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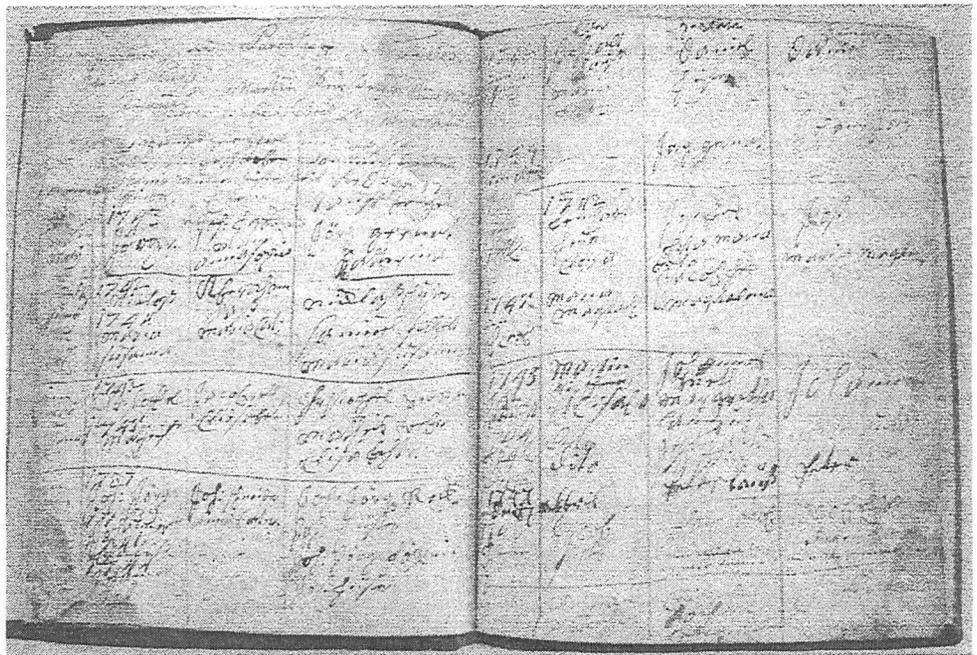
Church records of all sorts

Don't ignore documents such as membership lists

It's probably impossible to ignore church records if you are a genealogist and have German ancestors. Both in Germany and America, the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials are certainly among the most used to find out vital dates and unlock generational links.

But just as important those more commonly transcribed and published records already mentioned, it is important for genealogists to work at finding *all* the records of the congregations and pastors to which the researcher's ancestors were connected.

Annette Kunselman Burgert and Patricia Law Hatcher noted in an article in the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* a few years ago ("Himmel Church, Northumberland County:



Church records of ethnic Germans both in Europe and America are a prime record group. The above photo shows two pages from the baptismal register of Bern Reformed Church, Bern Township, Pennsylvania, in the 1740s.

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Reformed Congregation of Shiloh Union Church, York County, PA

Transcribed by Maryllyn M. Reisinger

The Reformed Congregation of Shiloh Union Church was organized by the Rev. Dr. Israel S. Weisz and became a member of the Reformed Church in the United States May 21, 1883. Dr. Weisz served as pastor for the congregation from June 3, 1883, until April 4, 1894. The Rev. O.P. Schellhamer served as pastor from April 1, 1894, until May 16, 1921. The 21 original members of the congregation came from the Reformed Congregation of Salem (Strayer's) Union Church located in Dover, Pennsylvania. The village of Shiloh is located northwest of York about equal distance between York and Dover. The village of Shiloh was named after the name of the Union Church.

Both the Reformed Congregation and the Lutheran Congregation (organized in 1881) constructed a union church building that was dedicated May 27, 1883. Before that time and before the official organization dates, both congregations met in private homes and then in Neiman's Meeting House that was constructed on the grounds of Neiman's Grave Yard in 1844. A subscription list of persons that contributed funds for construction of the meeting house is dated May 25, 1844, and is still in existence. The account of a meeting held by the citizens of West Manchester and Dover Townships on the same

date states: "...that the house be built is only to be free for appointments to be made and religious preaching by the following denominations of Christians: The Lutherans, the German Reformed, English Methodists by the stationed preachers of the York circuit, Moravians and Menonists [sic] and also for funeral service free for any denominations of Christians who preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. ..."

The Reformed and Lutheran Congregations separated during the 1950s and the Reformed Congregation became Shiloh Evangelical and Reformed Church and is now Shiloh United Church of Christ, 2251 Willow Road, York, Pennsylvania. My paternal grandfather, Peter W. Bentzel, and great-grandfather, Elias Bentzel, were both charter members of the congregation, and I have been a member of this congregation and church for more than 60 years.

In the listing, the column headed "Dismissed or Removed" uses the terms "dismissed," "removed," and "erased." The term "dismissed" was at the request of the member, usually to transfer to another congregation or church. Where only a date is shown in this column, it appears to be dismissed, although this is not confirmed in all cases.

Evaluate *all* types of church records when researching

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Evaluating Pennsylvania German Church Transcripts," *PGM* 42:2, pages 139-144) that many times transcriptions of church records do not include all available records. In addition, many times transcriptions made in the 19th century and early 20th century are deficient – either because the German was translated poorly or the translator / transcriber chose not to include all information, such as baptismal sponsors' names.

These records may become "lost" to researchers who do not probe deeply into what documents might be available for a particular congregation.

As an example of thoroughness, we publish in this issue a transcript by MAGS member Maryllyn Reisinger of the membership roll from a York County, Pennsylvania, church. In addition to showing what one would expect from a membership list – date of reception into membership and (if applicable) how the person left the church's membership – the record contains a fair number of death dates, which of course can then be used to gain additional information from obituaries, death certificates or other records. Other examples of church records that go beyond the "big three": confirmations, communion lists, and financial reports, and church council minutes. Distinct information can be found in all of them!

REGISTER OF MEMBERS, 1883-1918

No.	Name	How Received	When Received	Died	Dismissed or removed
1	Jacob Deissing	Certificate	June 3, 1883		
2	Adam Hamme	Certificate	June 3, 1883	June 24, 1903	
3	Killian Bentzel	Certificate	June 3, 1883		Removed
4	Samuel G. Lecrone	Certificate	June 3, 1883		Removed
5	Elizabeth Lecrone	Certificate	June 3, 1883	October 11, 1889	
6	Elias Bentzel	Certificate	June 3, 1883		
7	Caroline E. Menges	Certificate	June 3, 1883		Removed
8	Sarah Kump	Certificate	June 3, 1883		Removed
9	Susan Kain	Certificate	June 3, 1883		Removed
10	William H. Shanabrough	Certificate	June 3, 1883		Removed
11	Peter W. Weigel	Certificate	June 3, 1883		Removed
12	Leah Deisinger	Certificate	June 3, 1883	July 30, 1913	
13	Peter W. Bentzel	Certificate	June 3, 1883		
14	David Schrum	Certificate	June 3, 1883		
15	William Weigel, Jr.	Certificate	June 3, 1883		
16	Sarah Fackler	Certificate	June 3, 1883		Removed
17	Isabel Fackler	Certificate	June 3, 1883		
18	Susan Bentzel	Certificate	June 3, 1883		
19	Kate E. Reiber	Certificate	June 3, 1883	February 10, 1913	
20	Lydia Peters	Certificate	June 3, 1883		Removed
21	Jane Grimm	Certificate	June 3, 1883		Removed
22	David Jacoby	Certificate	May 3, 1885	February 16, 1910	
23	Rachael Jacoby	Certificate	May 3, 1885	October 13, 1887	
24	Mrs. Weigel	Certificate	May 3, 1885	January 2, 1897	
25	Harriet Weigel	Certificate	May 3, 1885	August 8, 1901	
26	Henry Reisinger	Certificate	May 3, 1885	September 29, 1896	
27	Mary Reisinger	Certificate	May 3, 1885	December 23, 1897	
28	Catharine Reisinger	Certificate	May 3, 1885		
29	Sarah Weigel	Confirmation	May 3, 1885		
30	Mary Ann Weigel	Confirmation	May 3, 1885		
31	Fannie E. Bentzel	Confirmation	May 3, 1885	February 20, 1888	
32	Sarah I. Benedict	Confirmation	May 3, 1885		Removed
33	Amanda Whitecomb	Certificate	November 14, 1886		
34	Kate Weigel	Certificate	November 14, 1886		Removed
35	Henry Menges	Certificate	November 14, 1886		Removed
36	J. M. Sheely	Certificate	November 14, 1886		Removed
37	George Neas	Certificate	November 14, 1886		Removed
38	Cassia Neas	Certificate	November 14, 1886	October 10, 1920	
39	Anna Welcomer	Certificate	November 14, 1886	November 5, 1907	
40	Melinda Holtzapple	Certificate	November 14, 1886	February 20, 1915	
41	Mary Deisinger	Certificate	November 14, 1886	September 6, 1887	
42	Maggie I. Bentzel	Certificate	November 14, 1886		
43	Henry Grimm	Certificate	November 14, 1886		April 4, 1895
44	Lucy Grimm	Certificate	November 14, 1886		April 4, 1895
45	Alice Grimm	Certificate	May 19, 1887		April 6, 1895
46	Rebecca Grimm	Certificate	May 19, 1887		Removed
47	Amos Grimm	Certificate	May 19, 1887		April 4, 1895
48	Annie Grimm	Certificate	May 19, 1887		Removed
49	Eli Grimm	Certificate	May 19, 1887		Removed
50	Elizabeth Grimm	Certificate	May 19, 1887		Removed
51	William Reisinger	Certificate	May 19, 1887		
52	Sarah Reisinger	Certificate	May 19, 1887		
53	Adeline B. Sheely	Certificate	May 19, 1887		Removed

No.	Name	How Received	When Received	Died	Dismissed or removed
54	George A. Wilt	Confirmation	May 19, 1887		Dismissed
55	Orfilla D. Wilt	Confirmation	May 19, 1887		Error-see #154
56	Rebecca Rahausser	Certificate	May 19, 1887		Removed
57	Emma E. Rahausser	Certificate	May 19, 1887		Removed
58	Henry Weigel	Certificate	August 7, 1887		
59	Alice Weigel	Certificate	August 7, 1887		
60	Carrie E. Lehr	Confirmation	November 10, 1888		
61	Aaron Bentzel	Confirmation	November 10, 1888		
62	George Bentzel	Confirmation	November 10, 1888		
63	Harvey Jacoby	Confirmation	November 10, 1888		Dismissed May 16, 1901
64	Sarah J. Bentzel	Confirmation	November 10, 1888		
65	Anna A. Menges	Confirmation	November 10, 1888		Removed
66	Ida Bentzel	Confirmation	November 10, 1888		Dismissed April 12, 1897
67	Lillie L. Jacoby	Confirmation	November 10, 1888		
68	Elizabeth Weigel	Confirmation	November 10, 1888		Dismissed
69	William Holtzapple	Certificate	November 10, 1888	February 23, 1898	
70	Elizabeth Holtzapple	Certificate	November 10, 1888		March 8, 1913
71	Andrew Bentzel	Certificate	November 10, 1888	February 10, 1911	
72	Beata Bentzel	Certificate	November 10, 1888	May 17, 1919	
73	George H. Fackler	Certificate	November 10, 1888		Removed
74	Franklin Quickel	Certificate	May 24, 1890		
75	Amanda Quickel	Certificate	May 24, 1890		
76	David Bentzel	Confirmation	November 9, 1890		
77	Andrew Bentzel	Confirmation	November 9, 1890		
78	Levi Clayton Jacoby	Confirmation	November 5, 1892		Dismissed
79	Alice Bentzel	Confirmation	November 5, 1892		
80	Magdalena Weigel	Confirmation	November 5, 1892		
81	George E. Malehorn	Confirmation	April 28, 1894		
82	William P. Moul	Confirmation	April 28, 1894		December 28, 1915
83	Lewis Weigel	Confirmation	April 28, 1894		March 28, 1917
84	Jacob Gross	Confirmation	April 28, 1894		Removed
85	Ida J. Schroll	Confirmation	April 28, 1894		Removed
86	Gertie S. Moul	Confirmation	April 28, 1894		Dismissed
87	Agnes L. Malehorn	Confirmation	April 28, 1894		Removed
88	Augustus Emig	Certificate	April 28, 1894		March 7, 1900
89	Lucinda Emig	Certificate	April 28, 1894		March 7, 1900
90	Frank Bostdorf	Certificate	April 28, 1894		
91	Jacob Fake	Certificate	October 7, 1894		
92	Eliza Fake	Certificate	October 7, 1894		
93	Frank Malehorn	Certificate	October 7, 1894		
94	Charles Malehorn	Certificate	October 7, 1894		
95	William Fake	Certificate	May 18, 1895		
96	Mary Ann Fake	Certificate	May 18, 1895		
97	Harry A. Reiber	Confirmation	May 11, 1895	March 3, 1897	
98	Elmer J. Holtzapple	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		Dismissed Jan. 14, 19??
99	Edward F. Holtzapple	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		Dismissed
100	Cora H. Holtzapple	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		March 8, 1913
101	Martha K. Fackler	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		May 30, 1906
102	Beata Bentzel	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		
103	Daisy M. Quickel	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		March 12, 1918
104	Sarah A. Hershey	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		
105	Isaac Hershey	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		
106	Milton Smith	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		
107	Rachael Smith	Confirmation	May 18, 1895	January 11, 1922	
108	Byrd May	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		Dismissed October 12, 1906
109	Harry May	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		Removed

No.	Name	How Received	When Received	Died	Dismissed or removed
110	Harry Fake	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		Dismissed April 30, 1922
111	Daniel Leech	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		Erased
112	Robert Gross	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		Removed
113	Peter Gross	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		Removed
114	Ernest E. Moul	Confirmation	May 18, 1895		Erased
115	Emma J. Malehorn	Renewal			
116	Andrew Malehorn	Certificate	November 2, 1895		
117	Sarah Malehorn	Certificate	November 2, 1895		
118	Jacob Malehorn	Certificate	November 2, 1895		Removed
119	Lewis Malehorn	Certificate	November 2, 1895	June 30, 1919	
120	Lilly Malehorn	Certificate	November 2, 1895		Erased
121	Harry M. Eberly	Certificate	November 2, 1895		
122	Elizabeth Bentzel	Certificate	November 2, 1895	December 26, 1901	
123	Lizzie Stauffer	Certificate	November 2, 1895		
124	Annie Reisinger	Certificate	November 2, 1895		Dismissed January 19, 1901
125	Mary Bupp	Confirmation	June 15, 1896	January 5, 1914	
126	Lewis Rauhauser	Certificate	October 31, 1896	January 12, 1899	
127	Rebecca Rauhauser	Certificate	October 31, 1896	January 7, 1909	
128	Abraham Rauhauser	Certificate	October 31, 1896		Erased
129	Ellen Rauhauser	Certificate	October 31, 1896		
130	John Whitecomb	Certificate	October 31, 1896		
131	Elias Reiber	Confirmation	October 31, 1896		
132	Emma J. Schrum	Confirmation	October 31, 1896		Erased May 16, 1901
133	Jacob S. Moul	Certificate	May 27, 1897	April 26, 1922	
134	Sarah Jane Moul	Certificate	May 27, 1897		
135	Katie S. Weigel	Certificate	May 27, 1897		Dismissed March 28, 1917
136	George Dellinger	Certificate	October 30, 1897		Erased October 1, 1911
137	Mary J. Dellinger	Certificate	October 30, 1897		Erased October 1, 1911
138	Harry A. Weigle	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		March 27, 1912
139	Carey A. Weigle	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		
140	Annie M. Weigle	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		Erased
141	Nettie E. Weigle	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		Erased May 12, 1904
142	Katie M. Weigle	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		Dismissed May 12, 1904
143	Ida A. Whitecomb	Confirmation	October 30, 1897	February 26, 1949	
144	Katie M. Whitecomb	Confirmation	October 30, 1897	November 29, 1951	
145	Delsie M. Witmer	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		Erased April 30, 1922
146	Ada A. Hoke	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		Dismissed September 22, 1914
147	Lucy V. Hoke	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		Erased 1922
148	Lizzie Bentzel	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		Erased 1922
149	Mary Bentzel	Confirmation	October 30, 1897	July 1, 1918	
150	Elsie M. Moul	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		
151	Sallie K. Hoffman	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		April 14, 1908
152	Harry L. Hamme	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		April 14, 1908
153	Katie M. Malehorn	Confirmation	October 30, 1897		Erased March 8, 1918
154	Orphelia D. Wilt	Certificate	May 19, 1898		
155	Laura M. Wilt	Certificate	May 19, 1898		
156	Emma K. Emig	Confirmation	November 12, 1898		
157	Harvey G. Schrum	Confirmation	November 12, 1898		
158	Edward M. Hoffman	Confirmation	November 12, 1898		
159	John L. Ettline	Confirmation	November 12, 1898		
160	David M. Ettline	Confirmation	October 28, 1899		
161	Sadie E. Benedick	Confirmation	October 28, 1899	January 17, 1910	Erased
162	Lizzie Benedick	Confirmation	October 28, 1899		Erased
163	Cora N. Senft	Confirmation	October 28, 1899		Erased
164	Samuel Stough	Confirmation	October 28, 1899		
165	Annie L. Whitecomb	Confirmation	October 28, 1899		

No.	Name	How Received	When Received	Died	Dismissed or removed
166	Ada J. Whitecomb	Confirmation	October 28, 1899	April 12, 1945	
167	John Crone	Confirmation	October 28, 1899		March 18, 1910
168	Minnie M. Hamme	Confirmation	October 28, 1899		
169	Mazie E. Malehorn	Confirmation	October 28, 1899		March 18, 1918
170	Elsie K. Jacoby	Confirmation	October 27, 1900		Erased 1922
171	Annie K. Wire	Confirmation	October 27, 1900		Erased
172	Charles A. Dellinger	Confirmation	October 27, 1900		March 18, 1914
173	Winfield C. Hoke	Confirmation	October 27, 1900	July 28, 1918	
174	Robert W. Naylor	Confirmation	October 27, 1900		April 8, 1915
175	William M. Malehorn	Confirmation	October 27, 1900		October 10, 1914
176	Paul E. Holtzapple	Confirmation	October 27, 1900		Erased April 1922
177	Chauncey A. Doll	Confirmation	October 27, 1900		Erased
178	John W. Doll	Confirmation	October 27, 1900		Erased
179	Harry Bentzel	Confirmation	October 27, 1900	February 5, 1956	
180	Tone Reider	Confirmation	October 27, 1900		
181	Susan Witmer	Renewal			Erased April 1922
182	Emory G. Wire	Confirmation	October 27, 1900		Erased April 1922
183	Charles M. Hamme	Confirmation	October 26, 1901		
184	Charles A. Holtzapple	Confirmation	October 26, 1901		March 24, 1910
185	Mary E. Schrum	Confirmation	October 26, 1901	July 9, 1916	
186	Lizzie E. Ettline	Confirmation	October 26, 1901		Erased
187	Mellie K. Quickel	Confirmation	October 26, 1901		May 1920
188	Annie C. Naylor	Confirmation	October 26, 1901	May 22, 1920	
189	John Ettline	Certificate	October 26, 1901	March 1, 1919	
190	Mrs. Ettline	Certificate	October 26, 1901	October 27, 1919	
191	Henry Miller	Certificate	October 25, 1902		
192	Amanda Miller	Certificate	October 25, 1902		
193	Christianna B. Lehr	Certificate	October 25, 1902		
194	Velva E. Moul	Confirmation	October 25, 1902		
195	Grace C. Gingerich	Confirmation	October 25, 1902		Dismissed October 15, 1903
196	Bertha M. Whitecomb	Confirmation	October 25, 1902	July 9, 1969	
197	Laura M. Weigle	Confirmation	October 25, 1902		Dismissed April 6, 1914
198	Flora I. Miller	Confirmation	October 25, 1902		Dismissed March 14, 1912
199	Sallie M. Grimm	Confirmation	October 25, 1902		Erased 1914
200	John F. Grimm	Confirmation	October 25, 1902		Erased 1914
201	Mary V. Hoffman	Confirmation	October 25, 1902		Removed 1912
202	Charles C. Lint	Confirmation	October 25, 1902		Erased April 1922
203	Kurvin E. Jacoby	Confirmation	October 25, 1902	1918-In France	
204	Daniel E. Kohr	Certificate	May 21, 1903		April 12, 1919
205	Leah Kohr	Certificate	May 21, 1903		April 12, 1919
206	Sarah E. Miller	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		
207	Howard W. Malehorn	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		Dismissed April 18, 1913
208	Alice A. Malehorn	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		Erased April, 1922
209	Mrs. Annie Myers	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		
210	Minnie J. Dellinger	Confirmation	November 7, 1903	February 8, 1907	
211	Carrie M. Heindel	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		Dismissed May 14, 1915
212	George W. Heistand	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		Erased
213	Victoria Heilman	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		
214	Maurice W. Rhinehart	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		February 13, 1911
215	Lillie K. Rudisill	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		Removed 1913
216	Mellie E. Rudisill	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		Removed 1913
217	George Haar	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		Dismissed September 26, 1914
218	Norman M. Schrum	Confirmation	November 7, 1903		Erased April 1922
219	Gilbert Bentzel	Certificate	May 12, 1904	October 25, 1921	
220	Sarah J. Bentzel	Certificate	May 12, 1904		
221	Byrd Bentzel	Certificate	May 12, 1904		Erased April, 1922

222	Albert F. Miller	Certificate	June 5, 1904		March 18, 1918
223	Katie E. Bentzel	Confirmation	October 22, 1904	July 17, 1976	
224	Mable L. Hoke	Confirmation	October 22, 1904		
225	Milton L. Moul	Confirmation	October 22, 1904		
226	William S. Myers	Certificate	May 27, 1905		
227	Alice Eisenhauer	Certificate	December 2, 1905		Erased April, 1922
228	Wm. Franklin Kohr	Certificate	December 2, 1905		
229	Annie L. Malehorn	Confirmation	December 2, 1905		
230	Ellen J. Scott	Confirmation	December 2, 1905		February 26, 1910
231	Ida Rudisill	Confirmation	December 2, 1905	October 19, 1910	
232	Harvey A. Naylor	Confirmation	December 2, 1905		Dismissed 1922
233	George M. Hoke	Confirmation	December 2, 1905		Erased April, 1922
234	Harry Eisenhauer	Confirmation	December 2, 1905		Erased April, 1922
235	Edith R. Stough	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		Erased Nov. 1912
236	Charles Stough	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		Erased April 1922
237	Annie R. Sunday	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		
238	Charles C. Sunday	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		Erased April, 1922
239	Elsie K. Sipe	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		
240	Mellie Bentzel	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		
241	William E. Bentzel	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		
242	John A. Bentzel	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		Erased April, 1922
243	Charles D. Hamm	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		
244	Charles H. Miller	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		
245	Martin L. Weaver	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		Erased
246	Melvin J. Whitecomb	Confirmation	October 20, 1906	November 30, 1967	
247	William H. Schellhamer	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		Dismissed June 25, 1915
248	Tacey R. Bentzel	Certificate	October 20, 1906		
249	Alfred A. Jacoby	Confirmation	October 20, 1906		Erased April, 1922
250	Emma J. Malehorn	Certificate	October 19, 1907		Dismissed April 18, 1913
251	Jacob R. Moul	Confirmation	October 19, 1907		
252	Sallie A. Naylor	Confirmation	October 19, 1907		March 18, 1910
253	Margie A. Gruver	Confirmation	October 19, 1907		
254	Bessie V. Anderson	Confirmation	October 19, 1907	March 25, 1910	
255	Ray E. Ettline	Confirmation	October 19, 1907		Erased April, 1922
256	Archie C. Kohr	Confirmation	October 19, 1907	October 25, 1960	
257	Annie R. Hejstand	Confirmation	October 19, 1907		Dismissed Sept. 26, 1914
258	Kurvin E. Schrum	Confirmation	October 19, 1907		Dismissed Nov. 28, 1914
259	Nettie M. Schrum	Confirmation	October 19, 1907		
260	Anna S. Hoover	Confirmation	May 23, 1908		Removed 1913
261	Sylvester Kohr	Certificate	May 23, 1908		
262	Lillie M. Malehorn	Certificate	May 23, 1908	August 9, 1913	
263	Annie M. Miller	Confirmation	October 17, 1908		
264	Curvin A. Malehorn	Confirmation	October 17, 1908		Erased April, 1922
265	Curvin Myers	Confirmation	October 17, 1908		
266	Lilly M. Malehorn	Confirmation	October 17, 1908		Erased April, 1922
267	Mamie M. Gotwalt	Confirmation	October 17, 1908		
268	Edward E. Lehr	Confirmation	October 17, 1908		
269	Charles A. Bentzel	Confirmation	October 17, 1908	June 1, 1986	May, 1920
270	Franklin D. Bentzel	Confirmation	October 17, 1908		Erased April, 1922
271	Emory K. Fackler	Confirmation	October 17, 1908		March 19, 1918
272	William G. Heindle	Confirmation	October 17, 1908		Erased April, 1921
273	Charles Kilburn	Confirmation	October 17, 1908		December 26, 1918
274	Mabel R. Hoke	Confirmation	October 16, 1909		Erased April, 1922
275	Erma E. Kohr	Confirmation	October 16, 1909		April 12, 1919
276	Amanda J. Shelly	Confirmation	October 16, 1909	December 12, 1918	
277	Florence L. Bostdorf	Confirmation	October 16, 1909		
278	Mrs. Alice E. Bupp	Certificate	May 5, 1910		

No.	Name	How Received	When Received	Died	Dismissed or removed
279	Mrs. Annie Smith	Certificate	May 5, 1910		
280	Margie I. Horne	Confirmation	October 15, 1910		Erased
281	Gussie M. Horne	Confirmation	October 15, 1910		Erased
282	Anna M. Bentzel	Confirmation	October 15, 1910	January 24, 1970	
283	Gertie A. Schrum	Confirmation	October 15, 1910		April 5, 1913
284	Charles D. Schrum	Confirmation	October 15, 1910		
285	Ellen M. Weigel	Confirmation	October 15, 1910		
286	John A. Lehr	Confirmation	October 15, 1910		May 8, 1920
287	Harry E. Moul	Confirmation	October 15, 1910		
288	Harry E. Naylor	Confirmation	October 15, 1910		
289	John A. Malehorn	Confirmation	October 15, 1910		
290	Royce Kohr	Confirmation	October 15, 1910	March 24, 1982	
291	Walter Holtzapple	Confirmation	October 15, 1910		
292	Laura Wiley	Certificate	February 5, 1911		September 12, 1913
293	Irvin Wiley	Certificate	February 5, 1911		September 12, 1913
294	Daisy M. Heindel	Certificate	May 20, 1911		
295	Katie N. Lauer	Confirmation	October 13, 1911		Erased April, 1922
296	Gertie S. Melhorn	Confirmation	October 13, 1911		Erased
297	Bessie H. Heistand	Confirmation	October 13, 1911		Erased April, 1922
298	William C. Bentzel	Confirmation	October 13, 1911		
299	Park J. Wiley	Confirmation	October 13, 1911		
300	Morgan J. Kohr	Confirmation	October 13, 1911		September 12, 1913
301	Oliver E. Miller	Confirmation	October 13, 1911		September 6, 1920
302	Harry Julius	Certificate	October 13, 1911		April 12, 1919
303	Annie M. Jacoby	Certificate	May 26, 1912		
304	Edna S. Whitecomb	Confirmation	October 12, 1912	February 5, 1989	
305	Vergie M. Trimmer	Confirmation	October 12, 1912	July 4, 1989	
306	Mary L. Sunday	Confirmation	October 12, 1912		
307	Jacob F. Sunday	Confirmation	October 12, 1912		Dismissed
308	Washington P. Sunday	Confirmation	October 12, 1912		
309	Harry C. Wilt	Confirmation	October 12, 1912		
310	Paul E. Lehr	Confirmation	October 12, 1912		
311	Allen F. Schrum	Confirmation	October 12, 1912		
312	Lester Clair Kohr	Confirmation	October 12, 1912		Dismissed 1-14-1921
313	Annie L. Holtzapple	Certificate	October 12, 1912		
314	Adam Strausbaugh	Certificate	October 12, 1912		June 7, 1917
315	Mrs. A. Strausbaugh	Certificate	October 12, 1912		June 7, 1917
316	Archie L. Malehorn	Confirmation	October 12, 1912		Erased April, 1922
317	Horace S. Stough	Confirmation	November 6, 1912	November 22, 1912	
318	Helen E. Freed	Confirmation	February 2, 1913	August 1, 1916	
319	Samuel Eisenhauer	Confirmation	October 11, 1913		Erased 1922
320	Maggie M. Smith	Confirmation	October 11, 1913		
321	Charles F. Rudisill	Certificate	February 1, 1914		
322	Sadie E. Rudisill	Certificate	February 1, 1914		
323	Annie E. Bentzel	Confirmation	October 10, 1914		
324	Alverta M. Bupp	Confirmation	October 10, 1914		
325	Mary E. Bentzel	Confirmation	October 10, 1914	July 6, 1956	
326	Mellie M. Bostdorf	Confirmation	October 10, 1914		
327	Mabel E. Stauffer	Confirmation	October 10, 1914		
328	Pearl E. Shepp	Confirmation	October 10, 1914		
329	Grant W. Shepp	Confirmation	October 10, 1914		March 1, 1918
330	Melvin J. Schrum	Confirmation	October 10, 1914		Erased April, 1922
331	Edith M. Smith	Confirmation	October 10, 1914		
332	Edith C. Melhorn	Confirmation	October 10, 1914		
333	Curvin E. Lehr	Confirmation	October 10, 1914		
334	Mamie E. Wilt	Confirmation	October 10, 1914		

No.	Name	How Received	When Received	Died	Dismissed or removed
335	George W. Hamm	Certificate	October 10, 1914		
336	Harry J. Rudisill	Certificate	January 29, 1915		Dismissed April 14, 1922
337	Ellen M. Rudisill	Certificate	January 29, 1915		Dismissed April 14, 1922
338	Bertha M. Bentzel	Certificate	January 29, 1915	August 13, 1985	May, 1920
339	Curtis G. Bentzel	Certificate	March 31, 1915		March 2, 1949
340	Mazie V. Schrum	Certificate	April 10, 1915		
341	Margaret D. Bentzel	Certificate	May 8, 1915		
342	Charles J. Chronister	Certificate	May 13, 1915		
343	Lydia J. Chronister	Certificate	May 13, 1915		
344	Charles Doll	Certificate	May 13, 1915		Erased April 1, 1921
345	Nettie A. Bentzel	Certificate	May 13, 1915		Erased April, 1922
346	Sallie J. Hamme	Certificate	May 13, 1915		
347	Earl E. Myers	Certificate	November 6, 1915		
348	George D. Shettel	Certificate	November 6, 1915		
349	Lillian A. Rudisill	Confirmation	November 6, 1915		Dismissed April 14, 1922
350	George A. Eberly	Confirmation	November 6, 1915		
351	George D. Miller	Confirmation	November 6, 1915		October 2, 1920
352	William S. Miller	Confirmation	November 6, 1915		June 22, 1920
353	Harry Lehr	Confirmation	November 6, 1915		
354	Willis Adams	Confirmation	November 6, 1915		Erased April, 1922
355	Harris Adams	Confirmation	November 6, 1915		Erased April, 1922
356	Mrs. Frank Kohr	Certificate	January 30, 1916		
357	Grace M. Kohr	Confirmation	November 4, 1916		
358	Elton D. Kohr	Confirmation	November 4, 1916		April 12, 1919
359	William R. Ketterman	Confirmation	November 4, 1916		
360	Arthur J. Bentzel	Confirmation	November 4, 1916	December 29, 1976	
361	Dorothy Adams	Confirmation	November 4, 1916		
362	Jesse R. Moul	Confirmation	November 4, 1916		
363	Bertha R. Moul	Confirmation	November 4, 1916		
364	Clarence Melhorn	Confirmation	November 4, 1916		Erased April, 1922
365	Robert S. Miller	Confirmation	November 4, 1916		
366	Maggie Weigel	Confirmation	November 4, 1916		
367	Claude E. Rudisill	Confirmation	November 4, 1916		Erased April, 1922
368	David Whitcomb	Confirmation	November 4, 1916		Erased April, 1922
369	Mrs. Wm. Bentzel	Certificate	February 7, 1917		
370	Mrs. Eli Melhorn	Certificate	May 17, 1917		
371	Eli Melhorn	Confirmation	May 17, 1917		
372	Carrie A. Schrum	Confirmation	October 3, 1917		
373	Georgianna Schrum	Confirmation	October 3, 1917		
374	Oscar L. Schrum	Confirmation	October 3, 1917		
375	Grace P. Bupp	Confirmation	October 3, 1917		
376	Erma S. Rudisill	Confirmation	October 3, 1917		
377	Pauline C. Rudisill	Confirmation	October 3, 1917		Dismissed April 14, 1922
378	Elsie K. Jacobs	Confirmation	October 3, 1917		
379	Harvey E. Rodgers	Confirmation	October 3, 1917		
380	Emma I. Rider	Confirmation	October 3, 1917		
381	Edith Lauer	Certificate	October 3, 1917		
382	Mrs. Lucia R. Baker	Certificate	October 3, 1917		
383	Mrs. Harvey E. Rodgers	Certificate	October 3, 1917		
384	Calvin Alexander	Certificate	October 3, 1917	October 23, 1920	
385	Beulah May Keffer	Confirmation	October 6, 1918		
386	Harry B. Bentzel	Confirmation	October 6, 1918		
387	Levi H. Rider	Confirmation	October 6, 1918		
388	William D. Rider	Confirmation	October 6, 1918		
389	James W. Kinneman	Confirmation	October 6, 1918		
390	Charles W. Weigel	Confirmation	October 6, 1918		

People Associated With Ephrata Cloister

Editor's note: The following article is part of a series concerning people who came into contact with Ephrata Cloister.

By Corinne Earnest

David Lutz asked if his ancestors, Jacob and Catharine (LONG) LUTZ, might be on record as having had contact with Ephrata Cloister in northern Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. As mentioned in previous articles, Ephrata Cloister was founded by Georg Conrad Beissel (1691-1768) about 1732. It soon became a center of spiritual and commercial activities, including papermaking and printing.

Kerry Mohn, historian at the Cloister, was kind enough to check on LUTZ's in the "people files" at the Cloister, but he was unable to find mention of Jacob and Catharine (LONG) LUTZ. He did find two LUTZ's who received payments for road taxes, but no mention of Jacob and Catharine. Mohn also found two mentions of LONGs (J. LONG and Joseph LONG), both in connection with receiving payments for services.

David Uhrick asked about his ancestors, John Phillip UHRICH and Joseba FAHNESTOCK, in the people files. Because the FAHNESTOCKs played a major role in the history of the Cloister, that request will be covered in a future issue of *Der Kurier* once the files can be checked thoroughly. To continue with other names in the "people files" at the Cloister, however, Mike Showalter, museum educator at the Cloister, sent information on the Christian and Christina (KELP/KOLB) LUTHER family. Christina (KELP/KOLB) LUTHER was born July 31, 1732, and died in 1812.

Christian LUTHER immigrated through the Port of Philadelphia on September 16, 1751. He was mentioned in a 1770 indenture as a member of the Ephrata community. LUTHER is listed in various places in these records as a "Householder" and as a resident on the Cloister premises. Householders associated with the Cloister often maintained their own trades, farms, and families (as well as supporting celibate members living at the Cloister). According to Kerry Mohn, Christian LUTHER and his family

lived on the Cloister premises and operated a tannery.

Of interest, in 1777, Christian LUTHER was listed in tax records as a "Nonassociator." Nonassociators refused to fight during the Revolution. As such, they were often harassed by their more militant neighbors. Despite his nonassociator leanings, Christian LUTHER and his family seemed to have prospered, for LUTHER's file at Ephrata Cloister includes transcriptions of his will and the inventory taken after his death which occurred before October 13, 1808. Both sources indicate Christian LUTHER did well financially.

The LUTHERs had three children: John, Christian, and Catharine. According to Mohn, John LUTHER was born April 1, 1756, and died January 28, 1811. In 1779, he married Barbara WEAVER of New Holland, Pennsylvania. Catharine LUTHER was born December 10, 1760, and died September 9, 1832. She married Jacob BECK on May 22, 1781.

Christian LUTHER's son of the same name was born about 1763. He was listed as a "Freeman" (a single man over the age of 21) in tax records from 1783 to 1800 and an "Inmate" at the Cloister in 1800 and from 1808 to 1816. From 1817 through 1825, he is again listed as a "Freeman." Like his father, Christian LUTHER, Jr. was a tanner. He died in 1832.

The files at Ephrata Cloister are made available to researchers who visit the site. These files lead researchers to numerous other records. The information concerning Christian LUTHER, Jr., for example, points researchers to various volumes of the *Pennsylvania Archives* in which he is mentioned as a member of the military. (Apparently, he was not the pacifist his father was.) The records also lead researchers to census records and deed books in which Christian LUTHER Jr. is mentioned.

Although Ephrata Cloister is not a research center for genealogical studies per se, the

files on people who had contact with the Cloister are valuable for those who suspect their ancestors had association with the Cloister. The files are not limited to Cloister members such as the LUTHER family. Anyone who had contact with the Cloister became a candidate for a file. Some files have little in them. Others, such as the files on the LUTHER family, have more.

If you have ancestors who might have had contact with Ephrata Cloister, especially before 1800, we will check for you. Send your request to Corinne Earnest, P.O. Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

[Editor's note: MAGS wishes to thank Michael Showalter and Kerry Mohn for their assistance in providing records on the LUTHER family. Of interest, Kerry Mohn has extensively researched the LUTHERs and given a presentation concerning this family. According to Mohn, a great deal of information is known concerning Christian LUTHE, Jr.]

FAMILY REGISTER

19th century Miller Bible found in Lancaster

The following family register is abstracted from a German-language Kimber and Sharpless Bible printed in Philadelphia about 1840. The register itself was written in English. No page(s) concerning deaths were included in this register. Also, no location was given although the Bible was found in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The calculations of Samuel MILLER's and Christina MILLER's ages at death (mentioned on loose notes found in the Bible) appear incorrect. (Private collection)

Marriages:

John MILLER and Eve KARBAUGH were married April 12, 1832 by F.A. SCHOLL.

Births:

John MILLER was born October 26, 1801.

Eve MILLER was born November 28, 1811.

Jacob MILLER was born August 22, 1834.

David MILLER was born May 21, 1836.

Susan MILLER was born June 30, 1839.

A note slipped between pages of the Bible says, "Samuel MILLER was bourn [sic] March 6th, 1809 and dep[a]rted his life [on] the 24th day of December 1848, aged 39 years and 18 days." A second note says, "Chr[i]stina MILLER, born February 11, 1791. Died September 14th, 1866. Ag[e] 91 [years], 7 [months], 3 [days]."

Fall door prize winners

Here are the winners of the door prizes at the Fall Meeting of MAGS in Gettysburg:

- MAGS Tote Bag – Carol Whitton
- Candy Filled Mug – donated by Retrospect Publishing – Karen Bishop Wood
- *Understanding and Using Baptismal Records* – donated by Anonymous – Joan Carey and Katherine Hamilton
- One Year Subscription to German Life Magazine – Stephen Ullrich
- The following were donated by Genealogical Publishing Company:
 - *Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy* – Doris Glick
 - *Genealogical & Memorial History of the State of NJ* – James Castellan
 - *In Search of Your German Roots* – Kathy Kenna

A tote bag was also given to Garth Mellick of Shingle Springs, CA, for coming the farthest to attend the meeting.

FRAKTUR FORUM

By Corinne Earnest

Ruff, Rufe, Rupf, Ruhf not rough at all to find

Marjorie Macartney asked about the name RUFF/RUFE on *Fraktur*. I was unable to make a link to her immigrant ancestor as she hoped, but for readers interested in this name on *Fraktur*, the examples listed here may help. In the fourth volume of *The Printed Birth and Baptismal Certificates of the German Americans*, Klaus Stopp pictures a *Taufschein* (birth and baptism certificate) made for Daniel EISTER, son of Jacob and Fibilbina ([Philippina] RUPF) EISTER.

Daniel EISTER was born in Ruscombmanor Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, about noon on July 24, 1789. He was baptized by Daniel LEMAN [LEHMAN], Lutheran, on November 23, 1789. Sponsors at his baptism were Henrich and Catharina STERNER.

A *Taufschein* that sold at Conestoga Auction Company in Manheim, Pennsylvania, on June 23, 1997, was made for Emma Matilda RUF, daughter of Milton and Kitty Ann (SCHMIDT) RUF. Emma Matilda was born May 14, 1867, in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. She was baptized June 29, 1867, by J. JAGER. Her grandparents, Ruben and Sarah SCHMIDT, were sponsors at her baptism.

A family register found in a Bible was made for Howard B. and Alice M. (RUHF) REINERT of Bowers Station [Maxatawny Township, Berks County], Pennsylvania. Howard and Alice REINERT were married October 5, 1895 by David K. HUMBERT in the presence of "Misses HUMBERT." Howard B. REINERT was born May 10, 1874. He was baptized by David K. HUMBERT on June 28, 1874, and his parents were sponsors. Alice M. RUHF was born January 4, 1877, and baptized by Alfred HERMAN (no date given).

Her parents were sponsors at her baptism. The REINERT's had two children. Stella R. REINERT was born March 2, 1896. She was baptized by David K. HUMBERT on April 5,

1896. Her parents were sponsors. Lloyd R. REINERT was born February 28, 1898, and baptized April 4, 1898 by David K. HUMBERT. Again, the parents were sponsors. This Bible record is in a private collection.

A *Taufschein* in a private collection was made for Henry EISIL, son of Anthoney and Elizabetha EISIL. According to this certificate, Elizabetha's father was John RUF. Henry EISIL was born February 15, 1831 in Plainfield Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Henry was baptized by John HECHT on March 12, 1831.

His parents were sponsors at his baptism. Related certificates and a family register from a Bible show spellings of the name EISIL as EISEL and EISLY. According to these records, Henry EISIL (whose name is also shown as William Henry) married Mary Ettha, daughter of Benjamin and Mary COLMAN. Mary Ettha (whose name is also spelled Mary Etta and Marriette) was born on Christmas Eve in 1839. She and William Henry EISIL married September 7, 1856, and had four children.

The booklet, *Fenstermachers on Fraktur*, records a *Taufschein* made for Susanna FENSTERMACHER, daughter of Jonathan and Maria (RUHF) FENSTERMACHER. Susanna was born in Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, on October 30, 1845. She was baptized by Pastor HELFRICH on November 30, 1845. Johannes and Susanna RUHF were sponsors at Susanna FENSTERMACHER's baptism.

The card catalog at the Lehigh County Historical Society in Allentown, Pennsylvania, lists data from several *Taufscheine* (the plural of *Taufschein*) having the name RUFE. One was made for Lizzie Rosetta L. RUFE, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Esther (LAUBACH) RUFE. Lizzie Rosetta was born December 7, 1871, in Durham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

She was baptized May 12, 1872, by D. ROTHROCK. Sponsors were Peter LAUBACH and his wife. Another was made for Mary Ellen RUFÉ, daughter of Samuel and Eva Catharina (HOLLENBART) RUFÉ. Mary Ellen was born March 2, 1840, in Durham Township. She was baptized by "Father MELFEN," but no date of baptism was given. Mary Ellen's parents were sponsors at her baptism. Another certificate was made for Samuel RUFÉ, whose parents are listed as Samuel and Eva Catharina (HELLERBACK) RUFÉ. Samuel RUFÉ Jr., was born September 6, 1847 in Durham Township. He was baptized November 4, 1847, by C.P. MILLER. Samuel's parents were sponsors.

The card catalog at the Lehigh County Historical Society also mentions data from two certificates related to Marion Elizabeth HESKY, whose mother was a RUFÉ. One was a *Taufschein* made for Marion Elizabeth HESKY, daughter of George A. and Lizzie R. (RUFÉ) HISKEY [sic]. Marion Elizabeth was born August 6, 1904, in South Bethlehem [Northampton County], Pennsylvania.

She was baptized October 9, 1904 by J.O. LEIBENSPERGER. Her parents were sponsors. The other was made for Marion Elizabeth's father, George August HESKY. He was the son of August and Julia HISKY [sic]. George August HESKY was born August 19, 1870 in South Bethlehem. He was baptized November 13, 1870, by C.J. COOPER. Sponsors at his baptism were George and Ellenora PICHT.

In the third volume of *German-American Family Records in the Fraktur Tradition*, data from two *Taufscheine* mention RUFFs. One was made for Jefferson Franklin RUFF, son of Jesaias and Elisabeth (KEIM) RUFF. Jefferson Franklin was born February 18, 1871, in Greenwich Township, Berks County. He was baptized May 1, 1871, by H.S. FEGELIE. Sponsors at his baptism were Daniel and Meri Olewein ARNOLD. The other is a *Taufschein* made for Harry Wilson RUFF, son of Jefferson F. RUFF and his wife, Annie L., daughter of Geo. and Eliz. SELL. Harry Wilson was born in Wernersville [Berks County], Pennsylvania, on January 24, 1893. He was

baptized in Washington Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, on May 7, 1893, by Elias S. HENRY, Lutheran. His parents were sponsors.

In the first volume of *The Printed Birth and Baptismal Certificates of the German Americans*, Klaus Stopp lists data from a *Taufschein* made for Johannes HART, son of Amos and Priscilla (RUFF) HART. Johannes HART was born February 26, 1841, in Union Township, Schuylkill County. Johannes was baptized October 3, 1841, but no other information is available.

In that same volume, Stopp gives data from a *Taufschein* made for Harris TRAUGER, son of Franklin and Catharina Ann TRAUGER. According to this certificate, Catharina Ann's father was Friederick RUFÉ. Harris TRAUGER was born March 19, 1863, in Nockamixon Township, Bucks County. He was baptized October 18, 1863, by C.P. MILLER. Harris's grandparents, Friederick and Anna RUFÉ were sponsors at his baptism.

In *Virginia Fraktur: Penmanship as Folk Art*, the late Klaus Wust pictures a *Taufschein* made for Philip Henry AXLINE, son of John and Christina AXLINE. Philip Henry AXLINE was born March 30, 1788, in Loudon County, Virginia. He was baptized June 4 (no year given).

The notation regarding sponsors at his baptism is confusing, for it says sponsors were "Philip Henry and his wife, Katharine." The certificate goes on to say that Christian and Elizabeth ROOF had a daughter named Katharine, who was the wife of the above-mentioned Philip Henry AXLINE. Katharine ROOF was born August 19, 1789, in Loudon County. Sponsors at her baptism were Adam HOUSEHOLDER, Sr., and his wife, Katharine. According to Wust, the AXLINEs married in 1813.

If you have names you wish me to research on Fraktur, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Corinne Earnest, PO Box 1007, East Berlin, PA 17316. Because I research Fraktur at no charge for MAGS members, I receive numerous requests, so please be patient for a reply.

New Members for MAGS

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.

- Charlotte Armster of Gettysburg, PA
(Armster, Beil, Fennekohl)
- Stan Barras of Oakton, VA
(Motsch, Strehle, Vogel, Nuss)
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(Bretz, Shearer, Holl/Hull, Bentzel)
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(Beck, Kohler, Pülger/Bilger, Snyder)
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(Bender, Feest, Feuerstein, Hamm)
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(Ehlschläger)
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(Brown, Perrett)
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- Richard Straw of Salem, OR
(Brandenbur, Franks)
- Fate Suber of Mitchellville, MD
(Suber)
- Marilyn Tracey of Hagerstown, MD
(Reidhammer, Troppmann, Neumeister)
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(Protsman, Rumbaugh, Wheeler)
- Margaret White of Baltimor, MD
(Schaeffe, Shultz, Wolf)

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April 23. Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society Spring Meeting. Fredericksburg, VA. Ramada Inn Speakers Dorothy Boyd-Rush, Susannah Brooks, John Humphrey. Contact Diane Kuster, 251 Serpentine Drive, Bayville, NJ 08721 phone (732) 606-6032 e-mail dmkuster@comcast.net

April 23. Pennsylvania Chapter Palatines to America. Spring Conference with Trudy Schenk of Park City, UT, speaking on: "Württemberg Emigration Indexes and Beyond: Records of 19th Century Immigrants"; "Colonial Pennsylvania Germans: Methodologies for Finding the Villages of Origin"; "Where Do I Find It? Overview of Where to Access German Record Groups" Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA Contact PA Chapter, P.O. Box 280, Strasburg, PA. 17579-0280

June 1-4. National Genealogical Society. Conference in Nashville, TN. Speakers, exhibits and more. Contact www.ngsgenealogy.org

June 9-11. Palatines to America National Conference. Hilton Hotel and Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, IN. Come help celebrate Pal Am's 30th anniversary with speakers on German, American and Internet topics. For additional information contact PalAm web site: <http://www.palam.org>

September 7-10. Federation of Genealogical Societies. Conference co-sponsored with Utah Genealogical Association in Salt Lake City. Speakers, exhibits and society management tracks. Contact Federation of Genealogical Societies, PO Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940. Phone (888) FGS-1500 (toll free). e-mail fgs-office@fgs.org Web site www.fgs.org

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).

Abstracts from York County religious newspaper published

The South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society has announced the publication of *The Parish Telephone, an abstract of Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, New Members and Articles.*

The Parish Telephone was a monthly newspaper written, edited and published by the Rev. Adam Stump from 1900 to 1921 for the congregations of St. Paul's (Wolf's), Quickel's, Paradise (Salem) and Mount Zion churches. These four Lutheran churches comprise what was known as the Quickel's Charge. Rev. Stump was the pastor of this charge during those years. In the newsletters, Rev. Stump recorded baptisms, marriages, new members and deaths of many of the early members of the congregations in addition to various other items of interest to genealogists.

The data has been abstracted by Margaret Burg. Baptisms, marriages, deaths and new members are listed alphabetically, with marriages listed by both male and female. A surname index is provided for other names mentioned in the death notices and a separate surname and article name indices for the article section of the book. The book is over 330 pages, coated soft cover, 8½ x 11.

The cost of the book is \$25 plus shipping and handling of \$5. Pennsylvania residents only, add PA sales tax of \$1.50.

Orders should be mailed to South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Special Publication Committee, Margaret Burg, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1824, York, PA 17405.

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Book Reviews

Ancestors in German Archives: A Guide to Family History Sources

By Raymond S. Wright III, Nathan S. Rives,
Mirjam J. Kirkham, and Saskia Schier
Bunting

2004. Available from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. Hardcover, 1,189 pages, indexed. ISBN 0-8063-1747-7. \$85 plus \$6 shipping.

Typically, Americans of German heritage do their homework on this side of the Atlantic in order to learn the cities, towns, and villages of their ancestors in German-speaking Europe. Next, they turn to German archives to further their research.

Ancestors in German Archives assists those searching for emigration and pre-emigration resources by listing names and addresses of 2,000 archives located throughout today's Germany. Each address includes the mailing address, a Web site address (when there is one), and an e-mail address (when there is one). Also, telephone numbers and fax numbers are often included, thus facilitating researchers by giving them several options for contacting German archives.

Importantly, the authors, under the supervision of Professor Raymond Wright, describe major holdings that are relevant to researchers of German ancestry. The archives are arranged alphabetically by locality, so that the researcher who found ancestors in Baden-Württemberg would turn to that section, and then follow through to a major city where he or she might find appropriate records. For example, Stuttgart is home to Hauptstaatarchiv Stuttgart.

This "main state archive" has records that date back to the eighth century. *Ancestors in German Archives* describes the organization of the more than "20,000 meters of original documents, records, books, and other archival material" at Hauptstaatarchiv Stuttgart. The organization

includes subdivisions of holdings concerning Old Württemberg, New Württemberg, nobility archive, military records, special collections, private collections, archives of organizations and families, and more. This book offers further help by leading researchers to specific collections such as "Holding J 493" in Hauptstaatarchiv Stuttgart that includes an emigration card file. This is but one of numerous holdings that would help researchers.

Ancestors in German Archives lists available publications concerning various archives. It describes special collections of church records that are deposited at certain archives, manuscript and correspondence collections, census records when available, and records of special historical value. In some instances, especially for smaller towns, details concerning holdings of local archives were unavailable. However, the address and how to contact the archives is included.

Naturally, German archives hold far more records than those of interest to family historians, but the authors of *Ancestors in German Archives* surveyed and published information concerning collections that would especially benefit genealogists. For those wishing to pursue research in German archives from the comfort of home, *Ancestors in German Archives* is an essential reference.

Reviewed by Corinne Earnest

Mennonite Arts

By Clarke Hess

2002. Schiffer Publishing Ltd., 4880 Lower Valley Road, Atglen, PA 19310. Hardcover. 192 pages. Indexed. Bibliography and End Notes. \$49.95.

This is a marriage of art and genealogy. Immigrant Mennonite families brought

agricultural, woodworking, and decorative art skills with them. Few of their possessions from Europe have survived; however, there are innumerable objects in museums and private collections that have been identified with specific Mennonite families who settled in North America in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. This book deals mainly with the families in the Pennsylvania area.

Chests, cabinets, clocks, and blacksmithing tools were necessities. It became common practice for the artisan to put his initials, or some other personal identifying mark, on the objects that he made. Eventually, his artistic nature overtook his craft and he began decorating the handmade household furniture.

As the Mennonite families prospered, there was a desire for smaller decorative objects, such as salt boxes, document boxes and miniature chests. Those gifted with pen and ink skills decorated Bibles and produced fraktur. Not all fraktur recorded births and baptisms. Some were bookplates, New Year's greetings, religious texts, drawings, music books, and a portrait of Frederick II, King of Prussia (a sympathetic friend to Mennonites).

Textiles evolved from utilitarian clothing, bed coverings, and woven coverlets to toys, samplers, and decorated towels. Mennonite women turned quilt making into an art form. Many early 19th century quilts, with their beautiful designs and colors, exist today.

Every page in this book contains clear color photographs of the art or craft covered in the chapter. The name of the artisan is given as well as dates of birth, death, and a short history of his or her work. A more complete genealogy and family history is given in the text. There are some family photographs. Chapter Four is devoted to the Bamberger family of Warwick Township, Lancaster County, as an example of a typical Mennonite family in Pennsylvania in the early 18th century.

The surnames covered are too numerous to mention; however, there is an every name index. *Mennonite Arts* is a book to be read and enjoyed by anyone who is interested in either early folk art or family history and genealogy. To say that this book is exquisitely beautiful is an understatement.

Reviewed by Patricia Cramer

**Maximilian Leech (1763-1815)
of Blockley and Kingsessing
A Supplement to
William Fetters (1794-1857) and Mary B.
Leech:
Ancestors and Descendants**

By William Brooke Fetters

2003. William B. Fetters, 12814 Brunswick Lane, Bowie, MD 20715-2403. Hardcover. 175 pages. Indexed. Notes and References. Addendum, 38 pages. Indexed.

Six volumes of the Leech and Fetters genealogy precede this book. As stated in the Introduction, Fetters spent twenty years researching his father's genealogy. The first volume, *William Fetters and Mary B. Leech: Ancestors and Descendants* was published in 1991 and ended with *Abel Lodge and Tacy Bangham: Ancestors and Descendants* published in 2001. This supplement to the six volume series was written to present information which came to the author's attention after the publication of Volume 1.

Part One covers Maximilian Leech's siblings, nephews, and nieces as well as his life with his wife Betsy Haest (Hayes). Part Two covers each of their twelve children and their descendants. As each name is presented with the dates of birth, death, and marriage, the author has added pertinent and interesting information on that individual. The genealogy is presented in narrative form – not just a listing of names and dates. Some names have a few sentences, while others have several paragraphs.

There are eighteen maps of the area in and around Philadelphia (home of Maximilian Leech), pictures of individuals, and examples of signatures on documents. The book is further enriched by the inclusion of poems and excerpts from journals and letters. The most fascinating was the account of an 1804 expedition taken by seventeen-year-old Isaac Leech, oldest son of Maximilian Leech, to Niagara Falls with his teacher from Union School, Alexander Wilson. According to a journal entry by Isaac's sister, Mary, they left October 10th and "on Friday December 7th returned after a journey of near 1300 miles on foot."

There is more than one advantage in reading this book. For the genealogist who has an interest in the Leech and Fetters family along with collateral families in the Philadelphia area, it holds a wealth of information.

For anyone contemplating the writing of a family history book, this volume as a prime example of outstanding research, writing, and presentation. Fetters is to be commended for a job well done.

Reviewed by Patricia Cramer

**“Hebron”
Baptismal Register of the
German Lutheran Church
in Culpeper/Madison Counties, Virginia
1750 to 1849**

Transcribed and translated by John
Blankenbaker

2003. John Blankenbaker. PO Box 120, Chadds Ford, PA 19317 Softcover. 48 pages. Indexed.

Hebron Lutheran Church “stands peacefully on a small hill overlooking the fields along the Robinson River east of the Blue Ridge Mountains.”

This first sentence in the Introduction describes the church in Madison County, Virginia, in 1740. Following this is a brief history of Hebron Church from a 1725 chapel, erected by the first group of Germans, to approximately 1833. Nine pastors served during this time.

Blankenbaker writes that the current registry book was created in 1775 from records going back to 1750; however, it is not a complete record, because families who had moved away were omitted. There is no data before 1750.

The book, in column form, is easy to use; it gives the parents names, child’s name, date of birth and or baptism, and the names of the sponsors. It was a rule of the church that sponsors had to be related to the parents.

The author has added the relationship of the sponsors to the parents and maiden names of females that he obtained from separate research. This information in italics indicates that it was not in the original records.

The every name index is alphabetical and the surname spellings are given in both German and English. A unique feature is a one-page guide to using the Index. For those researching this area of Virginia the value of Blankenbaker’s transcription is in the additional information on relationships between the parents of the baptized child and the sponsors.

Reviewed by Patricia Cramer

**The Ancestors and Descendants of Johan
Adam Diehm and Anna Christina, 1720-
2000**

By Mildred Smith and Mary Ann Bowry

2004. Closson Press, 1935 Sampson Dr., Apollo, PA 15613-9208. Hardcover, 512 pages. Everyname index. Illustrated in black and white. Write Closson Press for price and availability.

Authors Mildred Smith and Mary Ann Bowry call their book on the Diehm family a “labor of love.” Certainly, the numerous facts and figures they present demonstrate that this compilation of sundry notes, images of church and Bible records, abstracts from official documents, letters, and obituaries, and lists of Diehm descendants were years in collecting and amassing into this single volume of 512 pages. The compilation is organized chronologically, with the centerpiece being the will of immigrant Johan Diehm.

According to Smith and Bowry, the Diehm family originated in Waldmichelbach, Germany. After immigrating in 1751, the Diehm family located first in Berks County, Pennsylvania, but moved about 1759 to points west – to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and to Maryland near Middletown and Hagerstown.

From there, members of the family scattered even further west, moving into Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, and beyond. The families traced by Smith and Bowry focus on Johannes (died 1802) and Anna Christina (died 1797) Diehm and their children: Lewis (died 1803), Mark (1754-1814), John Nicholas (1756-1835), Maria Margaret (born 1759), Adam (1761-1856), Jacob (1764-1864), and Catherine (born 1766).

The Diehm history is printed in a small

size type and the images are of substandard quality. Careful editing would have helped presentation of the material and minimized difficulty regarding readers' understanding of the chronology of this family, especially in the first generations. However, the book does contain massive amounts of information, and for

descendants of this family and allied families, the Diehm family history is, of course, of considerable value.

Reviewed by Corinne Earnest

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#22-7 Seek info on William (Wilhelm) Krieg (Kreig, Kreag). He arr Germantown, Philadelphia, PA mid-1800's fm Baden-Baden Ger. Per verbal fam history, he mar a woman fr Alsace-Lorraine. Had dau, Louisa b PA ca 1852, d 1917.

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WESSEL HORSTMANN****

#22-9 Seek info on anc Eberhard Heinrich WESSEL b 1824 Bulm, << Hanover, Ger. & w Elisabeth Klara HORSTMANN (b1827, d 1907 Massac Co IL); mar ca 1847 in Ger. Imm to Metropolis, IL ca 1870-1880. Son Charles imm to Richmond, IN 1866. Ch: Anna, Wm. Henry,

Herman to IL later. Eberhard d 1902 Massac Co. IL. Can they tie to book by Dr. Eahard WESSEL "Chronicle of the WESSEL Family" pub by John Arthur WESSEL 1961.

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KNEES KNISZ KNISS WING*/WINN****

#22-10 Seek info anc Henry KNEES (KNISZ, KNISS & 50 spellings) b 1804 Butler Co. PA. To Ross Co. OH young. Mar 1828 Guenevire Jimma WING/WINN in OH. Tombstone in Ross Co. OH: "KNISZ, Catharine w/o Peter, d Sep 25, 1825, age 42 yr, 10 mo, 2 days" (Written in German). Trying to place Henry and poss sis Elizabeth in this fam and back to PA.

Is there conn to Wilhelm KNISS, Hessian soldier POW exchange 1778?

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FULGHUM PARKER BOND

#22-11 Seek info anc Frederich FULGHUM of Richmond, IN; b ca 1810? Mar Piety PARKER of NC (a Quaker). Ch: Martha b 1831 Randolph Co. IN. She mar Peter BOND (1824-1881). Martha d Apr 1901 Richmond, IN.

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POFF* RAY VAN HOOK**

#22-12 Seek info anc Frances POFF d ca 1830, Rockcastle or Garrard Co. KY. Mar William R. RAY. Ch: Sarah Jan Ray who mar William Harlan Van Hook 1879. Sarah d 1933 Garrard Co. KY.

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SPANGLER KREIDER***

#22-13 Seek anc Margaret Rachel SPANGLER b ca 1807 OH or VA. Mar David KREIDER b

1804 VA. She d ca 1885 Hocking Co. OH. 10 children.

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STROHMEIER STROHMAIER KUNKER**

#22-14 Seek info Wilhelm Fredrick STROHMEIER b 8 Dec 1829 Wurttemberg, Ger. In military-Germ & New Orleans (per passport). Emi Reutlingen. Ger Feb 1854. A Wilhelm STROHMAIER arr New Orleans Spring 1854 fm Havre, destination St. Louis. Mar Maria KUNKLER, Louisville 1858. Ch John George b 1862: poss Fritz & Henry. Was a Wilhelm STROHMEIER christened Protestant church Reutlingen 9 Dec 1829, son of Johann Georg STROHMAIER & Christiana GOESSEL? Fam story 2 or 3 bro to Mexico w/ Emperor Maximillion. Appr any info.

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KALTENBACHER* ERDTEL SOHMER/SOMER

#22-15 Seek info Louis KALTENBACHER & w Pauline ERDTEL. Louis b 23 Aug 1832; to US fm Lauteback, Wurttemberg, Ger 1850. Ch: Amilia or Emilia b Cincinnati 3 Sept 1856 by 1st w Matilda ERDTEL(?). Mar 26 Dec 1857 in Evansville, IN to Pauline (b 18 Nov 1836 in Herzogswalde, nr. Grottkann, Schlesien). 7Ch: Flora & Louis, Jr. b Evansville IN 1858 & 1860. Also Pauline, Charles, Ida, Edward and Robert b Louisville, KY fr 1863 on. Poss tie to Stephen and Genove KALTENBACHER imm to Evansville, in 1858/59. Old Louis & Pauline fam photo album has pics Elizabeth KALTENBACHER SOHMER/SOMER & Sebastian KALTENBACHER, poss late 1860's-early 1870's. Louisville obits say copy to Evansville & Belleville, IL. Seek ties Louisville & Evansville fam and to Germ.

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