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NEW RESEARCH GUIDES FOR GERMANY

Normally we reserve space at the back of *Der Kurier* for book reviews, but recently I discovered a series of books that I think are worth mentioning on the front page – *Map Guide to German Parish Registers*. Upon completion the editors, Heritage Creations, anticipate 40 volumes in the series making this a significant contribution to the literature on German research.

To date two volumes are in print – one guide covers the Grandduchies of Schwerin and Strelitz in Mecklenburg and the second the Grandduchy of Hesse. A third volume covering the Grandduchy of Baden was purportedly completed just a few weeks ago.

The volume listing parishes in Hessen sets the style or format for the series. The first map in the book furnishes an overview of three provinces in the Grandduchy of Hessen: the Province of Oberhessen, the Province of Rheinhessen and the Province of Starkenburg.

The overview map of the province then lists the Districts or Kreis within that province. Maps delineating all of parishes within the Kreis or District follow.

The Province of Oberhessen furnishes a useful example. The overview map depicts six districts within the province. Page numbers where each district can be found are given on the map. The map for Giessen can be found on page 40. That map in turn shows 42 parishes within the Kreis or District. The Parish Key is given at the top of the next page. It lists each parish numerically with the microfilm roll number of the parish's records as found

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in the Family History Library Catalog. The Town Key follows. Listed alphabetically within this district are 129 towns. The number assigned to the parish is also assigned to the town. An index of all towns for each volume can be found at the back of the book. It is important to note overview maps for the Lutheran parishes are given separately from Catholic parishes.

Thus, if a family historian has located a town of interest in the Grandduchy of Hessen he/she can look for the town in the index and locate the parish, district and microfilm roll numbers with ease.

As an example I recently discovered one of my ancestors was born in Erbes Büdesheim. The index notes the Lutheran Parish map can be found on page 53 of the text and the Catholic Parish map is on page 113. A search of the Town Key on page 53 reveals Erbes Büdesheim is in the Parish of Wendelsheim and those records can be found on microfilm roll number 1197090.

I have used publications similar to this one for my research in Wales and that experience showed me how invaluable parish maps can be. Quite frankly I have been wanting a publication like this for a long time to use when researching German families – hence my enthusiasm.

Anyone wanting information on this series can contact Heritage Creations. Their toll free number is (866) 783-7899 and their Web site is <www.heritagecreations.com>.

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DER KALENDER / The Calendar

2004

July 11-17. National Institute on Genealogical Research. National Archives in Washington, DC, and College Park, MD. Contact www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin

August 13-15. Wertman Family Association Reunion. Danville, PA. Contact Tom Young, Chairman, teyoung@copper.net

September 8-11. Federation of Genealogical Societies. "Legends Live Forever." Austin, TX. Contact Federation of Genealogical Societies, PO Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940. Phone 888-FGS-1500 (toll free). e-mail fgs-office@fgs.org
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Contact PA Chapter, PO Box 280, Strasburg, PA 17579-0280

September 26-28. NGS Genealogy Seminar in Historic Places. Salem, MA. Contact: www.ngsgenealogy.org or write National Genealogical Society, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

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RUDOLPH / SCHMIEDEL

#22-1 Seek info on Carl RUDOLPH aka Charles RUDOLPH. Birth name may have been Johann Reinhold SCHMIEDEL. (b 5 Apr 1862, Barmen, Germ.) Fa Johann Reinhold SCHMIEDEL frm Barmen (now Wuppertal) Germ to NY ca 1882. Came to US w/wife, dau, and son Rudolph Joseph SCHMIEDEL. Movd to "middle states" and then to Fruitvale (now Oakland) CA by 1890. Seek info where in "middle states." Letter by Rudolph Joseph SCHMIEDEL in 1898 refers to a bro who had been "left home in Germany nearly 18 years ago." He wrote that this bro traveling through the world "under name of Carl RUDOLPH or Charles RUDOLPH, leading a gypsy life, what is wandering about, restless". Seek any info on this bro, using own name or any combinations, and where settled. Poss in E US and likely in 1890s.

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SPANGLER KREIDER

#22-2 Seek Rachel(or) Magdalene SPANGLER b ca 1807 OH, d 1868. Mar David KREIDER b 1804 VA, d 1880 Hocking Co., OH. Mar ca 1827 prob OH.

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KNISZ

KNECE/NEES/NICE/NIECE/KNEESE etc.

#22-3 Seek relationship Peter and Catharina? KNISZ to Henry KNECE/NEES/NICE/NIECE/KNEISE etc. Cem has "KNISZ Catharina w/o Peter; d 15 Sep 1825, age 42 y 10 mo 2 das" (in German) at Adelphi Ross Co., OH. Henry KNECE b 1805 Butler Co, PA, d 1887 Hocking Co., OH. Ross, Hocking and Pickaway Co's.meet at Salt Creek Twp. Did KNISZ come from Butler Co. PA ?

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POFF RAY/WRAY/RAYE

#22-4 Seek par Frances POFF; mar William R. RAY. Dau Sarah Jane RAY (WRAY/RAYE) b 16 Jun 1861, Rockcastle Co., KY; mar 10 Sept 1879 William Harlan Van Hook b 8 Dec 1851. He desc Samuel Van Hook - Rev Soldier.

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FULGHUM PARKER BOND

#22-5 Seek info on par Martha FULGHUM. Fa Frederick FULGHUM; mar Piety PARKER in NC. Martha b 11 Dec 1831 Randolph Co., IN; mar Peter BOND (Quaker) 5 Sept 1850 in IN. Martha d 29 Apr 1901 Richmond, IN.

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DELAWAREANS OF GERMAN DESCENT

By Dr. Joseph Neville

I have been doing research on German-Americans in the Wilmington, DE, area, with particular attention to World War I (1914-1918).

Two Wilmington newspapers, the WILMINGTON LOKAL-ANZEIGER and the SUNDAY MORNING STAR, reported fully on Wilmington's German-Americans.

Relying for the most part on stories in those newspapers, I have encountered a large number of German-Americans, and they are mentioned below.

I am seeking additional information about these people. If you have letters to or from them, diaries, or other documentation that you would be willing to share with me for my study, please let me know.

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Mrs. (Lena?) Wetzel; Wilhelm (William) Woernle; Gotthold Yaeger; Henry Ziegler; William Zolper; Franz Zorger.

FRAKTUR FORUM

by Corinne Earnest

**HERING
ON FRAKTUR**

Sue Jackson asked about the HERING surname on fraktur. Volume I of *German-American Family Records in the Fraktur Tradition* gives data from a taufschein (birth and baptism certificate) made for Jacob HERING, son of Ludwig and Christina (BRETTINGER) HERING. Jacob was born about ten o'clock in the evening on May 27, 1803, in Albany Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was baptized August 27, 1803, by Friederich OBENHAUSER, Lutheran. Sponsors at his baptism were Jacob MESSEN and Catharina SITTLER, both single.

In Volume II of *The Printed Birth and Baptismal Certificates of the German Americans*, Klaus Stopp lists data from a taufschein made for Joseph DILLER, son of Martin and Magdalena (HORING) DILLER. Joseph was born March 27, 1807, in Allen [Monroe] Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He was baptized May 22, 1807, by Pastor HELFENSTEIN. Sponsors were the parents.

In Volume III, Stopp lists data from a taufschein made for Matilta [sic] HÖRING, daughter of Heinrich and Hannah (HENRICH) HÖRING. Matilta was born on May 18, 1829, in Lower Milford Township in today's Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. She was baptized June 21, 1829. No other information is available.

Schwenkfelder taufschein

Henrich and Sofya [Sophia] HÖRING were listed as sponsors at the baptism of Johannes WALD, son of Jacob and Sarah (SCHELLE) WALD. Johannes WALD was born in Milford Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, on March 10, 1831. He was baptized by F. WAGE on April 24, 1831.

The taufschein that records this information is at the Schwenkfelder Library in Pennsburg, PA. The Library has two other taufscheins that mention the name HERING. One was made for Heinrich KEISER, son of Abel and Eliesabeth (HÄRING) KEISER. Heinrich was born in Upper Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, on February 24, 1884. He was baptized by Friedrich WALTZ on July 13, 1884. His parents were sponsors. The other taufschein was made for Johannes NEES, son of Georg and Chatharina (HORING) NEESS [sic]. Johannes was born November 4, 1813, in Marlborough Township, Montgomery County. He was baptized by Georg RÖLLER. Johannes and Chatarina RIETH were sponsors.

A taufschein recorded by Stopp in Volume I of *The Printed Birth and Baptismal Certificates of the German Americans* gives data concerning Susanna, daughter of Joseph and Barbara (HERING) MACK. Susanna was born September 25, 1821, in Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

She was baptized October 29, 1822. No other information is available. That same volume lists data from a taufschein made for Jakob, son of Karl and Hanne (HÄRING) WASSER. Jakob was born in Plumstead Township, Bucks County, on September 21, 1852. He was baptized on

November 21, 1852 by Engelbert PEIXOTTO. Jakob's parents sponsored his baptism. In Volume IV, Stopp records data from a taufschein made for Michael, son of Daniel and Catharna [sic] (KREM) HERING. Michael was born December 22, 1809, in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County. No other information is given.

A taufschein made for Hannah HARING is in a private collection. Hannah's parents were Phillip and Susanna (ZELLNER) HARING. Hannah was born January 27, 1813 in Haycock Township, Bucks County. She was baptized April 24, 1813, by Reverend MENSCH. Her parents sponsored her baptism.

Family register sold in 2002

In 2002, auctioneer Randy Hilker of Hanover, PA, sold a family register made for the John B. and Catherine (HEIRING) KUHN family of East Berlin, York County, Pennsylvania. John B. KUHN was born November 16, 1808, in [East] Berlin and Catherine HEIRING was born April 16, 1803, in Dover, York County. John and Catherine married January 12, 1830, and their first child, Lyddian, was born on Catherine's birthday in 1831.

The next children were Joseph, born May 27, 1832; Sarah, born June 27, 1833 (died September 6, 1856); Elithebeth [sic], born September 8, 1834; Samuel, born August 29, 1835; Catharine, born December 4, 1836; Marian, born June 27, 1838 (died August 26, 1847); Jacob, born June 21, 1840 (died February 4, 1842); and John, born October 23, 1844. Hilker sold a taufschein made for John B. KUHN whose parents were Joseph and Catharina (BRUGNER) KUHN. John B. KUHN, called Johannes on his baptism certificate, was born about eleven o'clock in the evening. John B. KUHN was baptized on December 16, presumably in 1808. John and Magdalena BRUGNER were sponsors at his baptism.

Bible record in private collection

A Bible record in a private collection was made for the Tobias and Leanna (REICHERT) HÄRING family. Tobias and Leanna were married January 17, 1847. Tobias HÄRING was born October 13, 1818, in Upper Salford Township, Montgomery County. Leanna REICHERT was born January 30, 1824, in Rockhill Township, Bucks County. A family register made for the HIMMELWRIGHT family appears in this same Bible. The parents of the HIMMELWRIGHT family were Benjamin and Emma.

Their children were: Oswin, born February 5, 1872; Reller [sic], born June 27, 1873; Albert, born April 7, 1875; Katie, born June 10, 1876; Sallie, born September 6, 1878; Benjamin, born August 20, 1880; Amanda, born May 18, 1882; Enos, born September 20, 1885; and Charles, born June 6, 1887. A further notation says, Paul, son of Sallie HIMMELWRIGHT was born November 7, 1899. Albert HIMMELWRIGHT died at age 9 months and 19 days on January 26, 1876. Two stillborn babies were born to this family, one on March 21, 1893 and another in March of 1898. This record gives no indication concerning the relationship, if any, of the HÄRING and HIMMELWRIGHT families.

A difficult to read Bible record in a private collection was made for the Daniel and Catharina (RIETH) HERING family of Wayne Township, Schuylkill County. According to this record, Daniel and Catharina HERING had a daughter named Pali (probably a phonetic spelling for Polly) on September 17, 1851. Pali HERING was baptized on May 16, 1852, by Pastor SAPPER.

Sponsors at Pali's baptism were her parents. A second daughter was born March 1, 1854 and baptized by Pastor GRING (whose name is spelled KRING in some records) on July 16, 1854. Rebeca KEMMERLIN[G] sponsored this daughter's baptism. The daughter, whose name is not clear (Lemilia?), was born in Wayne Township. The next entry says a daughter named Rebeca, was born May 21, 1855. Rebeca was baptized by Pastor GRING on December 2, 1855. Next was Elisabet, born May 21, 1858, and baptized October 3, 1858, by Pastor GRING. Sponsors at Elisabet's baptism were Simon SCHERMAN and his wife, whose name is illegible. Elisabet died November 4, 1866, at age 8 years, 6 months, and 3 days.

The remainder of this record lists death dates of people who are not identified clearly. They say Catharina [no surname] died March 28, 1838, at age 1 year, 5 months, and 5 days. Melisa died September 2, 1846, at age 9 months and 22 days. She was buried on September 4. "My mother" died December 6, 1838, at age 57 years and 1 month. Her name was Catharina GREIN. "My father" died June 3, 1844, at 56 years and 2 months. His name was Daniel HERING. Emanuel died August 20, 1848, at the age of 11 months and 20 days. He was buried August 22. Maria Ana died December 26, 1857, at the age of 23 years, 7 months, and 27 days. She married Henri DORNMEYER and had three children [illegible] and [she was] buried December 28. Henrich HERING died September 22, 1867, at the age of 23 years, 5 months, and 10 days.

A taufschein shown on eBay on September 9, 2000, mentioned the name HERING. The photocopy we have is too poor to read the child's name and the complete names of the sponsors, but some information indicates a possible relationship to the above Bible record. This taufschein was made for Daniel R. [?] and Rebecca (KEMMERLING) HERING's daughter [Marianne?], who was born July 1, 1856, in Washington Township, Schuylkill County. This daughter was baptized August 10 [?], 1856, by Pastor KRING and the surname of the sponsors appears to be SCHERMAN.

Taufschein from Schuylkill County

In Volume IV of *The Printed Birth and Baptismal Certificates of the German Americans*, Klaus Stopp pictures a taufschein made for Nora Rebecca, daughter of Emanuel and Mary Ann (HERING) REED. Nora Rebecca was born October 3, 1881, in Wayne Township, Schuylkill County. She was baptized by I.J. REITZ on Christmas day in 1881. Emanuel and "Ann" REED were sponsors at her baptism. According to this taufschein, Mary Ann HERING was the daughter of Daniel and Rebecca HERING.

In that same volume, Stopp lists data from a taufschein made for Georg William, son of Charls [sic] E. and Emma (FOLK) HERING. Georg William was born on New Year's day in 1880 in Longswamp Township, Berks County. He was baptized August 8, 1880, by Pastor KRAMLICH. Georg William's parents were sponsors at his baptism. A related example in a private collection was made for Georg William's older sister, Cethy Senore. Cethy Senore HERING was born November 1, 1878, in Topton [Longswamp Township], Berks County. She was baptized January 12, 1879, by Alfred HERMAN. Jonathan and Mary HERING were sponsors at her baptism.

Volume III of *German-American Family Records in the Fraktur Tradition* gives data from a taufschein made for Catharina BERGER, daughter of Peter and Catharina (HEERING) BERGER. Catharina BERGER was born July 14, 1839, in Wayne Township, Schuylkill County. She was baptized by Pastor KRING on January 1, 1840. Sponsors at her baptism were Henrich and Christina KEMMERLING. Volume II of that series gives information from a related taufschein. It was made

for Catharina BERGER's younger brother, Johannes Jonathan. Johannes Jonathan was born August 7, 1841, in Wayne Township. He was baptized by Pastor KRING on October 24, 1841. Johannes and Magdalena STALLER were sponsors at his baptism. This certificate is at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Loose pages presumably found in a family Bible mention Lydia HERRING in connection with the NEIDLINGER and EMERICH families of Wayne Township. Lydia HERRING married Joseph EMERICH. They had a daughter named Mary Ann on November 21, 1844. On April 25, 1868, Mary Ann EMERICH married Henry NEIDLINGER/NEITLINGER of Pine Grove Township, Schuylkill County. Like the loose pages, the NEITLINGER's marriage certificate is in a private collection.

A taufschein in the same collection records the birth of their daughter, Sallie Louisa, on September 29, 1874. Sallie Louisa's sisters are mentioned on the pages. Emaline was born June 30, 1868 and Ella Nora was born October 8, 1882. This record further says that, in 1869, Mary Ann (EMERICH) NEITLINGER was "admitted through conversion to full membership with the Evangelical Association at Manbecks Church in Washington Township, Schuylkill County."

Late vintage taufschein

A late taufschein in a private collection was made for Elfrida Karolina KLINGER, daughter of Konrad and Anna (HAERING) KLINGER. Elfrida Karolina was born April 18, 1890, in Crestline, Ohio. She was baptized April 28, 1890 by C. SCHMITT, Reformed. Sponsors at her baptism were her parents and Karolina EMMER.

A confirmation certificate in a private collection was made for Johannes HÖRING who was confirmed on May 17, 1834 by Johannes GRING.

The whereabouts is unknown of a late certificate made for Wilson S. HERING, son of Peter and Amanda (SCHANE) HERING. Wilson HERING was born May 23, 1878, in Earl Township, Berks County. He was baptized July 2, 1878 by Pastor SCHAEGLER. Wilson's parents were sponsors at his baptism.

A taufschein in a private collection was made for Erwin Peter TRANSUE, son of Ruben and Anna (HERRIN) TRANSUE. Erwin Peter was born February 17, 1867 in Bushkill Township, Northampton County. He was baptized two days later by Pastor Lisberger. This certificate listed no sponsors.

A taufschein was made for Maria, daughter of Wiliam [sic] and Sara (SEIDNER) HERRING. We have a poor photograph of this fraktur, but it appears to say Maria was born December 31, 1849, in Weatherfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. The name of the pastor who baptized Maria is illegible. Maria was baptized on April 8, presumably in 1850, but the year is difficult to read. Her parents were sponsors at her baptism. This fraktur was sold by Clearing House Auction Galleries in Wethersfield, CT, in 1995.

If you have family names you wish me to research on fraktur, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Corinne Earnest, PO Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316. There is no charge to MAGS members for this research.

SNIVELY FAMILY REGISTER

Information abstracted from a German-language Bible printed in 1819 by Johann Baer, Lancaster, PA. Family registers between the Old and New Testaments were written in English and German script. (Private collection)

[On the last page of Old Testament in English script:]

“I do hereby certify that this Bible shall be the property of my son, Joseph Snevely, Jr., August 10th 1822. [signed] Joseph Schnevele. And now, November 1, 1869, I give it in the care of Samuel B. Snevely, witness, Joseph Snively.”

[On blank pages bound between Old and New Testaments, in English script:]

Joseph Snively was born December 19, 1748 in Antrim Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Magdalena Snively, formerly Magdalena Stoner, was born November 6, 1751. [Joseph and Magdalena Snively] were married on June 13, 1771. [Magdalena] died August 25, 1793.

Children:

Barbara was born January 12, 1774 at nine o'clock at night. Died January 12, 1796.

Jacob was born February 7, 1776 at ten o'clock in the morning.

Magdalena was born February 17, 1778. Died October 1779.

Anna was born January 22, 1780.

Elisabeth was born December 18, 1782. Died January 1784.

John was born December 5, 1783 at two o'clock in the morning.

Joseph was born December 12, 1786.

Benjamin was born March 11 1791. Died August 26, 1794.

Next page:

Jacob Snively died October 26th 1837, aged 61 years, 8 months, and 19 days.

Joseph Snively (the elder) died October 30, 1833, aged 84 years, 10 months, and 11 days.

Anna Garber, formerly Anna Snively, died February 5, 1863.

Next page:

Hans Jacob Schnebelie was [next information crossed out] and was 54 years old when he died. He came from Switzerland and arrived in Lancaster County sometime between the years 1707 and 1718 and was naturalized in Philadelphia October 4, 1729 in the third year of the reign of King George II.

Jacob Snevely, son of the above Hans Jacob Schnebelie, was born in 1694 and died August 24, 1766. His age was 71 years, 8 months, and 3 days. He married Barbara Eberly on April 14, 1736. The following are their offspring:

Fanny was born October 16, 1742.

Catherine was born October 28, 1744.

Susannah was born March 15, 1746 about seven o'clock at night (in the state of Maryland).

Joseph was born December 19, 1748.

Andrew was born January 4, 1751.

Elizabeth was born February 17, 1754.

Next page:

Ann Mary was born July 29, 1755 between eight and nine o'clock in the morning.

Michael was born January 25, 1757 about seven o'clock in the morning.

Mary was born November 2, 1758 about four o'clock in the morning.

Catherine (the 2nd) was born January 27, 1760 about nine o'clock at night.

Christiana was born November 14, 1761 about nine o'clock at night.

Jacob was born November 14, 1763 about nine o'clock at night.

Barbara was born November 22, 1765 about six o'clock.

[On a loose scrap in English script:] Christina Snively was born April 22, 1767.

[A loose page written on ruled paper in English script repeats much of the above information. It gives the family name as Snevely. This page also has the following notations:] "The father of the above Jacob Snively say[s] my father's age, namely my grandfather, was 84 years old when he died. He was named Hans Jacob Snively (that is, John Jacob). He then says my father, Jacob Snively, was born in the year 1694 and died the 24th day of August 1766. His whole age was 71 years, 8 months, and 3 days.

"Hans Jacob Snively came to Lancaster County between the years 1707 and 1718, was naturalized October 14, 1729 in the 3rd year of the reign of Geo. II (at Philadelphia). [continued on reverse] My father's father, namely Grandfather, was 84 years old when he died, named Hans Jacob Schneblie, that is John Jacob Snively. My father, Jacob Snevely, was born [in] 1694 and died [on the] 24th day of August 1766. His age being, as by his information, 71 years, 8 mo., 3 days. The above is correct."

[Notes: The above information was written in English and translated from an older record written in German script. The German-language record remains with the Bible, although it probably had been removed from an older Bible. This page is tattered, and it has considerable edgewear. Upon checking the English translation, we are uncertain of several elements. For example, we are uncertain of Ann Mary's name. The entry concerning Ann Mary is on the reverse of the previous page, and although her date of birth suggests this is a continuation of children born to Jacob and Barbara (Eberly) Schnebelie from the previous page, this page is introduced with a brief statement suggesting these are the children of Hans Schnäbeli. It says "Ann Mary," if that is her name, is the first daughter of Hans Schnäbeli. Also, there is confusion dates for over Catharine (the 2nd). Her date of birth might have been June 15, 1760. Also, Christiana might read Christian, and Barbara, the last child, was born November 2, 1765 rather than November 22, 1765. There are other discrepancies, but most are minor, concerning Anglicizing names.]

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A maximum of four surnames being researched by each new member appears *in bold 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. Members are also encouraged to submit free queries to the queries editor regarding specific ancestors.

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SPRING MEETING DOOR PRIZES

The following were winners of door prizes at the MAGS Spring Meeting on April 24. Winners and donors of the prizes are as follows:

- **Lester Foster** - \$25 Gift Certificate donated by Higginson Books
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AHNENTAFEL - STAHLHUT

Submitted by Richard L. Lucas, 2910 Jackson Court, Waldorf, MD 20602

I

1 **Ida Katherine STAHLHUT**, b 26 Sep 1882, Fort Russell Tp, Madison Co IL; m 25 Jan 1905, Richard Campbell TURNER (b 26 Nov 1872, Booneville MO; d 1 Sep 1930, Kansas City KS), Valda, Pettis Co MO; d 10 Oct 1928, Kansas City KS.

II

2 **Frederick Gottlieb August STAHLHUT**, b 21 Feb 1852, Hanover, Germany; m 28 Mar 1877, Edwardsville, IL; d 22 Jun 1934, Pettis Co MO.

3 **Augusta SCHENK**, b 1 Mar 1856, Dodge Co WI; d 15 Apr 1928, Pettis Co MO.

III

4 **Johann Heinrich Friedrich STAHLHUT**, b 24 Nov 1820, Pollhagen, Germany; m 11 May 1849, Meerbeck Ev Luth Ch, Germany; d 15 Feb 1884, Fort Russell Tp, Madison Co IL.

5 **Engel Maria DETTMER**, b 27 Dec 1828, Pollhagen, Germany; d 15 Feb 1904, Edwardsville IL.

6 **John G. SCHENK**, b 9 Feb 1831, Saxony, Germany; m 20 Apr 1854, WI.

7 **Anna Frederica STROETER**, b Germany.

IV

8 **Carl Gottlieb STAHLHUT**, b 22 Jun 1781, Pollhagen, Germany; m 26 May 1820, Meerbeck Ev Luth Ch, Germany; d 13 Feb 1830, Pollhagen, Germany.

9 **Engel Marie Dorothea WILHARMS**, b 1 May 1795, Nodsehl, Germany; d 18 Mar 1844.

12 **John M. SCHENK**, b bef 1815.

13 **Anna HAUCK**.

V

16 **Hans Herman STAHLHUT**.

17 **Engle Margaretha BRODMULLER**.

18 **Hohann Heinrich WILHARM**.

19 **Engel Marie STAHLHUT**.

[Editor's note: Richard Lucas wrote that he is the great-grandson of Ida Katherine Stahlhut. Richard Lucas is the grandson of Frederick Richard Turner and the son of Mary Evelyn Turner. He submitted this Ahnentafel he made for his maternal great-grandmother, noting that much of the above information came from records of "Eugene A. Bartels of St. Joseph, Missouri with some of the U.S. information confirmed and added to by the 1900 Census record for Flat Creek Township, Pettis County, Missouri"; the 1880 Census record for Fort Russell Township, Madison County, Illinois; *Portrait and Biographical Record of Johnson and Pettis Counties, Missouri*, Chapman Publishing Company, July 1895; and marriage and death records for Ida and Richard C. Turner.]

AHNENTAFEL - FULTZ

Submitted by Richard L. Lucas, 2910 Jackson Court, Waldorf, MD 20602

I

1 **Annettie (Nettie) Florence FULTZ**, b 13 May 1864, Washington Court House, Fayette Co OH; m 13 May 1885, Thomas Hawkins CRUM (b 23 Nov 1861, Cloverdale, Benton Co MO; d 1958, Kansas City MO); d 1959, MO.

II

2 **Simon FULTZ**, b Aug 1824, OH; m 13 Dec 1847, Washington Court House, Fayette Co OH; d 1906, MO.

3 **Sarah BUSH**, b May 1830, OH; d 1918.

III

4 **Peter FULTZ**, b 5 Oct 1788, VA; m 13 Dec 1847, Washington Court House, Fayette Co OH; d 22 Jul 1863, Fayette Co OH.

5 **Frances RANKIN**, b abt 1796; d 25 May 1853, Fayette Co OH.

6 **Jacob BUSH**, b 13 Jan 1788; m 1813, Fayette Co OH; d 28 Dec 1831, Fayette Co OH.

7 **Sarah BAUGHAN**, b 14 Oc 1795, VA; d 28 Dec 1831, Fayette Co OH.

IV

12 **Leonard BUSH**, b 5 Mar 1755, Pendleton Co VA; m 1775; d 6 Jul 1832, Fayette Co OH.

13 **Catherine STINGLEY**, b 2 Feb 1754; d 26 Jul 1848, Fayette Co OH.

14 **Henry BAUGHAN**, b 26 Sep 1772; m 20 Feb 1793, Culpepper Co VA; d 5 Jan 1851, Fayette Co OH.

15 **Elizabeth WALL**, b abt 1769; d 5 Oct 1859, Fayette Co OH.

V

24 **Lewis BUSH**.

26 **John STINGLEY**, b 1717, Sweden; d 1771.

27 **Elizabeth Bussard OBERHOLTZER**.

28 **Mordecai BAUGHAN**, d Culpepper VA.

29 **Eve ---**.

30 **Zachariah WALL**, b 1741; d 1816.

31 **Anne EVERETT**.

VI

48 **John Jacob BUSH (BUSCH)**.

62 **Richard EVERETT**.

63 **Elizabeth ---**.

[Editor's note: Richard Lucas is the great-grandson of Annettie Florence FULTZ and the grandson of Mary Louis CRUM whose father was Thomas Hawkins CRUM. Lucas began this Ahnentafel with one of his maternal great-grandmothers. According to Lucas, data concerning the ancestry of Peter FULTZ and Sarah BUSH came mostly from sources at the Carnegie Library, Washington Court House in Fayette County, Ohio. Lucas noted that Clara G. Mark and Emma Mark, in *A Condensed History of the Bush Family* and *The Mark Family History from 1732 to 1950*, respectively, reported John Jacob BUSH (BUSCH) emigrated from the Rhine area of the Palatinate in Germany or the Canton of Basel in Switzerland. The origin of the FULTZ family is yet to be discovered, said Lucas.]

BUCHBESPRECHUNGEN

Book Reviews

Alsace-Lorraine: Atlantic Bridge to Germany

By Linda M. Herrick and Wendy K. Uncapher

2003. Origins, 1521 E. Racine St., Janesville, WI 53545. Softcover, 192 pages. Indexed with German and French place names and French-to-German place names. \$20 plus \$3 shipping. (Wisconsin residents, add appropriate sales tax).

Researchers looking for German ancestors are familiar with the *Atlantic Bridge to Germany* series authored by Charles M. Hall.

Since Hall's retirement in 2002, Origins is now publishing new editions of this series. The first in the newly published series is *Alsace-Lorraine*.

As with previous volumes *Alsace-Lorraine* begins with a brief history of the region. As most researchers know, this area of German-speaking Europe changed hands many times throughout its history.

The introduction to *Alsace-Lorraine* briefly sketches this history from the fifth century through A.D. 843 when Charlemagne's grandson (Lothair) receive the middle part of the Holy Roman Empire.

From that time, occupations of the area included the French in 1792, the Prussians in 1871, the French again in 1919, the Germans under Hitler, and afterwards back to France.

About 90 percent of residents in Alsace living near the Rhine were German-speaking. Thus, "German-speaking ancestors who said they came from France probably came from the Alsace-Lorraine region."

More than 5,600 place names are listed in *Alsace-Lorraine: Atlantic Bridge to*

Germany together with 40 pages of maps dating from 1876 to 1889.

Because many villages had German and French names, both names are indexed. Names of counties (*Kreis*) and government districts (*Bezirk*) are also included.

A one-page "Word List" having English, French, and German terms related to locations is helpful as is a list of Web sites, a bibliography, and descriptions of the history and geography of this region.

Researchers having German-speaking ancestors from Alsace and Lorraine will find this book a valuable tool.

Reviewed by *Corinne Earnest*

The Early Germans of New Jersey: Their History, Churches and Genealogies

By Theodore Frelinghuysen Chambers

Clearfield Company, Inc. by Genealogical Publishing, Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 20201-3897 ISBN - 0-8063-0070-1 \$59.95 plus \$4.00 S/H 667 pages including index. Softcover, illustrated w/ photos, maps and drawings

This is the tome that every genealogist who has early German roots in New Jersey would like to have in his own, personal library.

Unfortunately, I'm a New Jersey genealogist whose roots do not go back this far. I'll get over the self pity shortly.

The Early Germans of New Jersey is a reprint of the same title that was originally published in 1895 (I fell short by a few years).

As the one word in its title would imply, anyone with German roots in the northwestern part of New Jersey would be wise to procure this book.

The preface of *Early Germans* explains what the author attempted to accomplish along with the records that he examined when including genealogies.

Early Germans is broken out into three parts. First, Mr. Chambers gives the reader 26 chapters on German emigration and immigrants, communities that were settled by Germans, churches of the area and their pastors. Yes, even the Muhlenbergs occasionally preached here in northern New Jersey and Chapter Ten is devoted to them.

The best part of *Early Germans* is the second part. This part of his monumental work is the genealogies that he has included in the book. Simply put they begin on page 227 and don't end until page 580!

In part three Mr. Chambers has eight appendices with some more surprises. The first is corrections and additions to the genealogies in part two. Appendix II has some biographical information on the different Ministers who attended to the churches mentioned in the first part.

More information of other churches is contained in four other appendices and Appendix VII has a list of names. You definitely want to look here also to more great genealogical finds!

Early Germans has two indexes – a general index and a genealogy index! There's also a listing of any illustrations plus maps in the beginning of the book. What a wealth of information for anyone with early German roots in New Jersey. This book is excellent and you'd do well to get a copy for your library. When it comes to this state, which I must remind everyone is one of the original

thirteen colonies, there's really not a lot out there in print for New Jersey and especially those of us of German descent. Happy hunting!

Reviewed by *Diane M. Kuster*

**Names of Persons who took the Oath
of Allegiance to the State of
Pennsylvania Between the Years 1776
and 1794**

Edited by John B. Lines and Wm. H. Egle

2001 (third printing) Willow Bend Books, 65 E. Main St., Westminster, MD 21157-5026 (ISBN 1-58549-147-0) Soft cover, 118 pp including index- 5 ½ X 8 ½ Price \$13.50

When the colony of Pennsylvania became a state in the newly forming nation, numerous changes in government were made.

As early as 1776 the Continental Congress declared that the American people should no longer take oaths to support the crown of Great Britain.

At a conference of the committees of observation for the different counties held on the 18th June 1776, it was resolved to call a Provincial Convention to form a new government in the authority of the people only. The convention met and adopted a state Constitution which went into effect on 28 September 1776.

The legislature passed a law in June 1777 making provision for the enrollment of all persons fit for military duty and established an oath of allegiance to be taken by all white male inhabitants of the state, above 18 years of age, before some justice of the peace. By taking this oath, a man gave allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania.

Following these historical notes are lists of men who took the oath. These were

taken from the Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series.

The lists are dated and the names of the justices of the peace are given. The names seem to be mostly of men from Philadelphia city and county. Beginning in 1790 the lists give age, place of origin, wife's name and sometimes parents. Many of these people were of Irish and French descent.

This information could be very helpful to people whose ancestors arrived in this time period. The book would be most helpful to those seeking non-German ancestors. Since this is just a small portion of the men who took the oath in Pennsylvania, more German names could probably be found elsewhere.

Reviewed by Thomas H. Leininger

Etchison Families of Montgomery County, Maryland

By William N. Hurley Jr.

Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, Maryland 20716. Softcover, 131 pages. Every name index. Price \$16 plus \$4 shipping.

This is the twenty-third volume in William N. Hurley Jr.'s "Our Maryland Heritage" series. As with his other volumes, the author has produced a carefully researched genealogical reconstruction of a Maryland family, in this instance the family of John Etchison (1750-1804) and his wife Lydia (born Phillips, in 1757), which was first documented in the 1776 census of the Sugarland Hundred in Frederick County, MD.

Hurley has organized his study around John and Lydia Etchison and their nine children. He has charted the history of their descendants by drawing upon a massive array of sources, among them census returns, obituaries, probate records, and secondary works, and he has added an occasional personal note. The author's twelve-page bibliography offers an excellent starting point

for anyone doing genealogical research in Montgomery County.

The author admits that some of the connections are better documented than others. While he confidently identifies Elisha Etchison (born ca 1780 and the focus of chapter 3) as a son of John and Lydia, chapter 6 devoted to Rhonda Ann Etchison (1829-1879) and her descendants, begins with the statement that "We have not yet firmly identified her parents, but Rhonda"

Parts of the book duplicate themselves. Thus, the separate entries for the married couple Columbus F. Purdum (pages 32-38) and Amanda Warfield (pages 57-62), approximately six pages each, are identical save for a two-sentence introduction for the former and a one-sentence introduction for the latter.

Aside from pointing out that Daria Nadja Hentish, who married into the family, was born in Ukraine, and, according to one source, "the Etchisons are said to be descendants of English ancestors," Hurley has little to say about the ethnicity of Etchison family members. Almost all were born in North America. Some of the persons mentioned in the book carried names suggesting German ancestry – Lang, Utz, and Zimmerman, for example – but the book otherwise offers relatively little to persons dealing with the larger concerns of German-American genealogy.

This book will be of considerable interest to those whose ancestry includes John and Lydia Etchison, and the nineteen-page everyname index will greatly assist readers in finding their way through the Etchison family history.

For others, especially those doing research in Montgomery County, the book will serve as a valuable tool in revealing what resources are available and how one might use them.

Reviewed by Joseph Neville

PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH EPHRATA CLOISTER

In the September 2000 issue of *Der Kurier*, editor John Bieber published an introduction to the Ephrata Community, often called Ephrata Cloister. The Cloister was founded in northern Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, about 1732 by Conrad Beissel (1691-1768).

As Bieber noted, "The Ephrata Community was one of the chief centers of German culture in colonial America." Although founded as a spiritual community, the Cloister's printing press, paper mill, grist mill, saw mill, and other mills, attracted residents from miles around. Neighboring Mennonites of Lancaster County commissioned Cloister printers to print the *Martyr's Mirror*, which became the largest book printed in colonial America.

Residents from the Tulpehocken region in what is now parts of Berks, Lebanon, and northern Lancaster Counties came to Ephrata to take advantage of the mills and to conduct other business. And people from Maryland, New York, and Philadelphia came to the Cloister. Of note, Benjamin Franklin conducted business with the Cloister concerning publishing books and purchasing paper.

As a hub of activity during its heyday, numerous Pennsylvania Germans joined the Cloister as celibate inmates or as householders living in the vicinity of Ephrata. Others visited the Cloister on business or from curiosity.

Whatever their connection to the Cloister, many left records of having been there, or having been associated with the Cloister in some fashion. Many of these records are documented, and some have been published. For example, in 1952 the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society published Felix Reichmann's and Eugene E. Doll's *Ephrata as Seen by Contemporaries*. In

addition, Milton H. Heinicke (d. 1962) wrote volumes about Ephrata Cloister and its inhabitants.

Authors such as Cynthia Marquet of The Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley and John Parmer continue researching and writing about Ephrata. And, as a former employee of the state of Pennsylvania which, since 1941, administers this historic site, Clarence Spohn has written about Ephrata Cloister. There are numerous others.

It was Spohn who began a systematic account detailing data about people who came into contact in one way or another with Ephrata Cloister. With assistance from John Parmer, who designed a database specifically for the purpose of recording those associated with the Cloister, Spohn documented these people throughout his term of employment.

His work has been continued with additional information placed in individual files set up for past Cloister members and associates. The Spohn database and the files contain considerable genealogical material. It was MAGS past president, Dot Reed, who suggested MAGS publish genealogical portions of these materials.

As space allows in future issues of *Der Kurier*, we will select at random people associated with the Cloister and publish our findings.* If you have an ancestor who might have had contact with Ephrata Cloister, especially before 1800, let MAGS know and we will check for you. Write Corinne Earnest at PO Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316 with your request. Be sure to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

** MAGS would like to thank Mike Showalter, Museum Educator at Ephrata Cloister, for his assistance in making the Cloister files available.*

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