

CHANGE AND GENEALOGY

Online genealogy has transformed the way we conduct much of our research as family historians. In the past we did not talk about finding “our roots” and we certainly did not have the opportunity to research online. We spent our time going through shelves of books in libraries and searching for obscure documents in courthouse basements.

But now we have the opportunity of finding resources at home. One can go to the Library of Congress web page, for example, and search for sources of information on German villages. Or, one can go to web pages like <<http://www.Hamburg.de/LinkToYourRoots>> to find the names of Germans, and others who emigrated from Hamburg to New York.

The Internet is not only transforming the way we research it is also changing the role of societies. Traditionally family historians joined a local, ethnic, or regional society for a number of reasons. They may have wanted to place a query in the society newsletter or retrieve information on local sources. Now many family historians are able to get answers to these kinds of questions online for “free.” As a result many societies have seen serious drops in membership or attendance at meetings.

MAGS has been lucky. We have not seen a precipitous drop in membership or a drop in meeting attendance. But we are not immune from what is going on as we are experiencing an unfortunate decline in library usage.

In some ways the situation genealogical societies find themselves in is similar to the one experienced by movie houses circa 1950. Movies were a very popular form of entertainment through the 1930s and 1940s; theaters were given names such as “The Palace” to reflect their size and grandeur and on weekends they were packed. After the advent of television the numbers of people going to movies dropped significantly. Some said movies were a thing of the past. In hindsight, we can safely say they are not—we still watch movies and we still go to theaters. What has changed is the way we enjoy movies—we watch them either at home or in much smaller venues.

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MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY

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der Kalender

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April 27. MAGS Annual Spring Meeting. Blob's Park, Jessup, MD. Theme: German Genealogical Sources You May Not Know – Yet!! Speakers: Dr. Helmut Schmahl and Daniel Heinemeier. Dr. Schmahl's topics will be: (1) Introduction to Family Research in the Palatinate; (2) Treasures in the Rathaus: Local Archives in Germany; (3) Finding Birth Places of German Immigrants to North America. Mr. Heinemeier's topic will be: Ortssippenbücher in the Library of Congress and Life in the Old Country – Sixteenth Century Germany Through Hessian Eyes. Fees: \$30 (Members); \$35 (Nonmembers).

Watch *Der Kurier* and the MAGS Website for further details.

May 2-22. European Heritage Tour, a 20-day tour visiting seven different countries by Lemar and Lois Ann Mast. Write for an itinerary and other details. European Heritage Tour, 219 Mill Road, Morgantown, PA 19546 or e-mail: mast@masthof.com.

May 15-18. NGS 2002 Conference in the States, "Am American Sampler", Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Information is on the web at

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<<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>>. MAGS will host a luncheon. Luncheon details will be provided in the future on MAGS web site and in the March issue of *Der Kurier*.

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).

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I am convinced the same is true of genealogical societies. Yes, online genealogy is changing our world and the role of societies. Nonetheless, fifty years from now we still will have them but they may function quite differently. Like the movie houses of 1950 genealogical societies will have to redefine themselves to serve new and different needs.

As your new President, I look forward to the opportunities that await us in adapting to this new world of genealogy. There are no easy answers, but with the help of a Board that serves you well we will meet the challenge.

Going into my seventh year as a member of your Board I have to say MAGS has been very fortunate to have members who give so willingly of their time and talent. I would like to conclude by offering my thanks to friends and colleagues who have served the Society in the past. I look forward to working with members of the society and the Board to see that we adapt to a new future.

John Humphrey, President

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

MAGS Election Results

John T. Humphrey was elected President for a 2-year term beginning October 2001. Among many achievements, John is an award-winning author of 18 publications, and he directs the National Genealogical Society's Learning Center.

Also elected to 2-year terms: **Susannah Brooks**, 1st Vice President, is a retired educator and spearheads MAGS's "Stumped Roots" service; **Jane Adams Clarke**, 2nd Vice President, is a professional genealogist and a Fellow and Past President of Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania; **Patricia Parker Cramer**, Corresponding Secretary, is an educator and long-standing MAGS member; **Deyerle R. Atkins**, Recording Secretary, is a recently retired bookkeeper with special interest in Virginia genealogy; **David Pincock**, Treasurer, brings his expertise as Certified Public Accountant to this important position; **Betty deKeyser** was re-elected as At-Large Board Member; and **Jean Blaiçh Ehlers**, active DAR member, was elected as At-Large Board Member.

Fall Meeting in Gettysburg

Two hundred eleven people attended MAGS's annual Fall Meeting in Gettysburg on October 27. The meeting was jointly sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America.

The morning session featured two talks by Dr David Valuska, Professor of History at Kutztown University, and Director of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center there. Prof Valuska's first talk focused on German emigration to the United States in the early 19th Centruy, which was driven in part by desires to build a liberal "New Germany" in America. His second talk concerned the role of Pennsylvania Germans in the Battle of Gettysburg, with speical

attention to the activities of the 148th, 151st, and 153rd Pennsylvania Regiments.

The afternoon sessions were presented by Marie Varrelman Melchiori, a full-time professional genealogist specializing in Civil War records at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Her talks explained how to find information on Union soldiers and on women in the Archives, the latter ranging from Civil War widows to actual participants such as nurses and, in rare instances, women who disguised themselves as men in order to fight as soldiers. Meeting attendees appreciated the detailed notes on Archive record groups provided by Ms Melchiori.

MAGS thanks Mrs. Karen Gelslechter (MAGS member) and Mr. Sidney Dreese (PalAm member) for helping with registration at the Fall Meeting.

Door prizes are an always-popular feature of MAGS's semi-annual meetings. Here is a list of Door Prizes awarded at the Fall Meeting, together with donors and winners:

- Subscription to *German Life* magazine, donated by *German Life*. Winner: Gladys Sowers.
- *German Life* T-Shirt, donated by *German Life*. Winner Mark Bitting.
- \$25 Gift Certificate, donated by Heritage Books, Inc. Winner: Don Swope.
- Gift Certificate for 20% off, donated by Willow Bend Books and Family Line Publications. Winner: David Lutz.
- Ancestor Fan Chart, donated by Lancaster Mennonite Heritage Society. Winner: Deyerle Atkins.
- 1859 Map of Germany, donated by Dr. Ken McCrea. Winner: William Harry Schaffer.

**Surname Resource: DREISBACH,
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<<http://www.dreisbachfamily.org>> -

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.

Michael V. Brate of Amelia OH

(Faust, Brate, Brunner, Warner)

William & Claudia Casseday of Grand Island NY

(Funk, Schaeffer, Schwallenberg, Snyder)

William & Lois Davis of Charlotte NC

(Pangle/Bengell, May, Wright)

Philip J. Deters of Crownsville MD

(Ketter, Bisbing, Fetzer, Orner)

Sidney G. Dreese of Gettysburg PA

(Dreese, Bingaman)

Timothy & Germaine Endres of Ellicott City MD

(DeWolfe, Hoffman, Drechsler, Endres)

William S. Fleming of Springfield VA

(Rice, Miller, Peck, Fleming)

Edward & Helen A. Hanner of Bethesda MD

(Hanner/Hörner, Fetter/Vetter, Mayan,Bank)

Joseph & Helen Hile of Fairfax VA

(Heil, Schultz, Huck, Neu)

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(Schwab, Kummerle, Huber, Ford)

David R. & Dolores Swaney of Columbia MO

(Gassner, Housel, Ilgenfritz, Bauman)

Carolyn Umphrey of Boyd TX

(List, Lindenstruth, Schwartz, Geiss)

Civil War Income Tax Records

An unexpected resource for the period of 1862 to 1872 is the Civil War Income Tax Records. The Internal Revenue Act of 1862 was instituted to help pay for the war. It reveals the value of businesses or real estate owned. Check the Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives for the film numbers. (Source: *Buckeye California*, Mar 2001, p. 16.)

Pennsylvania Digital Archives

The Pennsylvania Digital Archives contains the first series of files of Pennsylvanians who served in various wars including the Revolutionary War, Civil War, and World War I. Website: <<http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us/>>. (Source: *Carrolltonian*, Vol.XXI, No. 1, Sep 2001.)

German Military Records

There is an Internet site that lists the records held by the Deutsche Dienststelle (WASSt) in Berlin. This is a military archive that preserves 18,000,000 record cards of persons who served in WWII. They also have earlier records that cover German naval personnel from 1871-1947. There are no records before 1871 because that is the year Germany was formed. Their URL is: <<http://www.com-de.pair.com/wast/>>. (Source: *IGS Newsletter*, October 2000.)

German Migration Resource Center

This genealogy site encourages a worldwide exchange of information about German emigrants and immigrants. Genealogists can submit queries about individuals migrating from Germany in any time period or search queries by surname, ship name, immigration. Website: <<http://www.germanmigration.com/>>. (Source: *German-American Genealogy*, Fall 2000.)

German marriages in Jefferson County, NY

See Website: <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~twigs2000/german.html>>
(Source: *The German Connection*, Vol.25, No.3, Third Quarter 2001.)

FRAKTUR FORUM

by Corinne Earnest

DUNDOR on Fraktur – Part 2

This article continues with DUNDORs on fraktur from a previous issue of *Der Kurier*. Most examples of fraktur having the name DUNDOR came from Berks County, Pennsylvania. An extensive Bible record in a private collection mentions DUNDORs as sponsors at baptisms of the children of William E. and Isabella Henrietta (BRECHT) KLOPP of the Womelsdorf area of Berks County. Adam and Rachael DUNDOR sponsored the baptism of the KLOPP's third child, Emma Rebecca. Emma Rebecca was born August 1, 1857 and baptized by W[illiam] A. GOOD on September 6, 1857. Jonathan and Rebecca DUNDOR sponsored the baptism of the seventh child, Heinrich Scheridon, born February 18, 1865. Heinrich Scheridon was baptized by Thomas Calvin LEINBACH on March 12, 1865. Heinrich Scheridon died October 31, 1865 at age eight months and thirteen days.

The Historical Society of Berks County in Reading, Pennsylvania, pictures a DUNDOR taufschein on Microfilm #251, Frame #19. This example was made for Ellwina, daughter of Willhelm and Sara (ERNST) DUNDOR. Ellwina was born in Bern Township, Berks County, on September 12, 1833. She was baptized by Willhelm GÜTH [William GOOD] on October 27, 1833. Sponsors were Joh. Adam and Christina DUNDOR.

The first volume of *German-American Family Records in the Fraktur Tradition*, lists a taufschein made for Aaron LIEB. It says Aaron LIEB's parents were Nicolaüs and Catharina (DONTOR) LIEB. Aaron was born February 20, 1816 in Bern Township. He was baptized June 9, 1816 by Pastor MAYER. Sponsors were Johannes and Catharina LIEB.

The Muddy Creek Farm Library in Denver, Pennsylvania, has photocopies of several fraktur related Bible records. One of these was made for the DUNDORE family of Heidelberg Township, Berks County. It begins with the birth of John DUNDORE, son of William and Sarah (ERNST) DUNDORE. John DUNDORE was born October 12, 1837 in Heidelberg Township, Berks County. He was baptized March 25, 1838 by Pastor MINNICH. Sponsors were Joseph and Elisabeth ERNST.

The above record continues with additional information. John E. DUNDORE married Catharina FIDLER on Christmas day in 1862. They were married by Thomas T. JAEGER. Catharina FIDLER was the daughter of Daniel and Elisabeth (MILLER) FIDLER. Catharina was born June 30, 1842 in Heidelberg Township. She was baptized October 30, 1842 by Daniel ULRICH. Sponsors were her grandparents, Heinrich and Catharina FIDLER. Two deaths are mentioned in this Bible record. Catharina DUNDORE died September 11, 1899 and Sarah Elisabeth [no surname given] died June 29, 1890.

A taufschein in a private collection was made for Catharina Anna BROSSMAN, daughter of Thomas and Catharina (DUNDOR) BROSSMAN. Catharina Anna was born in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, on December 20, 1841. She was baptized February 13, 1842 by Mark HERPEL. Rebecca BROSSMAN sponsored the baptism.

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

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

GURTNER GERTNER HITZEL HETZEL*

#19-16 Seek fam Catherine GURTNER, b 23 Aug 1846, Mutterhausen, Dept Mosel, Alsace, France/Prussia; f Johann b 12 Oct 1813, Mouterhausen; m Johan (John) HITZEL/HETZEL; Catherine d 24 May 1907, Akron, OH. Are (1) Jacob GURTNER b 1844 (fam William and Cecilia) and (2) Louis GURTNER b 1862 (fam - w Angela, ch Sophia, Louis, Jr, Mary and Joseph) related to Catherine?

D. Hetzel, 3070 Kent Rd. #501D Stow, OH 44224-4462. E-mail: clasonpoint@hotmail.com

GASSNER

#19-17 Seek info co-arrivals with George F. GASSNER in Baltimore, MD on 1 Dec 1810. To

Chambersburg, PA and Hampshire Co. VAWV. Res 1847 North River Mills, Hampshire Co., VA. Son Joseph b 11 Sept 1811 Chambersburg, PA.

David R. Swaney, 802 S. Fairview Rd. B5, Columbia, MO 65203-0762.
E-mail: Dave0306swaney@aol.com

BENNER* BOS BOSS BOSE

#19-18 Seek info John BENNER b ca 1736; m Mary Magdalene BOS 8 Dec 1760, Tohickon Union Church; John d 24 May 1812, Hilltown Twp, Bucks Co, PA. Seek info fam and desc.

Alan B. Andrelczyk, 10874 Bay Meadows Circle Sandy, UT 84092. E-mail: czyk@burgoyne.com

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

Historical Society of PA and Balch Institute to Combine Operations

The Historical Society of PA and The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies are combining operations to improve services. By the end of June 2002 HSP and The Balch will operate as one organization and have combined holdings at HSP's facilities at 13th & Locust Streets in Philadelphia, PA. The Balch temporarily interrupted public hours for library and archival research on October 15, 2001. Balch holdings will resume at HSP's facilities in phases throughout the Fall, Winter and Spring with all processed archival and published print materials available by June 30, 2002. Researchers who planned to make extensive use of Balch holdings in late 2001 or early 2002 should consult with the Balch staff about special accommodations. For further details, see:
<http://www.hsp.org/news/merger_faq.htm>.

Albany County Records

Albany County (NY) Hall of Records has moved to 95 Tivoli Street, Albany, NY 12207. Phone: 518-436-3663; Fax: 518-436-3678. Some of the records they have are Church Records, 1756-1925; Deeds, 1654-1894; Will Books, 1681-1765; Marriage Records, 1870-1950; Military Discharges, 1917-1919; Naturalizations and Declarations of Intent, 1827-1991, Police Arrests (City of Albany), 1869-1940; and Slave Manumission Register, 1800-1829. According to Ed Meiser, MAGS member, the Hall of Records has gathered records from other locations and moved them to this new site. Call for a new brochure.

The Germanna Colonies

by John Blankenbaker

In 1713, forty-odd Germans left their homes in Nassau-Siegen expecting to mine silver in Virginia. In 1717, about eighty Germans left their homes in southwest Germany expecting to go to Pennsylvania. Neither of these groups fulfilled their expectations. Instead, they became guardians of the frontier in Virginia and a thrust in the westward expansion of English civilization on the North American continent.

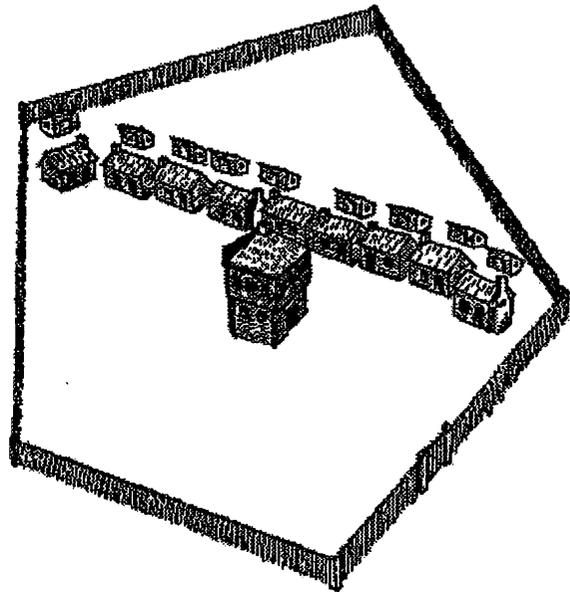
Membership in the groups is generally better known than for the typical German immigrant community. Not only their family histories but their general histories are extensive, though often misinterpreted.

Germanna is the geographical name of a simple fort and locality where the first Germans lived. Later it was the site of the home of Alexander Spotswood after he retired as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. For ten years it was the county seat of Spotsylvania County. Today, Germanna is only a ghost of its former self though Germanna Community College is close to the site where Fort Germanna stood. This may be found on modern maps by tracing Virginia State Highway 3, from Fredericksburg to Culpeper, to the point where it crosses the Rapidan River.

How did such a number of Germans, of a diverse background, come to live at Germanna? Why did they play such an important role in Virginia's history?

Germanna came about because several people were each trying to gain something for themselves. In their view, the Germans were pawns. The Germans though saw it as an opportunity to achieve something better than what they had been doing.

Events leading up to Germanna started with the settlement of Huguenots on the south side of the James River beyond the frontier of English civilization. The Colony of Virginia



Fort Germanna circa 1715 according to a contemporary description by John Fontaine. The central blockhouse was used for religious services and could serve as a retreat in case of attack.

saw this a way of providing a buffer between their people and the Indians.

Soon after 1700, Franz Michel in Switzerland wondered if the Swiss might not do the same thing and establish colonies where they could send people they did not want including Anabaptists whose religion was not acceptable to the Swiss Reformed church. Michel went to Virginia to see for himself. He liked it and reported to his partners that it was a desirable location. Michel and his partners attempted to obtain a concession from Queen Anne in England for a colony but they were unsuccessful. Michel and his partners saw this as an opportunity to make money. There were no altruistic motives.

When Michel came back to Switzerland, his reports inflamed Christoph Graffenried of Bern who was looking for a way to restore his status and financial health. Graffenried was especially intrigued by Michel's report that he had found silver mines. Graffenried joined Michel's company and provided the

necessary spark to ignite action. By a coincidence, this was the year, 1709, that so many Germans were in London expecting that Queen Anne would provide transportation to the colonies.

The proprietors of North Carolina had obtained permission to send some of these Germans to their colony. These proprietors agreed to provide transportation for the Swiss if Graffenried would be responsible for the Germans. Believing he could pursue the dual objectives of colonization and silver, Graffenried agreed to lead several hundred Germans and Swiss to North Carolina. Silver mining was pursued by hiring Johann Justus Albrecht to recruit German miners. To find the miners, Albrecht went to Siegen where there were iron mines. Graffenried thought that the North Carolina colony could be set up quickly and then he could devote his attention to the silver mines in Virginia. Graffenried had obtained the Queen's approval for land in Virginia for a Swiss colony. There was now no intention to use Swiss as the German miners were to live there.

In America, many misfortunes befell Graffenried. He was even lucky to escape what seemed like a certain death at the hands of the Indians. The German/Swiss colony did not prosper in these early years and, in fact, many of the people were killed by the Indians. He and Michel had a major disagreement and this was before Michel had shown Graffenried the location of the silver mines. Graffenried went to Virginia to look for himself and, while he was there, he aroused the attention of Lt. Gov. Alexander Spotswood who in effect was the governor of Virginia. Spotswood went so far as to invest significantly in what seemed to be a silver mine.

Graffenried had to give up in America as the colonization enterprise was bankrupt. He returned to Europe and when he passed through London he found that Albrecht was there with forty-odd people from Siegen who were expecting to have the balance of their trip to the colonies financed by Graffenried. But Graffenried, being broke, could only

advise them to go home. They did not feel they could do this. Instead the Germans agreed to pay a part of their transportation costs and to work four years to pay for the balance. The agent for Virginia in London agreed that Alexander Spotswood would do this even though Spotswood himself knew nothing of the agreement.

After the Germans were in Virginia, Spotswood welcomed them in the hope that they could be put to work in his projected silver mine. This mine was about fifteen miles beyond the frontier so Spotswood had the colony of Virginia build a fort for the Germans. The official explanation was that the Germans were to be the guardians of the frontier to protect the English. Because the status of foreigners was indeterminate, Spotswood was afraid that his actions might be held against him. Perhaps naming the fort "Germanna" was an appeal to Queen Anne who was favorably inclined toward Germans (German + Anna = Germanna).

There were problems with the legal title to precious metals and the Germans were not permitted to work at the silver mine. For two years they farmed and guarded the frontier. Eventually the silver mine was abandoned because no silver could be found.

Spotswood was looking for a means to insure his economic future and he saw there was a lot of land to the west of Germanna which was available very cheaply. He knew that it could be raided easily by the Indians which would discourage settlers. The Germans at Germanna had done a good job in keeping the peace without creating any problems for the Virginians. Spotswood saw the answer to the settlement problem was to import many Germans.

In conversations with the captains of ships, he let them know he wanted a whole shipload of Germans. One of them, Andrew Tarbett, when he was back in England, agreed to take about eighty Germans to Pennsylvania which was where they wanted to go. Instead, he took them to Virginia where he sold them as

servants to Spotswood and his partners. They were settled on a tract of 40,000 acres of land immediately to the west of Germanna.

The Germans in the fort had been the western most point of English civilization on the Atlantic seaboard. After the second group came, they were the most western point even though, in both cases, the language and customs were German.

The first group of Germans, the "miners" from Nassau-Siegen, lived in the fort and had to work four years for Spotswood. At the end of a little more than four years, they moved north to land they had purchased in the "Northern Neck," just south of today's Warrenton. Before they left the employment of Spotswood, they had found and developed iron mines but they did not build an iron furnace for Spotswood. This group, which became known as the First Germanna Colony, was German Reformed by religion.

The second group of Germans came from many different villages which were mostly south and east of Heidelberg. They had to work seven years for Spotswood and then they moved about twenty-five miles farther west to land of their own at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. They chose this general region because land there was free at the time. By religion they were predominantly Lutheran. In 1740, they built a church which is still being used today.

Even before the Germans had left the vicinity of Fort Germanna, more Germans were coming. After the Germans had left Fort Germanna, the newcomers moved directly to the regions where the earlier Germans were then living. These newcomers had a mixed background. Some of them had been in the English colonies for a few years and were relocating. Others came directly from Germany. Many were friends and relatives of those already here. This process continued until after the Revolution. During the war, some of the British auxiliaries from Germany thought that farming in a German community was better than carrying a musket for the

British. All of these people are called the Germanna colonists even though the majority of them were never at Germanna and were not a member of any colony.

The process of finding Germans who lived in the region is on-going. New names are being uncovered. Work continues also in extending their history in Europe including locations in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.

Because many of the activities bearing on the early Germanna citizens were semi-official, there is much recorded history about them. Major sources of family information pertaining to the Second Colony people are their church records. They have baptismal records from 1750 to the early 1800's. They also have communion lists from 1776 to 1812. There is a sense of community identity among all of the Germanna people.

There is information about the Germanna Colonies on the Internet ranging from daily notes to photographs. Once an individual finds that he has an ancestor from the Germanna community, he is often amazed at the amount of information that is available.

Germanna Resources

Newsletter/Journal: *Beyond Germanna* is published by the author of this article. There are 6 issues per year, with 10 pages per issue. Cost is \$12 for one year, by check payable to John Blankenbaker. Mail to:

Beyond Germanna
P.O. Box 120,
Chadds Ford, PA 19317.

Website: <<http://www.germanna.com>>

Foundation: The Memorial Foundation of The Germanna Colonies in Virginia (P.O. Box 693, Culpeper, VA 22701-0693) aims to preserve the history and culture of the Germanna colonies. Their publication program includes several genealogies, and they recently opened a new Visitor's Center adjacent to Germanna Community College.

Website: <<http://www.germanna.org>>
Includes "Settler's List" with over 180 names.

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Passengers and Ships Prior to 1684, Penn's Colony: Volume 1 by Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr

1992 reprint of 1985 original. Heritage Books, Inc, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Book Number 3S316. 245 pages. Cost: \$28.00 postpaid.

This particular volume is a Heritage Books 1992 reprint of a 1985 publication of the Welcome Society of Pennsylvania. The initial Welcome Society publication included reprints of several articles authored by Pennsylvania genealogists – Marion R Balderston, Hannah Benner Roach, Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr, Francis James Dallett, and Morgan Bunting.

As the compiler notes in the preface "Few ship passenger lists of the 17th century for the Middle Atlantic States have survived. Those lists that exist for the 18th century are largely 'foreign' immigrants who were required by law to take the Oath of Abjuration upon their arrival." The author is of course referring to the oaths that have proven invaluable to genealogists whose ancestors came from Germany.

The lists that appear in this series of republished articles are reconstructed lists pulled together from a variety of sources. Of note to MAGS members, ships identified in this particular publication sailed from the British Isles and most if not all of the names of immigrants on board are of British origin.

Reviewed by John Humphrey

The War of the Rebellion by Chauncey F. Grosvenor

1994. Published by Richard B. Grosvenor, 166 pp, softcover. Available from Heritage Books, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716; 301/390-7708. Book #G658. Cost \$20.50 plus \$4 shipping.

Between 1892 to 1899, Chauncey Frederick Grosvenor wrote his memoirs of his service in

an Ohio unit during the Civil War. He titled his book *The War of the Rebellion*, a somewhat naive title, since his book covers *his* service, not a history of the entire War. Despite the title, *The War of the Rebellion* becomes an interesting account that details Grosvenor's impressions of his experiences in the War.

Originally from Troy, Ohio, Grosvenor (1845-1902) used a diary he kept during the War to write his book. Finding his diary inadequate, he also relied on regimental history to detail movements of the troops with which he became so closely bound for his four years of service. It was Grosvenor's power of observation and his ability to recall impressions, as opposed to actual details, that makes this book especially interesting. While some histories of the Civil War recount troop movements, tactics and strategies, and battle scenes that give today's readers understanding of why battles were lost or won, Grosvenor's account is one that shows how the average soldier had little or no idea about such grand schemes and events. Instead, he describes individuals he saw, such as a Rebel who angrily refused comfort from Yankees who surrounded him as he lay dying, or a man — gone mad — whose every strand of hair was covered with lice.

Grosvenor's story begins with frustration, for in 1861 when war broke out, he learned he was too small even to serve as a drummer boy. His age wasn't the problem. He was simply too small in stature. Much to his surprise, the War did not end only months after it began. And even more to his surprise, when he was able to join a unit, he was issued a gun, not a drum. For the next four years, he served from Washington, D.C. to Richmond. His adventure describes boredom and fatigue rather than grand battles. From this viewpoint, his history gives an account that would have been much like that experienced by many of our ancestors who served.

Grosvenor writes repeatedly how regrettable it was that his diary was so incomplete. Gaps

of weeks and months occur in the diary. But these gaps emphasize the periods of boredom or fatigue Grosvenor experienced. These alternating periods meant there was nothing to write about, or Grosvenor was too tired to write anything. Yet the *impressions* he recalls and describes are revealing. His modest recall is refreshing. He makes no claim to his regiment having made a great impact on the War, no claims of heroism, no claims of having participated in great battles — and no claims about being on the “right” side of the War. Grosvenor simply recorded what he personally witnessed. His observations provide a glimpse into the everyday soldier’s life during the conflict.

There is little concerning German genealogy in *The War of the Rebellion*, but should readers want to learn how many of our ancestors passed time in terms of everyday experiences during their Civil War service, this book proves helpful.

Reviewed by Corinne Earnest

Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War

Compiled by William S. Stryker

1997 reprint of 1872 original. 878 pp. Clearfield Company, 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202 Book No. 5604, ISBN 0-8063-0324-7. \$65.00

On June 1st, 1870, then Governor of the State of New Jersey, Theodore F. Randolph, wrote to the Adjutant General of New Jersey, General William S. Stryker and asked him to compile a listing of the Jerseymen who served in the military during the Revolutionary War. Governor Randolph had been informed that General Stryker had already collected lists and he directed the General to continue his research with the assistance of his staff. The Governor wished to “*give new interest to the annals of this State, and perpetuate the names of the soldiers who fought in that early struggle*”.

Official Register is an amazing book. The first few pages contain the correspondence

between Governor Randolph and General Stryker and how this project came to be. General Stryker compiled the listings by Continental Troops and then State Militia. Each section contains the resolutions for the calling up of the troops and then that is followed by a listing of the troops by rank. All of the listings are in alphabetical order by surname.

When known, the listing will tell the reader with which regiment the man served. For State Militia the county that man served with is given. This aspect is great for those who are trying to identify possible collateral relatives such as brothers and fathers and sons.

Another highlight of the listings is the fate of the man. When known General Stryker and his staff included whether the man was discharged, resigned, captured, exchanged, died in battle or of his wounds, etc.

Although *Official Register* will not benefit those of German descent (the only time that the word German appears is on pages 61 and 241) this book is an invaluable resource for anyone who has the good fortune of being able to trace their ancestry back to the Revolutionary War! The book is one huge index of surnames and is well worth the time to utilize in your research.

Reviewed by Diane M. Kuster

**Answering the Call:
The Organization and Recruiting of the Potomac Home Brigade Maryland Volunteers**

By Keith O. Gary

1996. Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. Softcover, 308 pp incl. index of volunteers by regiment and company, bibliography. Book #G069. \$28.00 plus \$4 s/h.

The author used original letters and General Orders from his personal collection and area historical societies to document the organization and recruitment of the Potomac Home Brigade. He researched his subject

further at the MD Archives, National Archives, and the Army Barracks in Carlisle, PA. The facsimiles of the documents in this book have been printed for the first time.

Four regiments of the Brigade were recruited by placing a notice in a Baltimore newspaper—a city known as Pro-Confederate. Western Maryland, by contrast, was a stronghold of Union support. The purpose of the Brigade was to protect persons and property in Western Maryland and the C&O Canal and the Virginia counties of Loudon, Jefferson, Berkley, Morgan, Hardy and Hampshire.

Volunteers who first answered the call are listed in the first three regiments with a source given for locating names of volunteers in the fourth regiment. German names are found among those listed. Officers are found in the text. The organization and mustering

of officers, recruitment of the Regimental Band and the character requirements for each are covered, along with age requirements, pay, rations, equipment, medical exams, and sanitation issues. Some interesting stories are told in the Orders, such as “speed limits” set for riders and their horses based on the exigency of the situation and physical requirements to pass a medical exam. Biographies are included for those who wrote some of the original documents and gravesites located for notable individuals involved in the recruitment of the Potomac Home Brigade. The author fulfilled his stated purpose in writing the book and undertook additional tasks to document people and events in Maryland history during the Civil War.

Reviewed by Marilynne Ocando

AHNENTAFEL – GROSSMAN

Submitted by Betty Heazel
213 Holland Rd.
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I

1 **Elizabeth (Betty) Jane GROSSMAN**, b 6 Sep 1929, Philadelphia PA.

II

2 **Charles Souder GROSSMAN**, b 3 Oct 1900, Lititz, Lancaster Co PA; m 26 Mar 1926; d 4 Oct 1971, Pigeon Forge TN.

3 **Grace Irene REHRER**, b 22 Sep 1909, Philadelphia PA; d 7 Feb 1999, Sevierville TN.

III

4 **Jacob Heagy GROSSMAN**, b abt 24 Jan 1856, Lancaster Co PA; m 1882; d abt 26 Sep 1918, Irricana, Alberta, Canada.

5 **Laura Amelia SOUDER**, b 26 Mar 1862, Lititz, Lancaster Co PA; d 8 Apr 1936, McSparran, Lancaster Co PA.

6 **Jacob Henry (Harry) REHRER**, b 28 Jun 1883, Germantown, Philadelphia Co PA; m 26 Feb 1908, Philadelphia PA; d 5 Jan 1963, Philadelphia PA.

7 **Elizabeth (Lizzie) Yoder LOUX**, b 15 Feb 1887, Hilltown Tp, Bucks Co PA; d 3 Oct 1972, Pigeon Forge TN.

IV

8 **John Landis GROSSMAN**, b 14 Sep 1826, Lancaster Co PA; m 2 Nov 1855; d 26 Jan 1907, Lancaster Co PA.

9 **Mary HEAGY**, b 7 Apr 1829, Cornwall, Lebanon Co PA; d 10 Oct 1918, Lancaster Co PA.

10 **John SOUDER**, b 1832; d 1886, Lititz, Lancaster Co PA.

11 **Ellen MUECKE**, b 18 Dec 1835, Lititz,

Lancaster Co PA; d 10 Jan 1910, Lititz, Lancaster Co PA.

12 **John William REHRER**, m 25 Dec 1873, Morrisdale PA; d Aug 1915.

13 **Rachel Shwar FULLER**, b 15 Dec 1854; d 6 Sep 1938.

14 **Jacob Bishop LOUX**, b 14 Sep 1854, Bucks Co PA; m 22 Dec 1877; d 3 Apr 1918, Philadelphia PA.

15 **Emeline Young YODER**, b 26 Dec 1860, Coopersburg, Lehigh Co PA; d 24 Dec 1935, Philadelphia PA.

V

16 **Jacob GROSSMAN**, b 4 Sep 1804, Lancaster Co PA; m 26 Feb 1826; d 13 Jul 1857, Lancaster Co PA.

17 **Mary S. LANDIS**, b 2 May 1804, Lancaster Co PA; d 10 Sep 1884, Lancaster Co PA.

18 **Jacob HEGE/HEAGY**, b 11 May 1793; d 23 Feb 1868.

19 **Anna Nancy GRAYBILL**, b 29 Oct 1796; d 20 Oct 1876.

22 **Michael MUECKE**, b 3 Jan 1797; m 19 Oct 1834; d 29 Apr 1840, Lebanon Co PA.

23 **Amelia Leah BACHMAN**, b 20 Jul 1809, Lititz, Lancaster Co PA; d 4 Jul 1884, Lititz, Lancaster Co PA.

24 **Jacob REHRER**.

26 **William FULLER**.

27 **Elizabeth SCHWAR/SCHAR**.

28 **Jacob Fretz LOUX**, b 7 Feb 1817, Hilltown Tp, Bucks Co PA; m 29 Nov 1846; d 18 Jun 1886, Hilltown Tp, Bucks Co PA.

29 **Rachel BISHOP**, b 28 Aug 1822; d 4 Jun 1879.

30 **Abraham YODER**, b 27 Mar 1820; d 29 Jan

1862.

31 **Susan YOUNG**, b 5 Nov 1822; d 9 Aug 1895.

VI

32 **Johannas GROSSMAN**, b 17 Jul 1778, Lancaster Co PA; m 27 Aug 1799, Trinity Luth Ch, Lancaster PA; d 21 Sep 1831, Lancaster Co PA.

33 **Magdalena KAMMERER**, b 5 May 1780; d 4 Jan 1865, Lancaster Co PA.

34 **John E. LANDIS**, b 18 Apr 1779, Manheim Tp, Lancaster Co PA; m 20 May 1800, First Ref Ch, Lancaster PA; d 23 Jan 1858.

35 **Margaret SNAVELY**, b 19 Aug 1783; d 24 Sep 1855.

36 **Jacob HEGE**, b near Manheim PA.

37 **Barbara KAUFFMAN**.

46 **John Phillip BACHMAN**, b 22 Apr 1762, Kreitzberg, Germany; m 19 Dec 1800; d 15 Nov 1837, Lititz, Lancaster Co PA.

47 **Susan Elizabeth ALBRECH/ALBRIGHT**, b 2 Nov 1778, Lititz, Lancaster Co PA; d 23 Jun 1865, Lititz, Lancaster Co PA.

54 **Daniel SCHAAR**.

55 **Mary HUBER/HOOVER**, b 29 Jan 1786; d 5 Sep 1853.

56 **Peter LOUX**, b 13 Dec 1788; m 28 Nov 1811; d 22 Jul 1855, Hilltown Tp, Bucks Co PA.

57 **Agnes FRETZ**, b 10 Aug 1790, Hilltown Tp, Bucks Co PA; d 21 Sep 1862, Hilltown Tp, Bucks Co PA.

58 **Jacob BISHOP**, b 22 Jan 1787, England; m 8 Dec 1808; d 15 Dec 1832, New Britain, Bucks Co PA.

59 **Anna FRETZ**, b 29 Feb 1788, Bucks Co PA; d 1865.

60 **Jacob YODER**, b 29 Oct 1792, Upper Saucon

Tp, Lehigh Co PA; d 3 Dec 1865.

61 **Elizabeth L. MEYER**, b 18 Mar 1797; d 19 Jul 1858.

62 **Peter YOUNG**.

VII

64 **John Michael GROSZMAN**, b 22 Jun 1748, Lancaster Co PA; m Apr 1771, First Ref Ch, Lancaster PA; d 7 Oct 1810, Lancaster Co PA.

65 **Eva Marie (Mary) HAGEMAN**, b 27 Aug 1753; d 20 Jun 1832, Lancaster Co PA.

66 **Mathias KAMMERER**, d abt 1823.

67 **Catharine ---**.

68 **John "Hill" LANDIS**, b 1751; m 26 Mar 1771.

69 **Mary ERB**.

72 **John HEGE, Jr.**, b Switzerland.

73 **Elizabeth PEALMAN**.

92 **Sebastian BACHMAN**, b 22 Feb 1732, Kreitzberg, Prov of Saxony, Germany.

93 **Anna Catherine BADLOW**.

94 **Andrew ALBRECHT**, b 2 Apr 1718, Zelle near Suhl, Thuringia, Germany; m 1766; d 19 Apr 1802, Lititz, Lancaster Co PA.

95 **Elizabeth VON ORTHE**, b 14 Aug 1739, Lebanon Co PA; d 4 Jun 1830, Lititz, Lancaster Co PA.

108 **Michael SCHAR**, b Holland.

109 **Dorothy METZGAR**, b Holland.

110 **Andrew HUBER**.

111 **Katy CLAY**.

112 **John Jacob LOUX**, b 16 Mar 1759, Bedminster Tp, Bucks Co PA; d 2 May 1825, Bedminster Tp, Bucks Co PA.

113 **Mary STAUFFER/STOVER**, b 1 Nov 1761; d 5 May 1842.

114 **Martin FRETZ**, b 9 Aug 1764, Bedminster Tp, Bucks Co PA; d 26 Sep 1835, Hilltown Tp, Bucks Co PA.

115 **Anna KRATZ**, b 11 Sep 1768, New Britain Tp, Bucks Co PA; d 24 Jun 1816, Hilltown Tp, Bucks Co PA.

118 **Joseph FRETZ**, b 9 May 1761, Bedminster Tp, Bucks Co PA; m 1 Nov 1781; d 29 Mar 1806, Bucks Co PA.

119 **Maria KRAUT**, b 11 Feb 1762; bur Deep Run Ch Cem, Bucks Co PA.

120 **Abraham YODER**, b 30 Dec 1747; m Upper Saucon Tp, Lehigh Co PA; d 10 Jan 1821, Upper Saucon Tp, Lehigh Co PA.

121 **Maria S. SELL**, b 9 Apr 1750; d 27 Oct 1827, Upper Saucon Tp, Lehigh Co PA.

VIII

128 **Johan Michael GROSSMAN**, b 2 Sep 1714, Hirschland, Nassau, Saarwerden, Alsace; d Lancaster Co PA.

144 **Hans HEGE**, b Shaffhausen near Zweibrucken, Switzerland; d abt 1765, Rapho Tp, Lancaster Co PA.

145 **Maria LEHMAN**.

188 **John Jacob ALBRECHT**.

189 **Maria VON GERSDORF (?)**.

190 **Balthazar VON ORTHE**, b 5 May 1703, Palatinate, Germany; d 20 Oct 1788.

191 **Anna Catherine ROEHMER**, d 29 Mar 1773.

218 **Adolph METZGAR**, b Holland.

224 **Johann Peter LOUX/LAUX**, b 1726 Hesse Nassau (near Munster), Germany; m 1752; d 16 Feb 1799, Bedminster Tp, Bucks Co PA.

225 **Catherine HAINES**, b 1730, Franconia PA;
d 18 Aug 1798, Bedminster Tp, Bucks Co PA.

226 **Christian STAUFFER/STOVER**, b 27 Jun
1714, Kirschheusserhof, Palatinate, Germany; d
1764, Bedminster Tp, Bucks Co PA.

227 **Elizabeth MEYER**, d aft 1783, Bedminster
Tp, Bucks Co PA.

228 **Christian FRETZ**, b 1734, Bedminster Tp,
Bucks Co PA; m 1757; d 1 May 1803, Bedminster
Tp, Bucks Co PA.

229 **Barbara OBERHOLTZER**, b 20 Nov 1737;
d 8 May 1823, Bedminster Tp, Bucks Co PA.

230 **Abraham KRATZ**, b 1741, Montgomery Co
PA; d 1817, New Britain Tp, Bucks Co PA.

231 **Barbara MOYER**, bur Deep Run Ch Cem,
Bucks Co PA.

236 See #228.

237 See #229.

240 **John YODER, Jr.**, b abt 1708, Switzerland
or Germany; d aft 1775, Lehigh Co PA.

241 **Anna Maria BACHMAN (?)**.

242 **Henry (Heindrick) SELL/SELLEN**, b 1724;
m 1742; d 1786.

243 **Mary SCHEEL**, b 16 May 1723.

IX

256 **Johan Paulus GROSSMAN**, m 10 Nov
1705, Hirschland, Nassau, Saarwerden, Alsace.

257 **Anna Marie BIBER/BIEBER**.

448 **Johann Jost LAUX**, b Aug 1696, Runkel,
Hesse, Germany; d bef 1749.

449 **Anna Maria ---**, b abt 1681; d 22 Apr 1749,
Germany.

450 **Johannes (John) HAINES**, b 1680; d 1757.

451 **Barbara ---**, b 1690; d 1764.

452 **Peter STAUFFER**, b Kirschheusserhof,
Palatinate, Germany.

453 **Barbara WISLER**.

454 **Hans MEYER/MAIER**, d 1748, Upper
Salford Tp, Montgomery Co PA.

456 **"Weaver" John FRETZ**, b 1704, near
Manheim, Germany; d Feb 1772, Bedminster Tp,
Bucks Co PA.

457 **Barbara MYERS**.

460 **John Valentine KRATZ**, b 1707, Palatinate,
Germany; d 1780, Montgomery Co PA.

461 **Ann CLEMENS**, d 1793.

462 **Christian MOYER**.

480 **Hans (John) YODER**, b abt 1680,
Switzerland or Germany; d abt 1753, Lower
Milford Tp, Bucks Co PA.

481 **Anna ---**.

482 **George BACHMAN (?)**.

484 **Peter SELLEN (HOLTEN)**.

485 **Adriana VAN SINTERN**.

486 **Michael Christian SCHEEL**.

487 **Veronica ---**.

X

896 **Johann Jost LAUX**.

897 **Maria Catharina ---**.

900 **Michael HAINES**, b 1664, Europe.

920 **John Phillip KRATZ**, b 8 Oct 1665,
Palatinate, Germany; d 1746, Palatinate,
Germany.

922 **Gerhart CLEMENS**, b 1680; d 1745,
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CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS, ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, Volume Two: 1666-1695 6¼ x 9¼, Index, Virginia State Library, Richmond. 1992 Hardbound, 609p.

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ONLY A FEW BONES, *A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and It's Aftermath*. Genealogical and Historical Sleuthing. Direct Descent, Washington, DC. Softbound, 6" x 9", index, 436p.

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A Variation of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'

*'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house,
Just one creature was stirring, my serial mouse.
When out from the keyboard, there came such a clatter
That I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the 'puter I flew like a flash.
The moon on the monitor started to glow,
Gave a luster of midday to C-prompts below.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a screenful of sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.
With little old driver, and elves, and a gnome
All colorfully marching 'cross my monochrome!
More rapid than eagles, his cursors they came
And he whistled, and shouted and called them by name:
'Now Roots III! And Roots IV! And BK, let's laugh!
On TMG! Family Ties! GEDCOM! And PAF!
To the top of the screen! To the top of the file!
Let's give all those family researchers a smile!
They've worked hard all year, their persistence is awful -
Let's give them a gift of a new ahnentafel
That solves all their puzzles, that fills every gap
In their pedigree chart." Then he turned with a snap,
And laying a finger aside of his ear,
And giving a nod, he made the screen clear!
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he scrolled out of sight,
'Better backup that data one more time tonight!"*

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