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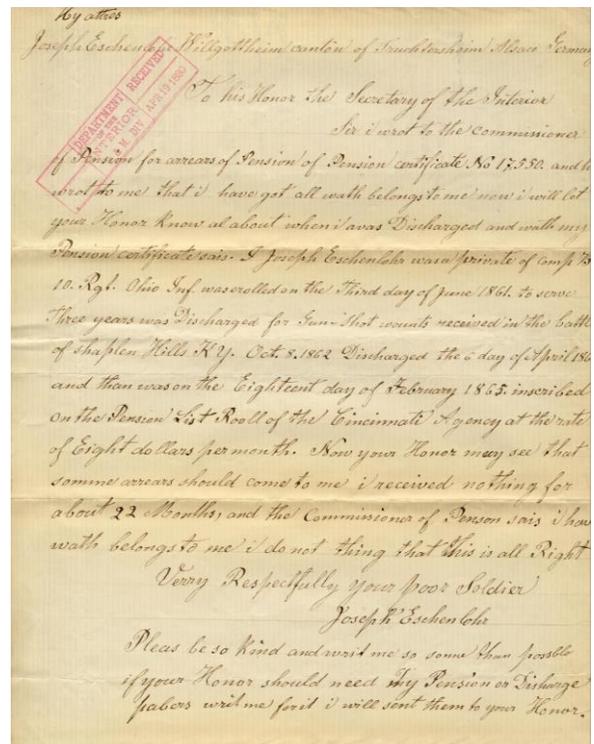
Looking Beyond the Pension File To Unpublished Series, New Database

By Kenneth W. Heger, Ph.D.

Most researchers are unaware that in addition to the consolidated files it assembled for individual pensioners, the Bureau of Pensions often generated documentation that remained outside of a pensioner's consolidated file.

Among these administrative records, there are three series consisting of correspondence and findings pertaining to appeals pensioners or their agents filed with the Bureau. Such appeals covered a wide range of topics, including requests for additional money and additional bounty land, complaints concerning delays in processing, and reconsideration of denied pension or bounty land applications.

Although these files are generally slim, the documents they contain can be of great value to family historians. They are unique records not found elsewhere and can contain letters your ancestor carefully wrote pleading his or her case; such documents provide a human face to your ancestor's biography. This article provides two brief examples



Joseph Eschenlohr closed his pension appeal as coming from "Very Respectfully your poor Soldier."

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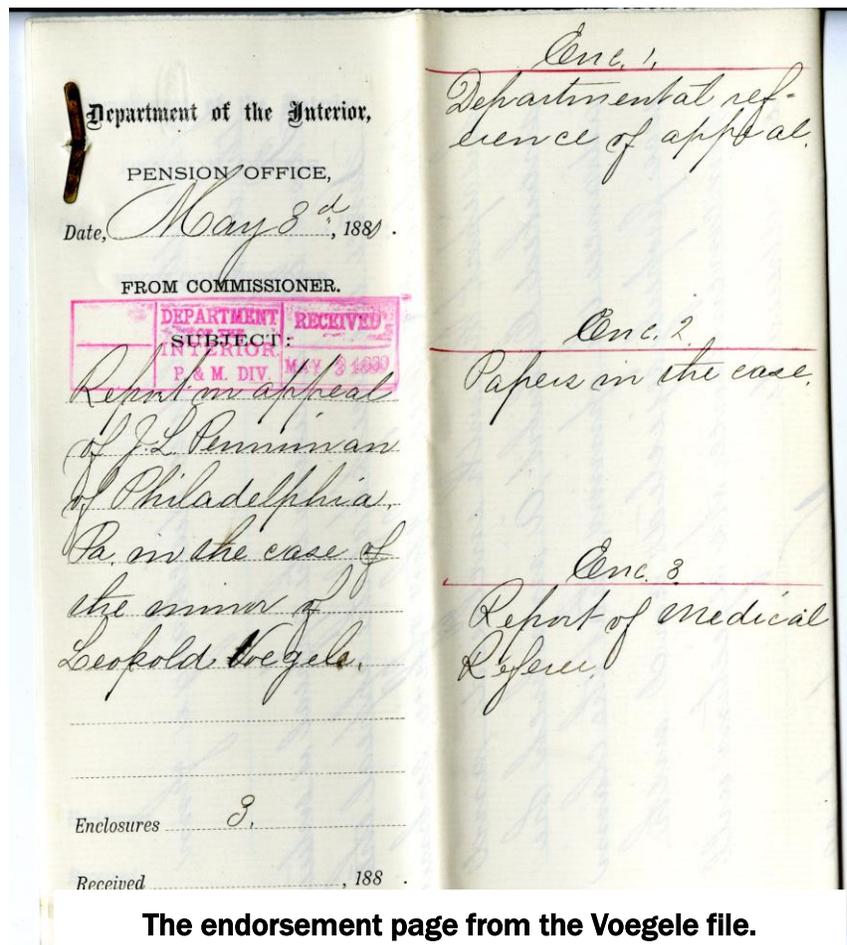
from the largest series of records, gives you the information you need to examine the originals, and points you to a database on the MAGS website that indexes the pensioners' names from these three series.

A SIZEABLE FILE: EMMA C. VOEGELE, MINOR CHILD OF LEOPOLD VOEGELE¹

This file consists of several documents totaling thirteen pages, summarizing the appeal case. It includes correspondence to and from Voegele's attorney, the medical referee's report on the case, and the Bureau's decision on the appeal. It illustrates how some appeal case files help you write an outline of your ancestor's history as a pensioner. It demonstrates how these files can contain clear family connections. Finally, it also points out the unique documents you might find in an appeal report case file.

Leopold Voegele enlisted in Co. E, 5th Pennsylvania Volunteers on 3 September 1862. His service was brief. He was discharged on 3 November 1862 with a surgeon's certificate that he had "perfect" deafness, a condition that resulted in Voegele drawing a pension of \$6 per month, later raised to \$10. The file reveals that Voegele died on 8 March 1876 from consumption of the lung.

His wife, whom the file does not name, remarried on 4 August 1876. Despite her remarriage she filed for a widow's pension. The appeal file states the Pension Bureau rejected her claim, but gives no more information.



The endorsement page from the Voegele file.

¹ Filed under Leopold Voegele; File dated 3 May 1880; Box 40; Reports of the Commissioner of Pensions Concerning Appeals, 1849-1881, Entry 248; National Archives Identifier (NAID) 721409; Record Group 48, Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, National Archives and Records Administration. (Hereafter Cited as NAID 721409).

At the time of his death, Voegele also had a daughter named Emma, a minor child.

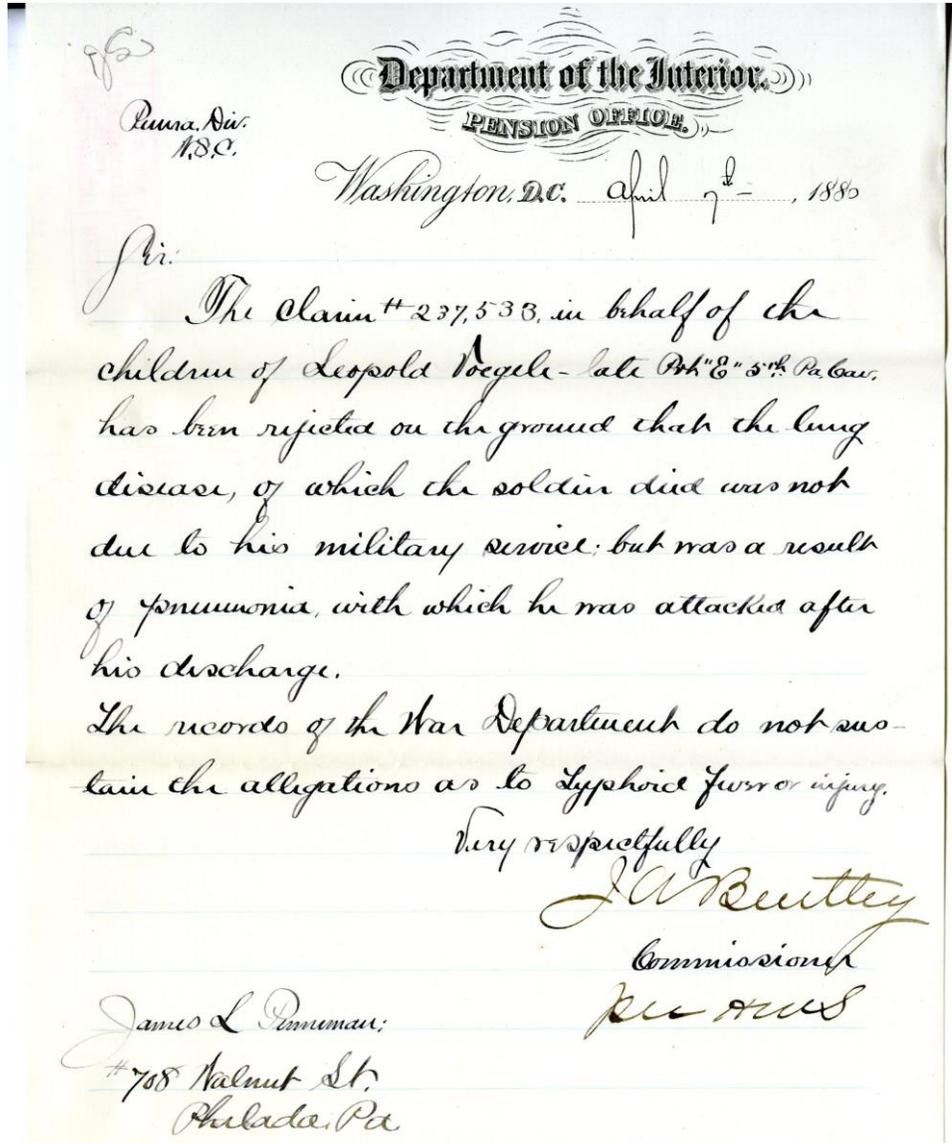
Being aware the federal government sometimes paid pensions to minor children of deceased pensioners, Philadelphia attorney J.L. Penniman, of 708 Walnut St. took up Emma's case. He applied for a minor pension on Emma's behalf. Penniman's application request was dated 31 May 1878, two years after the veteran's death.

Given the large number of original cases and appeals the Pension Bureau had to handle, it took a long time for the Bureau to issue a decision. It rejected the application. On 7 April 1880, the Pension Bureau sent Penniman a letter giving reasons for the rejection. The Bureau found that Voegele died due to complications of pneumonia, which the veteran had contracted in

1872, well after his discharge from the military. That fact disqualified Emma from a minor's pension. Penniman reacted quickly and on 14 April appealed the decision, disputing the Bureau's findings, characterizing them as unfair, and contending that Voegele had also broken his clavicle while in the army.

Penniman did not have to wait long for a reply. On 3 May 1880 the Commissioner of the Pensions wrote to the Philadelphia attorney J.L. Penniman, informing the attorney that the Pension Bureau affirmed its decision. The medical referee in the case, rejected Penniman's claim of a clavicle fracture outright. When it came to the death by lung consumption, the Bureau's doctor pointed to an examination local Philadelphia doctors performed on Voegele in 1872.

At that examination, the physicians diagnosed Voegele with pneumonia, but they reported there was no indication of a lung problem before that examination. That provided the proof that Voegele had contracted the illness that eventually caused his death well after his military service.



The letter from the Commissioner denying Voegele's appeal.

**A THIN FILE:
JOSEPH ESCHENLOHR²**

At first glance, Joseph Eschenlohr's file is far less exciting. It consists of two envelopes and a single letter. Eschenlohr's descendants would do well, however, to read that letter. It is in Eschenlohr's own hand and makes the veteran's case eloquently for payment of money he believed the Bureau owed him for unpaid pension ("payment in arrears"). Given his mix of formal style and colloquial language, you can almost hear him talking to you. It makes him come alive.

THE RECORDS

There are three series of records that may contain records like those the case studies above document. The files can include correspondence, affidavits in support of a claim, and reports of the Bureau's decision in the matter. Because the series titles are so similar and the records in each one are arranged in a quirky mid-nineteenth century fashion, the following descriptions will help you understand the records better. The three series are:

- **Entry 210, Reports of the Commissioner of Pensions Concerning Claims 1853-1880. NAID 731003.** Reports relating chiefly to pension claims but sometimes to bounty land claims. They were prepared in response to inquiries and complaints concerning delays in adjudication of claims, status of claims, rejection of claims appeals, reopening of claims, transfer of pensions, non-payments and suspended payments of pensions, fees of attorneys, and other subjects. The letter of inquiry or complaint is often enclosed; there are some letters without reports. (9 boxes)
- **Entry 242, Reports of the Commissioner of Pensions Concerning Bounty Land Claims, 1849-1879. NAID 1102924.** Reports, often with accompanying papers, relating chiefly to appeals to the Secretary of the Interior from actions of the Pension Office. (3 boxes)
- **Entry 248, Reports of the Commissioner of Pensions Concerning Appeals, 1849-1881. NAID 721409.** Reports with accompanying papers concerning appeals to the Secretary of the Interior relating to Pension Office actions on claims. The accompanying papers include appeals from claimants and attorneys, reports of medical referees, briefs, affidavits, and correspondence. The decision of the Secretary is usually noted on the endorsement sheet. (44 boxes)

All three series are part of National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Record Group 48, Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior. RG 48 is located at the National Archives facility in College Park, MD, also known as Archives II. See NARA's website, www.archives.gov, for additional information on NARA such as hours of operation and how to contact the staff.

MAGS DATABASE

As the preceding series descriptions likely illustrate, using these records used to be a major research project. There is no index. You would need to search through thousands of documents hoping you might find a file on your ancestor.

For MAGS members that is no longer the case. MAGS created a name-searchable database so you can discover if there is a file on your ancestor quickly. The index searches all three series this article lists at once. The search result gives you the information you need to order to examine the original records: the pensioner's name, the series' entry number, the series title, the National Archives ID (NAID) number, and the box number. With that information you can examine the originals in person or request a copy from the National Archives. Now that you have this powerful tool at your disposal, you have no excuse not to add searching these files to your research plan.

² Filed under Joseph Eschenlohr; File dated 26 April 1880; Box 12; NAID 721409.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dr. Kenneth Heger

Year's Review ... and Peek into 2018!

I am delighted to report that in 2017 we continued the momentum from the previous year, and we end 2017 on a good note for our Society. Our membership grew slightly during the year. The number of products on our website grew substantially.

Our conferences and workshops continued to attract regionally- and nationally-known speakers, and focused on innovative topics; they were all well-received. MAGS began to enhance its own national reputation. Outside groups recognized MAGS' expertise in German genealogy; for example, the International Germanic Genealogical Partnership (IGGP), the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed) and other organizations asked MAGS members to make presentations to their groups.

Our website continued to grow in size and utility. We added new Quick Fact Sheets and other guides to help you find information among original sources. We added hundreds of new names to existing databases, and we added four new databases containing thousands of newly indexed names to the website. We uploaded scans of hundreds of vintage postcards; if you have not yet done so, take a minute to look at these images. Our web committee did a great job posting the scans.

You probably also noticed MAGS embraced technology more this year. Doubtlessly you have received the occasional blast email alerting you to an upcoming conference, or a new posting on the website. In 2017 you can finally register for conferences and workshops on-line. Soon you will be able to renew your membership on-line too.

The coming year looks to be even more successful for MAGS. We have several exciting conferences lined up for you. Keep your eyes open for updates on our website. MAGS will once again offer a mid-year workshop.

Plans to expand the content on our website are proceeding at a good pace. Remember, if your membership lapses, you will not have access to the website's growing resources. Here are a few highlights of what we are working on for 2018:

- MAGS Board member Debra Hoffman is working on an index to the names of students who attended the Columbia Institution for the Deaf in Washington, DC; it will contain the names of hundreds of people from throughout the United

States and provide references as to where to find additional information on them.

- MAGS Board members Bob Greiner, Carol Carman and Roy Shiflet will continue to populate the website with visual images of Germany, Switzerland, and the Austrian Empire.
- In early 2018 we will provide detailed information about the records of the American foreign service in Kassel. Those records are loaded with great documents.
- Later in 2018 we hope to provide guides and indexes to the records of the American consulate in Stuttgart. Those records are peppered with documents on Americans and cover the entire Kingdom of Württemberg.
- We will prepare additional information on Pension Bureau records and reports. Note the article on the Pension Bureau's special 1883 report in this issue of *Der Kurier* for a taste of what is to come.
 1. The spring conference will be a must-attend event.
 2. The workshop will focus on federal depository libraries, an underutilized source of fantastic information; Celina McDonald, the government documents librarian at the University of Maryland, will provide the instruction.
 3. Michael Lacopo, a nationally-known speaker, will present on the main conference day. His lectures will focus on early German immigrants and strategies to help your research.
 4. Remember to sign up early. The workshop has a 30 seat maximum; the main conference day will likely fill up quickly.

Finally, I cannot close without reporting that after much discussion the Board opted to almost double the size of *Der Kurier*. With such an active Board and the national attention MAGS is gaining, the Board decided that a larger, more data-rich publication would serve to expand the Society's reputation and provide members with a great deal more information. The expanded *Der Kurier* will begin with the March 2018 issue. We will provide you with more details soon.

A Massive List: A Guide to Using the 1883 Special Pension Bureau List of All Pensioners on the Roll

By Kenneth W. Heger, Ph.D.

The U.S. Congress often asked federal agencies to create a special report to document the government's activities and to provide Congress with unique information so the legislature could do its job better and demonstrate to the electorate that the government was doing a good job.

In December 1882 the U.S. Senate ordered the Pension Bureau to create such a report, when it requested a list of all pensioners currently on the rolls and then to submit the list to the Senate. The result was the production of a massive five-part document of approximately 4,000 pages containing roughly 300,000 names of the men, women and children. This article provides an overview of that report, explains how it is organized, and suggests ways you can utilize it into your research.

THE REPORT

*The List of Pensioners on the Roll January 1, 1883: Giving the Name of Each Pensioner, the Cause for Which Pensioned, the Post-Office Address, the Rate of Pension per Month, and the Date of the Original Allowance. As Called for by Senate Resolution of December 8, 1882. 5 Parts*³ took months and substantial resources to compile.

In his 1883 annual report to Congress, the Commissioner of Pensions included a section on the creation of this massive report. He explained that it took the entire clerical force of several pension agencies to assemble the data. The staff collected information from the Bureau's records and put that information on slips, one slip per pensioner. Staff arranged the slips by state, county

and then post office. They took the rearranged slips to the printers.

The Bureau had to complete the project by mid-1883 because the Senate required the Bureau to submit the report before Congress' adjournment. The Bureau warned the Senate that due to the haste in which it prepared the report there may be errors.⁴

The Bureau added that on 1 July 1882 there were still 1,000,469 living veterans of the Civil War, the vast majority of whom were not receiving a pension. The Commissioner contended that he was convinced that the American people did not begrudge these men and women their pension writing

*the people of the United States, who are enjoying the national prosperity and content so dearly purchased for them by the blood of the dead Union soldiers, and by the sufferings and hardships endured by those who survived – sincerely desire that every soldier who contracted a disability in the service and line of duty, and every widow and minor or dependent of those whose lives were sacrificed, should receive a liberal pension.*⁵

With that sentiment in mind, the Commissioner urged Congress to disseminate this list as widely as possible. Congress responded by publishing the report in several formats.

³ *The List of Pensioners on the Roll January 1, 1883: Giving the Name of Each Pensioner, the Cause for Which Pensioned, the Post-Office Address, the Rate of Pension per Month, and the Date of the Original Allowance, 5 Parts.* Congressional Serial Set 2079 – 2082, Senate Executive Document 84/1-5. Hereafter cited as 1883 Special Report, followed by the Serial

Set Number and the Senate Executive Document number.

⁴ *Annual Report of the Commissioner of Pensions, October 1883.* Congressional Serial Set, No. 2190, House Executive Document 1/13. Pp. 328-329. Hereafter cited as 1883 Annual Report.

⁵ 1883 Annual Report, p. 328.

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LIST

OF

PENSIONERS ON THE ROLL

JANUARY 1, 1883;

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OF PENSION PER MONTH, AND THE DATE OF
ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE,

AS CALLED FOR BY

SENATE RESOLUTION OF DECEMBER 8, 1882.

VOLUME V.

WASHINGTON:
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.
1883.

Title page for Volume V of the massive “1883 Pensioners on the Roll” that was compiled at the orders of the U.S. Senate.

The information for each pensioner is arranged in columns. Moving from left to right on the page the column headings are: No. of the

Certificate; Name of Pensioner; Post-Office Address; Cause for Which Pensioned; Monthly Rate; Date of Original Allowance.

Using this overview of your ancestor's situation in 1883 might be a good way to organize or expand your research. Perhaps more valuable is the ability to see if your ancestor were the only pensioner in his community. It may also provide you with an indication of the sentiments of that community and whether it more strongly supported the Union or the Confederacy. That information might provide you with a sense of your ancestor's sense of belonging. If your pensioner ancestor were a woman, knowing if she were the only war widow in the community will shed light on the quality of her life and her community.

Frederick County, Maryland⁶

- Amos Brandenburg; Certificate No. 53,964; Burkittsville; Suffered loss of his left leg; Received \$18 per month; Pension started in May 1875
- Samuel Wagerman; Certificate No. 140,883; Emmittsburg⁷; Suffered from varicose veins in both legs; Received \$4 per month; Pension started in August 1876
- Harvey Buhman; Certificate No. 136,833; Foxville; Suffered from chronic diarrhea; Received \$12.75 per month; Pension started in November 1875
- August Schmitz; Certificate No. 142,181; Frederick; Suffered from an injury to his abdomen; Received \$4 per month; Pension started in November 1866
- Elisabeth Coblentz; Certificate No. 27,289; Middletown; widow of a War of 1812 soldier; Received \$8 per month; Pension started in October 1879

Frederick County had approximately 194 pensioners. Among the county's pensioners were:

- 20 dependent mothers
- 3 dependent fathers

- 85 widows⁸
- 48 pensioners receiving money for War of 1812 service: 6 men and 42 widowed women

Pensioners lived throughout the county.

- 75 lived in Frederick City
- 14 lived in Emmittsburg
- 8 lived in Middletown
- 2 lived in Wolfsville, both were women: Sarah E. Marken, a widow; and Margaret Johnston, a dependent mother.

THE REPORT'S ORGANIZATION

Geography

Unfortunately, the states and territories are not published in alphabetical order; instead, the Bureau published them in a creative, regional fashion, roughly approximating regional pension bureaus⁹. That may complicate your initial research. The following list helps you find each state and territory.

Part I

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia

Part II

New York and Pennsylvania

Part III

Ohio, Illinois and Iowa

Part IV

Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, California, Oregon, Nevada, Indian Territory, Dakota Territory, New Mexico Territory, Montana Territory, Washington Territory, Idaho

⁶ The data for Frederick County, MD is on pp. 146 – 149, 1883 Special Report.

⁷ That is the spelling in the report; Emmittsburg is the modern spelling of the town

⁸ This number includes all widows, including those whose husband had served during the War of 1812

⁹ The report is only generally organized by regional pension bureau. The bureau located in the District of Columbia, for example, was responsible for handling pension cases in the District and for pensioners living outside of the United States. Those pensioners are split between Part I and Part V. It is best to use the list in the article.

Territory, Utah Territory, Arizona Territory, Alaska Territory, and Wyoming Territory

Part V

Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Pensioners Living Abroad (See below for more information on pensioners living abroad.)

Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers

By 1883, the federal government had established a series of facilities where disabled veterans could recuperate from injuries they sustained while in service. The facilities, called Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, provided medical care, vocational training, and healthy meals. If your ancestor were in one of these facilities, he may not appear where you think he might be living; he may be listed among the men living in such a home. This information appears among the data for the state where the Home was located.

- Togus, Maine – Listed in Kennebec County, Togus Post Office
- Newark, New Jersey – Names are dispersed throughout the list for Essex County
- Dayton, Ohio – Names are listed at the end of Montgomery County
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin – Names are listed at the end of Milwaukee County
- Hampton, Virginia – Names are listed at the end of Elisabeth City County
- Washington, DC – Names listed at the end of the District of Columbia

The Report's Data

Fortunately, the rest of the report's data on individuals is easy to read. The information for each state is arranged first alphabetically by county. The information for each county is arranged alphabetically by post office (i.e. town). Beyond that point the names are not in any apparent order.

Abbreviations

A word of caution is in order. The report abbreviates each veteran's injury so it might take a while to decipher the cause of your ancestor's disability. Some common abbreviations are:

- g.s.w. – Gun Shot Wound
- wd. - Wound
- chr. diarrh – Chronic Diarrhea
- inj. - Injury
- dis – Disease
- rheu. (or rheum.) - Rheumatism

PENSIONERS OVERSEAS

The 1883 report contains a unique section in Part V, the names of approximately 1,600 pensioners living overseas. Almost half of those pensioners, 670 men and women, lived in Canada, most of whom lived in Ontario and Quebec. Other countries with a large number of pensions included: Germany (291), England (122), Ireland (221), and Switzerland (53).

The Bureau organized the data for foreign countries in a similar fashion to the way it arranged information about pensioners in the United States. That is, first by country, in some cases by state or province, and then by city or town. The following list will help you find each country.

Africa
Cape Colony, Liberia, Orange Free State

America – Canada
British Columbia, Manitoba, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Quebec

America – Non-Canada
Mexico, Brazil, Peru

America – West Indies
Barbados, Haiti, Danish West Indies, Bermuda, Turks Island, Puerto Rico

Australia; New Zealand; Norway; Sweden; Denmark; Germany, arranged by

state; Belgium; The Netherlands, Holland; England, arranged alphabetically by country and then alphabetically by post office; Wales, arranged alphabetically by country and then alphabetically by post office; Scotland; Ireland; France; Switzerland; Spain; Italy; Russian; Roumania;¹⁰ Austria; Hungary; Madeira Island; Malta; Mauritius; Sandwich Islands (modern Hawaii); Foreign – Address Not Known (all of the pensioners in this category are women).

Germany's Subdivision

Pensioners living in Germany are primarily arranged by the German state (Land) in which they lived. To record pensioners in Prussia, the Bureau used Prussian provinces. The states and Prussian provinces are arranged together in the following alphabetical order: Alsace, Baden, Bavaria, Brandenburg, East Prussia, Elsaß-Lothringen, Hanover, Holstein, Hohenzollern, Luxemburg, Mecklenburg, Neider Hessen, Oldenburg, Pomerania, Posen, Reuss-Schleitz, Rhenish Prussia, Rhine Province, Saxe Altenburg, Saxe Gothe, Saxony, Schwartzburg, Westphalia, and Württemberg.

In spite of what was likely a genuine effort to be thorough and correct, there are some errors among the German data, in particular identifying pensioners as living in the wrong state.

All pensioners living the Hanseatic cities of Bremen, Cuxhaven and Hamburg, for example, are listed in the section for Hanover, despite the fact that Bremen and Hamburg were both sites of American consulates. The reason for those errors is unclear. It may have been due to the clerk misreading the data, or a poor understanding of German political geography among the men who compiled the report, or some other reason. The rest of the information for each pensioner, however, appears accurate. You should also note, many of the women listed in the "Address Not Known" section were living in Germany.

¹⁰ This is the spelling the Bureau used for Rumania, the modern spelling of this country.

MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY (MAGS) DATABASE

As part of its ongoing effort to index record and reach out to other societies, MAGS created a name-searchable index for the international portion of Part V. The search results provide you with all of the reports data on each person, including the page number on which the pensioner's name appears. Using this database will, for example, overcome the curious listing of some of the names in the German section. You can access the "1883 Pension Bureau Report – Overseas Pensioners" on the Society's website www.magsgen.com.

FINDING THE REPORT

The Government Printing Office (GPO) scanned the 1883 Special Report to create five massive pdf files. These pdfs are available, often on-line, at federal depository libraries throughout the United States. Once you access the pdf, you can search for your ancestor's name using traditional pdf search techniques; using the Control and letter F keys together will give you a search box into which you can type a name and the computer will search the document.

Your depository library may also have a hard copy of the report. You should have the citation information available when you contact your local library to help the staff find the report. Remember the report is very large and consists of five parts. The report was reproduced both as a separate document and as part of the Congressional Serial Set; your local library might have one both not both versions.

- Separate report – Superintendent of Documents (SuDoc) Number I24.6:883/ (followed by the number of the part you want; e.g. Part I would be I24.6:883/1)
- Congressional Serial Set – All five parts were published during the 47th Congress. Each part has a unique serial number

LIST OF PENSIONERS.

WEST VIRGINIA—Continued.

GILMER COUNTY—Continued.

No. of certifi- cate.	Name of pensioner.	Post-office ad- dress.	Cause for which pensioned.	Monthly rate.	Date of original al- lowance.
23, 307	Radt, Mary J.	Troy	widow 1812	\$8 00	Apr., 1870
69, 021	Rash, Peter	do	wt. l. thigh	4 00	Aug., 1873
8, 800	Raskin, Jacob	do	serv. 1812	8 00	Dec., 1871
115, 120	Yarrow, Samuel T.	do	part. loss hear.	0 00	Aug., 1873
37, 748	Wear, Ellen J.	do	widow	8 00	July, 1868
47, 338	Laudora, Mary M.	do	do	8 00	May, 1865
18, 031	Hess, Sarah M.	do	do	8 00	July, 1860
25, 070	Polers, Catharina	do	widow 1812	5 00	May, 1870
144, 388	Stasler, John C.	do	inj. l. foot	0 00	Mar., 1877
64, 301	Stenley, Jacob	do	g. s. w. l. leg.	10 00	Sept., 1881
92, 857	Shum, Elizabeth R.	do	g. s. w. l. thigh	4 00	Apr., 1870
128, 019	Parlin, Amos	do	wt. l. femur bone	6 00	Apr., 1860
62, 288	Heckert, George B.	do	wt. l. thigh	6 00	Sept., 1860
71, 421	Kensley, Henry	do	g. s. w. l. leg.	4 00	Oct., 1871
118, 420	Keller, Frederick	do	inj. spine and dia. hrt.	12 00	Apr., 1875
131, 015	McWhorter, John S.	do	inj. r. ankle	4 00	Oct., 1879
103, 354	Leach, John W.	do	g. s. w. l. forearm	2 00	May, 1879
150, 855	Matthew, Thomas	do	do	do	do

GRANT COUNTY.

220, 059	Westfall, John	Gebt Hill	g. s. w. r. thigh	\$2 00	Nov., 1882
223, 002	Schuchols, Herman	Greenland	dis. liver and kid.	4 00	Dec., 1882
50, 754	Reimbrenner, David T.	do	loss r. leg.	10 00	do
102, 837	Hickey, Wm. J.	do	g. s. w. l. leg.	2 00	July, 1881
147, 666	Snyder, John W.	Hopewille	g. s. w. r. hip	3 00	Dec., 1870
153, 474	Turner, John S.	do	g. s. w. l. leg.	4 00	Jan., 1878
18, 742	Shell, Elizabeth	Lalumaville	widow 1812	8 00	Feb., 1878
163, 703	Mayers, Phyllis	Layhigh	dis. lungs	4 00	Oct., 1881
87, 078	Hammack, Charles	Mayaville	total blind	75 00	do
31, 815	Higz, Henry A.	do	wt. r. arm	4 00	Dec., 1883
138, 331	Cosner, Mary A.	Mount Storm	widow	8 00	June, 1863
21, 887	Cosner, Catharine	Petersburgh	widow 1812	8 00	Apr., 1870
174, 081	Arenal, Martin	do	dep. father	8 00	June, 1870
24, 641	Hogeland, Jane	do	widow 1812	8 00	June, 1870
15, 694	Forster, Elizabeth	do	do	8 00	Jan., 1879
202, 176	Gura, John W.	Seemly	wt. l. lung	4 00	Feb., 1879
135, 348	Turner, Mary C.	Seymourville	widow	8 00	Oct., 1869
3, 391	Albey, Savida	Williamsport	do	8 00	May, 1870

GREENBRIER COUNTY.

193, 415	Perkins, Mary A.	Alicon	dep. mother	\$8 00	Feb., 1870
187, 688	Spitzer, Rachel	do	do	8 00	Dec., 1860
17, 754	Perry, Elizabeth	do	widow 1812	8 00	Feb., 1870
15, 017	Hanson, Margaret	Aubury	do	8 00	Jan., 1870
7, 301	Campbell, Sarah S.	Big Clear Creek	widow	8 00	do
25, 535	Hiser, Elizabeth	do	widow 1812	8 00	July, 1870
12, 467	Shaver, Isabella	do	do	8 00	Nov., 1878
6, 828	Amick, Rachel	do	do	8 00	Sept., 1877
10, 831	Crawford, Amabilia	do	do	8 00	Mar., 1870
12, 077	Osell, Dollah	do	do	8 00	Nov., 1878
20, 549	Scott, Ruth	do	do	8 00	May, 1879
10, 017	Gladwell, Wm.	Clintonville	serv. 1812	8 00	Jan., 1873
223, 082	Rapp, Joseph A.	Falling Spring	dis. throat	4 00	Dec., 1882
158, 753	Powers, John S.	Pt. Spring Depot	g. s. w. back	2 00	Apr., 1879
112, 464	Heor, George	Frankford	g. s. w. l. leg.	6 00	Aug., 1851
21, 894	Arey, Hannah, alias Casey	Lewisburgh	widow 1812	8 00	Mar., 1870
10, 056	Bramham, Sarah	do	do	8 00	Nov., 1878
2, 036	Beus, Penny	do	do	8 00	June, 1873
141, 704	Mahew, Phoebe	do	dep. mother	8 00	Apr., 1879
20, 320	Powers, Elizabeth	do	widow 1812	8 00	Aug., 1879
24, 150	Neeth, Charlotte A.	do	do	8 00	May, 1879
38, 465	Meore, Lydia M.	do	do	8 00	Sept., 1869
31, 878	Jamison, Rebecca	do	do	8 00	May, 1881
207, 721	Haldatter, Wm.	do	inj. l. leg.	2 00	Apr., 1882
52, 213	Dougherty, Rachel	Meuroo Draft	widow 1812	8 00	Feb., 1882
32, 069	Hoko, Mary	do	do	8 00	Sept., 1882
12, 846	Holtcampio, Elizabeth V.	do	do	8 00	Dec., 1878
18, 780	Hoke, Henry	do	serv. 1812	8 00	Sept., 1872
7, 782	Gilson, Robert	do	fever	8 00	May, 1852
62, 754	Knapp, Wm. T.	Falcatine	g. s. w. l. arm	12 00	May, 1860

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HOHNZOLLERN.

No. of certifi- cate.	Name of pensioner.	Post-office ad- dress.	Cause for which pensioned.	Monthly rate.	Date of original al- lowance.
8, 184	Both, Ann Maria.....	Hechingen	widow	\$8 00	Nov., 1863
01, 530	Stroppel, Thereso	Sigmaringen.....	do	8 00	Apr., 1867

LUXEMBURG.

171, 736	Hegger, Carolina.....	Alstedt	widow	\$8 00	Jan., 1870
2, 381	Gallia, Eliza	Attensteg	do	15 00
175, 237	Evorling, Maria Caro- line R. J.	Schtemana	do	8 00	Oct., 1870
100, 288	Waha, Mathias.....	Luxemburg.....	g. s. wd. l. side.....	8 60	Oct., 1881

MECKLENBURGH.

120, 581	Von Nettelbladt, The- reza.	Resback	widow	\$8 00
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PROVINCE OF NIEDER HESSEN.

11, 581	Theil, Pauline.....	Cassel	widow	\$8 60
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OLDENBURG.

03, 879	Geo. H. alias Gustavo Mullec.	Nohfelden	g. s. wd. elbow	\$12 00	June, 1866
111, 642	Tunnen, Helkolina	Oldenburg	widow	8 00
87, 033	Tuvyak, Maria A. G	do	do	8 00
120, 102	Strohmann, Margotta J.	do	do	8 00	May, 1869
117, 480	Boppel, Maria D. G	Gansbuck	do	8 00	Aug., 1869
152, 306	Schmid, Marianne.....	Reichenbach.....	do	8 00	May, 1872

POMERANIA.

126, 606	Schubert, Gustave	Colburg	sh. wd. l. leg, frac. l. tibia	\$10 60
141, 721	Simsud, Ulrike J. W	Grafswald	widow	8 00	Apr., 1870

POSEN.

41, 481	Schorzack, Andreas	Posen	g. s. wd. r. arm	\$12 00
118, 482	Peters, Christopher	Mamlshoch	constitutional rheum	12 00	Dec., 1877
103, 550	Kersch, Franziska	Bohrbuck	widow	8 00	Feb., 1870
3, 492	Vogelburg, Ann M. M.	Goselatt	dep. mother	8 00
27, 450	Kosminutz, Maria S	Gosnewitz	widow	8 00
67, 321	Hamber, Barbara	Derrangen	do	8 00	Oct., 1869
170, 530	Hendler, Louisa	Ellhofen	dep. mother	8 00	Jan., 1870
160, 657	Schadowill, Elisabeth	Rafeth	do	8 00	Mar., 1872
110, 314	Kosma, Anna Breiten	Fachsenfeld	widow	8 00	May, 1868
116, 381	Philis, August	Falldorf	g. s. wd., loss r. arm	24 00	Apr., 1872
11, 581	Petec, Johanna W. E.	Harn an do Kippe	widow	8 00
128, 804	Ruhne, Sophie J.	Hillichheim	dep. mother	8 00	Mar., 1869
17, 364	Tybble, Wm	Speker Kers	paralysis, &c	10 00	Sept., 1863
127, 461	Wasselman, Anna	Kinderhaus	widow	8 00	Apr., 1869
10, 841	Twerok, Herman	Lelbach	blindness	72 00	Feb., 1863
97, 604	Rieder, Louisa	Maitzell	widow	8 00	July, 1867
.....	Rudorfs, Sandrin	Munchemer	dep. father	8 00	Sept., 1849
48, 434	Kuhst, Gottlieb	do	loss l. arm	18 00	Aug., 1866
178, 388	Hoffman, Charles.....	Neu fuers ten- hausen	total blindness.....	72 00	Oct., 1840
2, 464	Jamason, Engelius	Ostfransische	dep. mother	8 00	June, 1860
183, 355	Duchamille, Julia	Pehr. Lisa	widow	12 00	Aug., 1860
64, 023	Schwertn, Bertha.....	Prussia	do	8 00	Mar., 1866
110, 212	Koch, Maria E	do	do	8 00

A page from the report showing pensioners in the German states.

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Le Havre Ship Transits, 1831-1835

By Bob Greiner

In our search for immigrant ancestors, there are several initial questions that we all seek to answer. Where did they come from? When did they arrive in the United States? Once that information is discovered, many people would like to learn more details about the courageous journey that their ancestors made to get to America. Regarding 18th and early 19th century immigrants, one might wonder what the sea voyage on a sailing ship was like, and how long it took. The answer obviously depends on the time period. Transatlantic transit times improved as larger and faster ships were built.

One large wave of German immigration to America began around 1830. During that time period many immigrants from southern Germany journeyed through France to depart from the port of Le Havre. From there, they sailed to New York City. For this specific time frame, there are some National Archives resources that can help answer the question of how long the voyage took.

Most genealogists are familiar with the passenger and immigration lists that have been available on microfilm for many years from the National Archives. These films have been digitized and indexed by companies such as Ancestry.com. While it is fortunate that some of these lists have survived, many did not. However, there are some other resources available that can help to answer a few questions.

National Archives microfilm series M1066 documents ships arriving at the port of New York City.¹¹ The series covers the years from 1789 to 1919. On these films one will find several different types of lists documenting ship arrivals. Some are sorted alphabetically by the name of the ship, and others chronologically by the date of arrival. In addition to the name of the ship, details such as the port of embarkation, tonnage, and name of the master are included. Surviving passenger lists may include those details, but if the list did not survive, one must look for the information elsewhere. Neither of these sources specifies the length of the journey from Europe.

Among the records of the United States consulate at Le Havre, France are several books entitled "Declaration Book of Arrivals and Departures of American Vessels".¹² These contain single page forms for each United States ship arriving at the port. On arrival the master of the ship reported to the office of the United States consul, who recorded information about the ship and its cargo. The consul was responsible for examining the cargoes and clearing the ships for departure. The date of arrival was recorded, as well as information about the size of the ship, name of the master, the number of crew, and where it came from. After loading cargo in Le Havre, the ship was cleared for departure. The form included lines to be filled in for the clearance date, destination, cargo, and sailing date.

Using information from the Le Havre books and the New York arrival lists, one can estimate the time required to sail from Le Havre to New York. I analyzed this data in several ways to get a better picture of the journey our ancestors faced.

In early 1831 Jacob Petri left the village of Thaleischweiler in the Bavarian Palatinate with his family to immigrate to the United States. Jacob died on the voyage, but his passport was kept by his family. It was transcribed in 1950 and yielded the following information.¹³ Issued by Bavarian authorities in February 1831, it was recorded that Jacob Petri boarded the ship *Caroline C. Peterby* on 22 April 1831.

¹¹ Registers of Vessels Arriving at the Port of New York, New York, From Foreign Ports, 1789-1919 (National Archives Microfilm Publication M1066, 27 rolls); Records of the U. S. Customs Service, Record Group 36; National Archives, Washington, DC.

¹² Declaration Book of Arrivals and Departures of American Vessels, Volumes 351-364, United States Consular Records for Le Havre, France, 1817 – 1935, Record Group 84; National Archives at College Park, College Park, MD.

¹³ Carolyn Miller, compiler, *The German Church of Atwater Township, Portage County, Ohio, Surviving Records and History, 1836-1889*, (Alliance, Ohio: Alliance Genealogical Society, n.d.), Jacob Petri passport, 9.

I searched the microfilm of ship arrivals for 1831, but could find no reference to a ship by that name. However, there was a ship named South Carolina that arrived on 30 May 1831.¹⁴ The master of the ship was George Peterby. This is most certainly the correct ship. The transcriber must have had a difficult time reading the writing on Petri's passport.

I then checked the Le Havre arrival books and quickly found that the ship South Carolina arrived in Le Havre on 9 April from Charleston.¹⁵ (See Figures 1 and 3). It carried cotton, rice, and sugar. On 25 April the ship was cleared to sail for New York, carrying "Swiss passengers." Assuming that the ship sailed immediately, it spent 35 days in transit.¹⁶

Ship South Carolina – New Bedford

I hereby declare before you Reuben G. Beasley, consul of the United States for the Port and District of Havre, that I arrived on the 9th April. My vessel is called the South Carolina of New Bedford. She is a ship of the Burthen of 306 32/95 tons navigated with 13 men. She is owned by Alex. A. Campbell & Chas. Russell of New Bedford. I cleared from Charleston and have touched no where. My cargo consists of 310 Bales Cotton, Rice, & Sugar. I am consigned to Mess. Hay, Wilckens, & Co.

Havre, April 11th 1831

Cleared Apr. 25
 Bound to New York
 Cargo Swiss Passengers
 Sailed _____

George Easterby

Figure 1- Partial transcript of Le Havre arrival book

How does that compare with other ships sailing the same route? I searched the Le Havre book for all ships leaving the port for New York from April through June 1831. Then I searched the New York arrivals list and the recorded the dates of arrival. Table 1 shows the results of this analysis. The transit time for the period ranged from 30 to 52 days, with an average time of 40 days.

Table 1- Le Havre to New York City, April - June 1831

Ship	Arrived Le Havre	Cleared to sail at Le Havre	Arrived New York	Duration
Brig Havre	24 Mar 1831	4 Apr 1831	20 May 1831	46
Ship Havre	20 Mar 1831	15 Apr 1831	15 May 1831	30
Ship Vulcan	8 Apr 1831	20 Apr 1831	26 May 1831	36
Ship Erie	9 Apr 1831	30 Apr 1831	30 May 1831	30
Ship South Carolina	9 Apr 1831	25 Apr 1831	30 May 1831	35
Brig Othello	14 Apr 1831	23 Apr 1831	28 May 1831	35
Ship Francois 1 st	27 Apr 1831	14 May 1831	21 Jun 1831	38
Brig Virginia Packet	3 May 1831	14 May 1831	24 Jun 1831	41
Ship France	5 May 1831	31 May 1831	20 Jul 1831	50

¹⁴ Registers of Vessels Arriving at the Port of New York, M1066, roll 3, 1 Aug 1828 – 31 Dec 1837.

¹⁵ Declaration Book of Arrivals and Departures of American Vessels, Volume 355, 1830 – 1835, NAID 1332934, Ship South Carolina entry, 11 Apr 1831.

¹⁶ The sailing date was not recorded.

Ship New Orleans	6 May 1831	2 Jun 1831	14 Jul 1831	42
Ship Sully	24 May 1831	11 Jun 1831	31 Jul 1831	50
Ship Margaret Scott	5 Jun 1831	18 Jun 1831	9 Aug 1831	52
Average duration				40

The difference in transit times might be a result of several factors. The ships were not all the same size, so one might sail faster than another.¹⁷ The weather at sea determined how much progress a ship could make in a day. The lack of wind or unexpected storms could delay a ship by several days. Finally, although the ship was cleared to sail, it may not have departed immediately. Note that although the Le Havre consulate standard form included a line for the sailing date, it was not always filled in for the records I examined. Sometimes neither the cleared or sailed date was recorded.

While reviewing the Le Havre book, I realized that many ships made repeated voyages between Le Havre and New York. In particular, the ship *Francois 1st* kept a very regular schedule throughout several years, completing three round trips per year. Using the same two sources, I extracted the dates of departure from Le Havre and arrival at New York for *Francois 1st* for a five-year period to get a better idea of its average transit time.

A quick glance at Table 2 reveals a wide variation in transit times for this ship – from 26 to 87 days. The disparity could be explained by any of the reasons mentioned above. The longest transit times occurred after arriving in Le Havre in January. Most likely the delayed departure was weather related. Although there is no evidence in these sources, the *Francois 1st* may have stopped at another port en route.

The variation makes it a bit harder to arrive at an average transit time for the *Francois 1st*. Using all the times in the table, the average transit was 47 days. However, if we eliminate the two longest voyages from the calculation, the average was 42 days. This is closer to the average found in Table 1 for a variety of ships.

The arrival dates marked by an asterisk in Table 2 have surviving passenger lists online at Ancestry.com. For those researchers fortunate enough to find their ancestor on one of those lists, the two sources I presented could provide additional insight about the ancestor's voyage. Even though a passenger list for your ancestor did not survive, you may know other facts such as the name of the ship or the general time frame of arrival. These sources could help you determine a few potential dates of arrival or possible ships for that ancestor.

Table 2- *Francois 1st* Le Havre to New York City, 1831 - 1835

Arrived Le Havre	Departed Le Havre	Arrived New York	Duration
14 May 1830	31 May 1830 #	17 Jul 1830	47
3 Sep 1830	[18] Sep 1830 #	5 Nov 1830	48
3 Jan 1831	1 Feb 1831 #	14 Mar 1831 *	41
27 Apr 1831	14 May 1831 #	21 Jun 1831 *	38
26 Aug 1831	20 Sep 1831 #	10 Nov 1831 *	51
24 Dec 1831	[7] Jan 1832 #	3 Apr 1832 *	87
14 May 1832	[29] May 1832 #	16 Jul 1832	48
12 Sep 1832	[27] Sep 1832 #	19 Nov 1832	53
12 Jan 1833	[27] Jan 1833 #	10 Apr 1833 *	73
19 Jun 1833	10 Jul 1833 #	24 Aug 1833 *	45
13 Oct 1833	11 Nov 1833 #	3 Jan 1834 *	53
13 Feb 1834	7 Mar 1834	14 Apr 1834 *	38
12 Jun 1834	10 Jul 1834	5 Aug 1834 *	26
15 Oct 1834	12 Nov 1834	8 Dec 1834 *	26
5 Feb 1835	13 Mar 1835	9 Apr 1835 *	27
1 Jun 1835	18 Jun 1835	5 Aug 1835 *	48

¹⁷ A brig has two masts, both of which are rigged with square sails. A ship has at least three masts, and the sails are square. There are several other types of ships found in the records that have different mast and sail configurations.

Average duration			47 [or 42] [without 73 and 87]
# Sailing date not specified.			
[--] Clearance and sailing dates not specified. Departure date estimated at 15 days after arrival.			
* Passenger list available on Ancestry.com.			

One additional source provides an interesting perspective to the information presented here. Various almanacs were printed each year for New York City that contained a list of scheduled ship travel from the port. The schedules were generally listed under "Lines of Packets from the Port of New-York for Foreign Ports." Many of these volumes can be found on Google Books. As an example, the following excerpt (Figure 3) was taken from *The New York Annual Register*, published in 1832.¹⁸ You can see that several of the ships from Table 1 are in the list. Using Table 2, you can compare the scheduled departure dates for the ship *Francois 1st* with the actual dates it departed Le Havre. It becomes obvious that the ships were not able to adhere strictly to the schedule.

The schedules list other information of use to travelers. The cost of cabin passage and included amenities was \$140. The names of the consignees for cargo at Le Havre were listed, as well as the owners of some of the ships. The schedule also notes that secure mail service is available on all ships.

NEW-YORK AND HAVRE PACKETS.

SHIPS.	Masters.	Days of sailing from New-York.	Ddays of sailing from Havre.
1. Charles Carroll	W. Lee	Feb. 1 June 1 Oct. 1	Mar. 20 July 20 Nov. 20
2. Charlemagne	Robinson	10 10 10	Apr. 1 Aug. 1 Dec. 1
3. Havre	Depeyster	20 20 20	10 10 10
1. Erie	J. Funk	Mar. 1 July 1 Nov. 1	20 20 20
2. Albany	Hawkins	10 10 10	May 1 Sept. 1 Jan. 1
3. Henri IV.	J. B. Pell	20 20 20	10 10 10
1. France	E. Funk	Apr. 1 Aug. 1 Dec. 1	20 20 20
2. Sully	W. W. Pell	10 10 10	June 1 Oct. 1 Feb. 1
3. Francois 1st		20 20 20	10 10 10
1. Rhone	Hathaway	May 1 Sept. 1 Jan. 1	20 20 20
2. Formosa	W. B. Orne	10 10 10	July 1 Nov. 1 Mar. 1
3. De Rham	Weiderholdt	20 20 20	10 10 10

Passage in the cabin to or from Havre, one hundred and forty dollars, including beds, bedding, wine, and stores of every description.

No. 1. Consignees at Havre, Bonaffe, Boisgerard, & Co.

No. 2. do. do. E. Quesnel, Paine.

Agents at New-York, J. J. Boyd, No. 49 Wall-street.

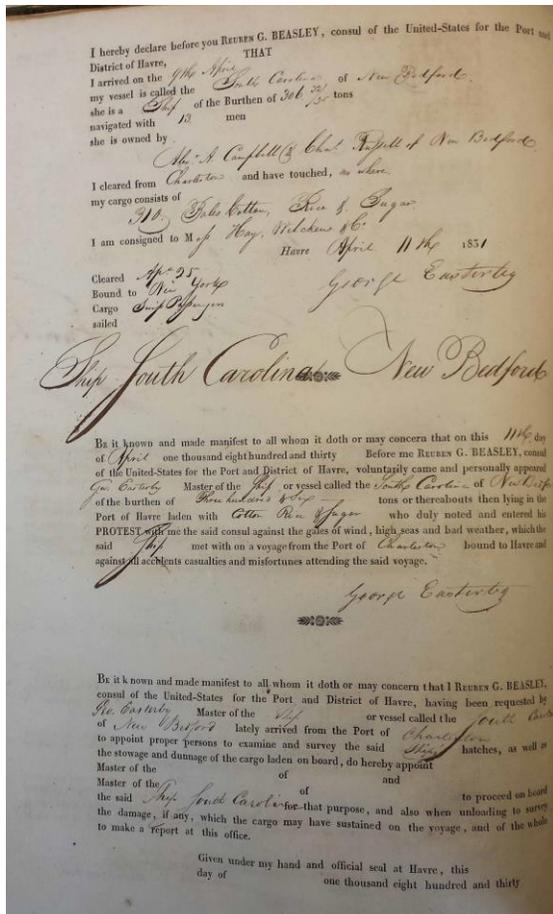
No. 3. Owners, C. Bolton, Fox & Livingston, No. 38 Exchange-pl.

Agent, J. J. Boyd, No. 49 Wall-street. Consignees at Havre, Pitney, Viel, and Co.

All these packets take a mail bag locked from the Post Office.

Figure 2 - Excerpt from New York City almanac

¹⁸ Edwin Williams, *The New York Annual Register* (New York: J. Seymour, 1832), 227;
<https://books.google.com/books?id=7UcGAAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=new+york+annual+register+1832&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjwuO6ys7nWAhXHiVQKHxpCCtEQ6AEIMDAC>



The sources presented here may not be familiar to many genealogists. They were used to analyze transit times for ships sailing between Le Havre and New York in the early 1830s.

The results can be used to get a better idea of the time our immigrant ancestors may have spent on their voyage to the United States. A 40 day voyage on a modern cruise liner may seem inviting to us. However, one can imagine that the time our ancestors spent in the steerage compartment of a sailing ship was not nearly as pleasant.

Figure 3- Arrival of Ship South Carolina at Le Havre - 9 April 1831

1841 List of Subscribers to New German Reformed Church in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia

By Debra A. Hoffman

This list of subscribers was found in the records of the German Reformed Church located in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia.¹⁹

“In 1840, a new church was built and the congregation was reorganized as the Winchester German Reformed Church but was usually call[ed] the German Reformed Church in Winchester.”²⁰ There are a total of 83 entries.

Of those, 68 entries were from residents of Maryland and 15 were from residents in Pennsylvania. Interestingly, there were no Virginia residents listed as subscribers.

¹⁹ FamilySearch Catalog, microfilm no. 34,222, Church records, 1789-1890, German Reformed Church (Winchester, Virginia), (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/372685?availability=Family%20History%20Library> : accessed 15 November 2017).

²⁰ FamilySearch Catalog, microfilm no. 34,222, Church records, 1789-1890, German Reformed Church (Winchester, Virginia), Notes (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/372685?availability=Family%20History%20Library> : accessed 15 November 2017).

Subscribers to the new German Reformed Church in Winchester, Virginia
1841²¹

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Gideon Bantz Esq ^r	\$10.00	Frederick Town, Maryland	
Rev. Dan ^l Zacharias	5.00	Frederick Town, Maryland	
Cornelius Schriener	5.00	Fred. Co. Md.	paid
John Derr	5.00	Fred. Co. Md.	
Lewis Cramer	5.00	Fred. Co. Md.	paid
Henry Gross	5.00	Fred. Co. Md.	paid
Jacob Feaster	5.00	Fred. Co. Md.	paid
Rev. Elias Heiner	5.00	Baltimore, Md.	paid
Jacob Besore	5.00	Baltimore, Md.	paid
John Rohrer	5.00	Philadelphia	paid
George Besore	5.00	Waynesburg, Pa.	paid
William Heyser	5.00	Chambersburg, Pa.	
Lewis Denig	5.00	Chambersburg, Pa.	
Rev. John W. Hoffmeier	5.00	Boonsboro, Md.	paid
Rev. George W. Williard	5.00	Jefferson, Fredk. Co., Md.	paid
Rev. Will ^m H. Zimmerman	5.00	Clearspring, Md.	
Rev. A. P. Freeze	5.00	Emmitsburg, Md.	paid
Sebastian Remsburg	5.00	Fredk. Co., Md.	paid
Michael Thomas	4.00	Fredk. Co., Md.	paid
William Barrick	4.00	Fredk. Co., Md.	paid
Lewis Roderick	4.00	Fredk. Co., Md.	paid
I. C. Bucher	3.00	Harrisburg, Pa.	paid
Lewis Shearer	3.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
John Feaster	3.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
James W. Osbourne	2.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
Abram. Leakin	2.00	Frederick, Md.	
Rev. S. Gutelius	2.50	Gettysburg, Pa.	pd.
George P. Etchberger	2.00	Chambersburg, Pa.	paid
Daniel Brengel	2.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
George Zacharias	2.00	Clearspring [Md.]	paid
Lewis Bruner	2.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
Daniel Bentz	2.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
Frederick Barrick	2.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
Christian Winebrenner	2.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
Henry Cost	2.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
	\$143.50		
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Subscribers to New Church (continued)			
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²¹ German Reformed Church (Winchester, Virginia), Church records, 1789-1890, pp. 725-7, 1841 list of subscribers; FHL microfilm 34,222. This microfilm is of the original records (typescripts), which were apparently compiled from the original marriage records.

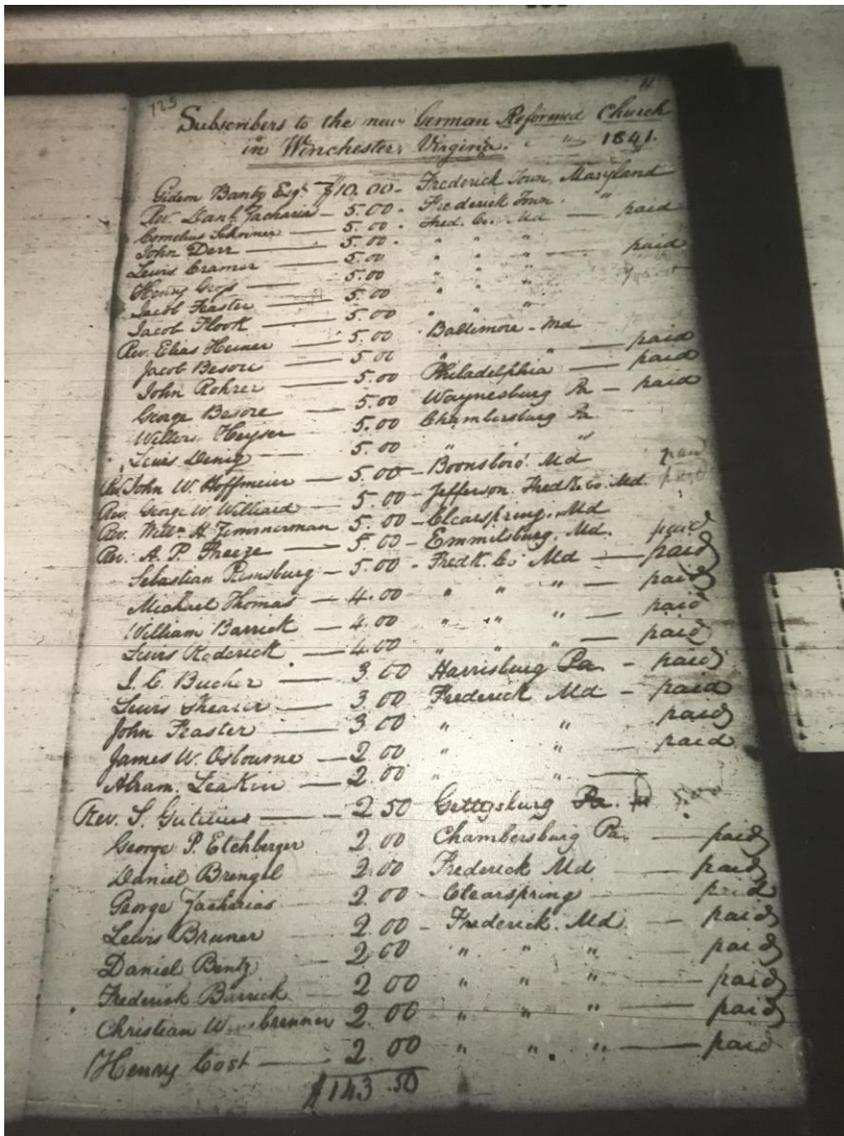
²² Page 726 is poorly microfilmed and the page contains significant shadowing over the names of the subscribers on the page. As a result it makes deciphering the full names of the subscribers difficult.

Rev. William C. Webb	2.00	Frederick Co. Md.	
[?] Frederick Hemp	2.00	Frederick Co. Md.	
[?] Smith	2.00	Philadelphia	paid
Cash	1.00	Philadelphia	paid
Cash	1.00	Chambersburg	paid
[?] O. Thomas	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] Lambrecht	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] [Bach?]	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] [McAlear?]	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] S. Bantz	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] Remsburg	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] Bruner	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] [Kemp?]	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[Henry?] Colliflower	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[John?] Barrick	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] Cramer	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] Cramer	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] Baker	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?]	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] Bevan	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] Sholl	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[John?] Reese	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] [Doll?]	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[?] Houck	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[John?] Shafer	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[Henry?] Crum	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid
[Peter?] Grim	1.00	Philadelphia	paid
[?] Deal	1.00	Philadelphia	paid
Christian Gaul	1.00	Philadelphia	paid
Joseph Word	.25	Frederick, Md.	paid
[Jacob?] Barrick	.75	Frederick, Md.	paid
Cash	.50	Frederick, Md.	paid
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Subscribers to New Church (Continued)			
Amount brought up	\$177.00		
Eli Smith	\$5.00	Emmitsburg, Md.	paid
John Zimmerman	3.00	Emmitsburg, Md.	paid
Harriet Motter	5.00	Emmitsburg, Md.	paid
M. M. Motter (widow)	5.00	Emmitsburg, Md.	paid
Henry Richenbaugh	5.00	Emmitsburg, Md.	paid
Rev. JHA Bomberger	5.00	Waynesboro, Pa.	p \$2.00
Cash	2.00	Emmitsburg, Md.	paid
Cash (J. B.)	3.00	Emmitsburg	paid
Collection in Gettysburg Church	3.27	Gettysburg, Pa. [<i>sic</i>]	paid
Cash	1.00	Emmitsburg, Md.	paid
Catherine Troxell	1.00	Emmitsburg, Md.	paid

D. C. Hammond	1.00	Hagerstown	paid
A Friend	1.00	Hagerstown	paid
M. Richenbaugh	2.00	Hagerstown	paid
J. Sheetz	.50	Emmitsburg	paid
Mary A. Weaver (widow)	.25	Emmitsburg	paid

Additional Resources:

Susan L. McCabe and Bridget K. Bailey. *Burials of Grace Lutheran and German Reformed Churches Within Mount Hebron Cemetery of Winchester, Virginia*. Athens, Ga.: New Papyrus, 2010.



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Cash	163.50			
William & Nell	2.00	Frederick Co. Md		Eli Smith
Andrew Stump	2.00	Philadelphia	paid	John Fineman
Wm Smith	2.00	"	paid	Warwick M
Cash	1.00	Chambersburg	paid	Mr. M. S
Cash	1.00	Frederick, Md.	paid	Henry R
Wm & Thomas	1.00	"	paid	Rev. J. H.
Lambert	1.00	"	paid	Cash
Cash	1.00	"	paid	Cash
Wm Miller	1.00	"	paid	Collection
J. Bantz	1.00	"	paid	Cash
Remsburg	1.00	"	paid	Cash
Reuner	1.00	"	paid	Cathar
Stump	1.00	"	paid	D. G.
Wm Holliflowers	1.00	"	paid	A. F.
Warwick	1.00	"	paid	M. O.
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Warner	1.00	"	paid	M.
Wm Baker	1.00	"	paid	
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Soll	1.00	"	paid	
Wmuck	1.00	"	paid	
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Wm Crum	1.00	Philadelphia	paid	
Wm Deal	1.00	"	paid	
Wm Deal	1.00	"	paid	
Wm Deal	1.00	"	paid	
Joseph Wood	.25	Frederick Md	paid	
Wm Deal	.75	"	paid	
Cash	.50	"	paid	
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	3.27	Gilleyburg, Pa.	paid
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	1.00	Hagerstown	paid
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Feb. 28-March 3. RootsTech, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT. The world's largest genealogy show. *Der Kurier* editor James M. Beidler among the speakers. More info: www.rootstech.org/

April 11-14. Ohio Genealogical Society, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Columbus, OH. "Blazing New Trails." Speakers, vendors, workshops. More info: www.ogs.org/

April 13-14. MAGS Workshop and Conference, DoubleTree by Hilton, Laurel, MD. Saturday conference theme: "Some Other Approaches to Your German Research" with Michael Lacopo. Friday workshop: federal depository libraries with Celina McDonald. More info: www.magsgen.com/

April 20-21. Lancaster Family History Conference, Lancaster, PA, sponsored by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Theme: "Extra Extra Research All About It!" with James M. Beidler as keynote speaker. Lectures, vendors, speakers, trips. More info: <https://www.lmhs.org/>

April 20-21. Ohio Chapter Palatines to America Spring Seminar, Der Dutchman Restaurant, 445 Jefferson Ave., U.S. Route 42, Plain City, O. Theme: "German History and Records" presented by Roger P. Minert. With talks: "A Genealogist's Outline of German History Since 1517"; "Residential Registration

in Germany"; "German Census Records"; "Communicating with Agencies and Individuals in Europe." Online registration: <https://oh-palam.org/registernow.php>
Or: make check payable to Ohio Chapter – Palam and mail to: Joe Stamm, 3930 Lander Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-1329, questions? <lindabelle@lcs.net>

May 2-5. National Genealogical Society, Grand Rapids, MI. "Paths to Your Past." Four full days of speakers, vendors, special events. More info: <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

May 31-June 2. Southern California Genealogical Society's 49th Annual Jamboree, Burbank, CA. Including: 6th Annual SCGS Genetic Genealogy Conference and Family History Writer's Conference on Thursday; DNA Workshops on Friday. Large exhibit hall on Friday and Saturday. More info: <http://www.genealogyjamboree.com/>

Aug. 22-25. Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference, Fort Wayne, IN. "On the Three Rivers—Past, Present & Future." FGS and local host the Allen County Public Library invite genealogists and family historians from throughout the world. More info: www.fgsconference.org/

Sept. 13-15. New York State Family History Conference, Tarrytown, NY, sponsored by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. More info: <http://www.nysfhc.org/>

***Der Kurier* Redesign, Expansion Coming in New Year**

As mentioned by MAGS President Ken Heger in his column, *Der Kurier* will be undergoing a facelift for 2018 – expanding in size to 40 pages an issue and undergoing its first redesign in more than a dozen years. *Der Kurier* is *your* journal as MAGS members – many of you at the October conference already gave me some ideas on new columns and features you'd like to see. More feedback is welcome – preferably by e-mail to james@beidler.us Our journal is already an award-winning publication ... together, we'll add more quantity to go with that quality!

– James M. Beidler, Editor

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to alert your readers to an excellent website that may be helpful when German-American researchers take their research “across the pond” to Europe. The name of this site is **ahnenforschung.net**. I first entered the forum of this site in 2015 in search of info about my Kaess ancestors. At that point, I was stuck at my great-great-grandfather Andreas Kaes and didn’t know how to proceed. All the records at FamilySearch.org seemed to run dry. Andreas Kaes was from Benningen am Neckar, Germany. There were plenty of Kaess/Kaeses in Benningen, but which ones were my ancestors?

I began to get lucky, as so often happens when one is persistent in genealogy. I got in contact with a woman named Beate Entenmann Stromsky, from Freiberg am Neckar, Germany. She claimed that Andreas Kaes was not born in 1846 as I had believed, but had vital dates of (1824-1896). This was a shocker until I found out that Andreas Kaes had many wives and relationships with women. All the records she submitted to me supported her

claim. I also found out another thing. Beate is my sixth cousin, one removed.

Once we had Andreas Kaess figured out, Beate fed me more info from *Familien Registers* and church books and found my third- and fourth-great-grandfathers. This is where FamilySearch.org became useful. I was able to determine, with the help of FamilySearch, that my fifth-great-grandfather was Johann Jacob Kaes (1730-1794). From here Beate was helpful in tracing the Kaeses to the Bidembaches and all the way back to Ludwig I, Count of Württemberg (1412-1450).

Ludwig I was not only traceable to Swabian nobility such as Conrad I, but also a “gateway” ancestor to Charlemagne and other royals throughout Europe. “Pleased” was an understatement about how I felt. I was so happy with Beate and ahnenforschung.net that I was bubbling over. I hope that your readers, too, can have similar experiences and breakthroughs with the help of this wonderful site.

Sincerely, Brian Paul Kaess

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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.

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