Immigrant Genealogical Society

DECEMBER 9, 2012
Holiday Pot-Luck 1pm Show & Tell

Next PSIG Meeting January 13, 2013 at 2pm
Speaker: George Goesele
Topic: History of the First German United Methodist Church

Library open 12:00 till 5:00  Come for the fellowship!
PLACE: Immigrant Genealogical Society, 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, CA

Johannes Linning  27 August 1937-October 9, 2012

John was born in Amsterdam, Netherlands and came to the U.S. at the age of 12 with his parents and siblings first to Utah and then to California, living in the Whittier area. He was called on his mission for the LDS church to Holland.

After studying at BYU the bulk of his career was spent working for C.F. Braun & Co. in California, Colorado, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Texas as an electrical inspector for the petrochemical engineering firm. He was a skilled draftsman with a great understanding of electrical engineering.

John met the love of his life in Colorado, Shirley Jean Edwards, married in 1978 until her passing in 2008. He is survived by his 2 step-children, 5 “grandchildren” and 4 “great-grandchildren”; 3 sisters, and a brother. His parents and one brother predeceased John but there are also many nieces and nephews surviving.

Besides a brilliant mind, learning, especially history, was his total focus helped by his command of 4 languages-Dutch, English, German, and French. He kept a large library at home and was active volunteering at his church (LDS) Family History Center and the Immigrant Genealogical Society (IGS) Library in Burbank, California serving on the Board of Directors and as Vice-President.

Johannes, as he really preferred, manned the IGS Booth at the Southern California “Jamboree” every year and helped so many people with his knowledge and translations. He also staffed on the 3rd Saturday at IGS and was still active researching his own family. Did he help you?

He will be missed greatly by the IGS, our patrons, Board Members and all whom he helped to further their genealogy! Donations in his memory to the IGS, a 501(c)3 organization, can be sent to IGS, P O Box 7369, Burbank, CA 91510-7369.

Baptismal and Marriage Records in West Prussia

The Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota has a nice two-page spread of German-language printed page headings for baptism and marriage. These are the kind in which the record spreads across from verso to recto page. So there are two photos for each sample record, under which is shown the translation of the printed headings of each column. It’s a nice item to carry for your next film-reading trip to the local Family History Center! One may find these pages in the Fall 2012 issue of this Society’s newsletter.
New entries in the Mecklenburg-Kontakte Database
Dieter Garling has announced these surname listings for the month of October to the Mecklenburg-L mailing list:
Our readers may view these new entries at [http://www.mecklenburg-kontakte.de/>.

Names Our Members Are Researching
David Young - Brandt, Langbecker, Meyer, Jung.
Note to Anne Wattmann: The Brosius name appeared several times in regard to Pennsylvania immigrants of 1742. This was with respect to a query placed by Raymond Broscious of Sunbury, PA in Issue #5 of The Lost Palatine, a newsletter we have at the IGS Library. These newsletters were undated, so it can’t be said when the query was placed. Still, you might wish to inquire with IGS Corresponding Secretary Lura Perkins for a copy of the query if you don’t have access to this source.

GenerousGenealogists
Thanks, again, to the UpFront with NGS blog from the National Genealogical Society for a shout-out concerning free services which may benefit those tracing their immigrant ancestors. The website “GenerousGenealogists” offers 100% free volunteer research support, coaching and pointers, and lastly brickwall forums for sharing ideas with your fellow researchers. The site was recently started by Mark Rabideau to replace the now-closed “Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness” site, whose founder (Bridget Schneider) died a year ago. And if you, dear reader, feel that you have most of the answers you need, then please consider offering your assistance to others. --Ed.

Deutsch in Amerika: Episch=lyrische Poesie (Chicago, 1892). This is a continuation from the last issue. It is an index of 19th century German-American poets with birthplaces in Europe.... Raible, Marie geb. Kraus - Unter=Insingen bei Tübingen, Württemberg; Rattermann, Heinrich A. - Ankum, Westfalen; Reuß, P. J. (“Otto Welden”) - Fulda, Kurhessen; Riggert, Wilhelm - Stadort bei Lüneburg, Hannover; Rosenthal, Hermann - Friedrichstadt in Kurland, Rußland; Rothacker, Wilhelm - Engen, Baden; Rudolph, Johannes - Schreiberhan, slösisches Riesengebirge; Ruhland, Hermann - Grohnde, Hannover; Seebaum, Joseph Alexander - Warschau; Schenck, Leopold - Heidelberg; Schlag, Hugo - Sangershausen am Harde;

Schmidt, Paul - Altschluß im Vogelgebirge, Oberhessen; Schmitt, Friedrich Albert - Hilchenbach, Kreis Siegen, Westfalen; Schnaufer, Carl Heinrich - Heimsheim, Württemberg; Schneider, Emil - Mühlberg an der Elbe; Schreiber, Ferdinand - Warburg, Westfalen; Seidensticker, Oswald - Göttingen; Sigel, Albert - Sinsheim bei Heidelberg, Baden; Solger, Ernst Rheinhold - Steitten; Souboun, Otto - Bremen; Steinlein, August - Trier, Rheinprovinz; Stepler, J. H. - Maar bei Lauterbach, Oberhessen; Stork, Ludwig - Darmstadt, Hessen; Straubenhüller, Johann - Schwäbisch-Gmünd; Strobel, Wilhelm - Mittelthal, württembergischen Schwarzwald; Sutro=Schücking, Emil - Aachen

Section 30
Most genealogical societies contain within their book collections a number of family genealogies, and your Immigrant Genealogical Society is no exception. We have fourteen almost-filled shelves (two stacks, in librarian terms!) of these works, and some of them are no doubt hard to find. We call this “Section 30” in our diagram of the layout of our library.

To illustrate the kind of genealogy one may find here, I selected a work that had come from the personal library of one of our founders, Elizabeth Sharp. It is: The Huguenot Bartholomew Dupuy and His Descendants, by Rev. B.H. Dupuy, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Beverly, W.Va. (Louisville, Ky.: Courier-Journal Job Printing Co., 1908). The first ninety pages are devoted to history and not genealogy, but this is not at all bad if one is needing to gain a greater understanding of the times and circumstances that brought one’s Protestant ancestors to America.

On page 91 it is stated that “there were no less than five Huguenot Dupuys, who immigrated to this country and probably there were more....” Brothers Nicholas and Francis Dupuy are named as coming to New York in the 1660s, while a John Dupuy located in New York City with his father prior to 1700 (coming by way of England & Jamaica). Descendants of these three men were living here a century ago, while a fourth immigrant left no known descendants. The book concerns primarily the fifth Dupuy, the aforenamed Bartholomew, who settled at Manakintown in Virginia.

Almost 200 pages are then devoted to a full presentation of this man’s descendants. As the surname Dupuy is found in connection with many Virginia families, this book will be of interest to some purely American-oriented researchers. But it contains “immigrant history” that may be hard to find elsewhere; in this case it is the forty-page reprint of a depiction of this family’s 1685 escape from France that appeared in the April 1857 issue of “Harper’s New Monthly Magazine.” Other, newer genealogies may refer to this account, but few would be able to devote space to a full reproduction. --Ed.

Germans to Missouri
Another resource we have received, although difficult to navigate because of the software employed (now antiquated!), is a pair of notebooks of printouts on the Nolte Family of Gasconade Co., Missouri. From an Ahnentafel that has been provided it is possible to assemble a list of
immigrants and/or parents (5th & 6th generation here) and their places of origin. If you have related ancestors, you may wish to write to our Corresponding Secretary, Lura Perkins.

**Bauer**, George, b. 27 Feb 1829 Hambach, Starkenberg, Hesse-Darmstadt

**Baumgärtner**, Samuel, b. 10 Nov 1841 Rothrist, Aargau, Switzerland

**Burchard**, Maria Theresa, b. 1783 Obernfeld, Hanover

**Grein**, Nicolaus, b. 15 Apr 1804 Hambach, Starkenberg, Hesse-Darmstadt

**Hohn**, Eliz., b. 15 Aug 1805 Hambach, Starkenberg, Hesse-Darmstadt

**Idemann**, Marianna, b. 2 Apr 1804 Roxel, Westphalia

**Jacquín**, Pierre, b. 2 Mar 1828 Hauta Saon, France

**Koch**, Maria Theresia, b. 10 Oct 1776 Bosekendorf (Hanover?)

**Niehoff**, Bernard Anton, b. 2 Jun 1831 Munster, Westphalia

**Nolte**, Johannes Heinrich, b. 7 Aug 1807 Breitenberg, Hanover

**Pape/Pope**, Charles Fredrick, b. 22 Nov 1837 Munster, Westphalia

**Reck**, Verena, b. 8 Aug 1809 Safenwil, Aargau, Switzerland

**Rotheli**, Urs Joseph, b. 11 Apr 1811 Hagensdorf, So., Switzerland

**Schauffer**, Marie Ann, b. 2 May 1801 Hambach, Starkenberg, Hesse-Darmstadt

**Straub**, Joseph, b. 12 Nov 1803 Auflingen, Baden

**Studer**, Anna Marie Antonia, b. 30 May 1821 Hagensdorf, So., Switzerland

**Wagemacher**, John Bernard Niehoff, b. 5 Feb 1797 Gievenbeck, Munster, Westphalia

**Mennonite Family History**

The October 2012 issue of this journal is chock-full of interesting articles that mostly relate to a single individual of potentially large impact. In order, these were the names with their associated dates and/or locations: Christian Zug (1718-1787, Chester Valley PA); Jacob Bauman (~1718-1803, Rockingham Co. VA); Johann Georg Wesselhoeft (1805-1859, Butler Co. OH); John Kaufman (1774-1846?), s/o Jacob Kauffman (Chester Co. PA); John Brubaker (~1750–1825, Lancaster Co. PA & Franklin Co. VA).

**“A New Way to Experience Norwegian Immigration”**

That's the title of a brief article in the newsletter of the Norwegian-American Historical Association (for Summer 2012) that notes a project at the UK's University of Sheffield, "Ola Nordmann Goes West." The idea is that family historians (& others) will experience "the virtual world of a Norwegian peasant travelling from Norway to America in the early 1880s." One does this digitally, of course, by visiting the project site at a special web page, <http://www.olanordmann.co.uk/>. The Journey is by design not yet complete, and researchers want to see your written reactions in order to determine "if this sort of technology can help historians collect and interpret information which would otherwise be hard to access." Clicking on virtual mailboxes along the journey allows participants to send their input, and the hope is that they'll keep coming back as more legs of the journey are added. Now that's creative use of scholarship! --Ed.

**Austrian Research**

In our September newsletter it was noted that the free online databases maintained by GenTeam, an association of historian and genealogist volunteers, had added 137,000 entries from Vienna rectories and Catholic parish registers in both Upper and Lower Austria. At that time they had 16,000 users and some 7 million combined entries. Now, three months later, the numbers are: 150,000 new records, 17,500 users, and over 7.2 million entries. The is a fast-growing free service based in Europe, and it's at: <http://www.GenTeam.at>. Consider also their moderated and bilingual mailing list available at: <http://list.genteam.at/mailman/listinfo/austria>.

**Trieglaff, Pomerania Emigrants to Wisconsin in the 1800s.**

Royal W. Natzke of West Bend, WI recently sent us (& other societies) four CDs with the transcripts of two addresses and a cover letter explaining their contents. These items concern presentations on the above topic made in September 2008. Here is the body of the cover letter:

"In a sense, in September 2008 'the boss came to see how the hired men were doing.' Rudolf von Thadden, descendant of Adolph von Thadden, came to southeastern Wisconsin to see how the descendants of the former Trieglaff serfs were doing. While here, Rudolf spoke to a group of over 200 people on Friday, September 5th, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistadt. On Sunday, September 7th, he spoke to over 200 descendants of the Natzkes, Kiekhaefer, Boeders, Hinzes, Raduechels, Hafermans, Zastrows, etc. at Zion Lutheran Church in Way- side, Brown County, WI. In his speech Rudolf compared the free-willed emigration of our ancestors from Pomerania in the 1800’s with his family's forced emigration from Trieglaff after World War II. Enclosed is the paper Rudolf delivered and the video of each presentation. There is also a video of the cemetery walk at Zion Wayside in which the tombstones of the original immigrants were visited, and a brief history of the family was read by a family member. On September 12th a paper written by Magdalena Momot was read [by Michal Mirshi] at the Pommerscher Verein regular meeting in Freistadt. The paper and the video are also enclosed. Because the Momot family was the first Polish family to be moved into Trieglaff after World War II, her story introduces us to a new era in this former Pomeranian land. All of the above contacts were triggered by the translation and publication of a biography of Adolph von Thadden written by Wolfgang Marzahn. Once Rudolph saw the English translation he accepted his invitation.

**An Appeal for Help**

Keith Feather wants some help. He is not a genealogist, but he has a "research problem" by the tail that should pique the interest of any red-blooded genealogist. Simply put, he has appealed to the membership of the German Genealogy Group
of King’s Park, NY by asking if anyone among them can assist him in tracing the living descendants of a shipwreck that happened off the New Jersey coast on 13 November 1854. The name of the ship was “The New Era,” and it carried his great-great-grandfather. This ancestor was one of only one-third of the passengers and crew who survived. Now, all these years later, the wreck is due to be salvaged from under 10-15 ft. of sand; the ship is “said to be laden with non-perishable goods such as crockery, hardware,” etc. Thus we’re bound to hear a lot more about this, and there is a web site that provides the names of most of the survivors. Go to: <http://theneweraproject.org/> and see if you recognize any of the names. His wish is to track down as many of the living descendants of these people as possible, and to do that he needs some volunteers with research skills. He reports that “the German American Heritage Foundation and Museum in Washington, DC as well as the Emigration Center Museum in Bremerhaven would likely find this project of great interest.” Mr. Feather may be reached by phone at: (919) 681-2450, by email at <alustris@yahoo.com>, or by USPS mail at: Keith Feather, 3017 US 70A East, Hillsborough, NC 27278. He thinks that a “reunion” of sorts might be held for the descendants who are identified, so please, give the web site a glance.

For our “Snoops” -- You Know Who You Are!

Here’s a little item that might tickle your fancy. Megan Smolenyak has an article about Martha Stewart’s family tree. It’s at: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/megan-smolenyak-smolenyak/matha-stewart-family-tree_b_1500321.html>. Now, I believe it was Henry Louis Gates, Jr. who featured Martha Stewart and her Polish pedigree on one of his TV series shows. So this is a way to follow up in depth, for those who want more. --Ed.

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