.H.

INSCRIPTIONS FROM TWO GERMAN PROTESTANT CEMETERIES, *Allegheny (now Pittsburgh), PA.; St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, (Spring Hill); Voegtly Cemetery (Troy Hill).* Closson Press, Apollo, PA, 1986, Softbound, 5¼ x 8¼, 199p.

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