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TRITT FAMILY NEWSLETTER

PROJECT HISTORY

Since the summer of 1977, a concerted effort has been made to research the Tritt (and Dritt) surname. A group of descendants has been meeting yearly for this purpose. This newsletter is our first effort to inform you of the status of our progress since our initial mailing to you.

Our first meeting was held July, 1977, at the home of James and Becky Tritt near Mechanicsburg, PA. Considerable interest was generated by this meeting and a mailing to all known Tritts was designed.

In July, 1978, the group met again in Mechanicsburg, PA, and at that time we mailed our initial letter and a Tritt Family Record form to all known Tritts. Our first mailing went to those on an extensive address list compiled over the years by Dr. Donald Tritt of Granville, Ohio. The group spent one day touring the ancestral homes of Hans Peter Tritt in York County and of Peter Tritt in Cumberland County. The group also visited the Dritt burial ground and several local cemeteries.

In July, 1979, the group met in Boiling Springs, PA. A report of the return from the initial mailing was presented, a cross file index was prepared and more initial letters were sent to newly found Tritts throughout the country.

Our Tritt Family genealogical workshop for 1980 was held in July in Granville, Ohio at the home of Don and Marilyn Tritt. Don and Marilyn's hospitality was generous - providing good food and pleasant atmosphere in their beautiful "log" home. Approximately 20 Tritts and Dritts representing several branches of the family were in attendance. We were pleased to have Bill and Wilda Dritt, showing that an early American spelling of the Tritt name had not died out. Considerable information was exchanged, lively discussions were held tracing down the authenticity of certain facts, data were organized and catalogued, mailing lists were updated and 130 additional initial contact letters were sent. The following persons were in attendance at the 1980 meeting:

Sarah Elizabeth Tritt Bialson
6560 Mardel
St. Louis, MO 63109

Betty Tritt Smeltz
4912 Derry Street
Harrisburg, PA 17111

David A. and Judy Tritt
1422 Miles, S.W.
Canton, OH 44710

Marlowe C. and Ruth Tritt
300 East Fourth Street
Trenton, IL 62293

Timothy D. Tritt
482 West Jessup Road
Plainfield, IN 46168

William S. and Wilda S. Dritt
103 Euclid Place
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Wendy Smeltz
4912 Derry Street
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Donald G. and Marilyn C. Tritt
4072 Goose Lane, S.W.
Granville, OH 43023

Richard L. Tritt
204 Forge Road, R.R. #1
Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Wm. Wayne and Esther Tritt
24 Old Stone House Road
Carlisle, PA 17013

The enclosed newsletter was written by those in attendance and edited by Richard L. Tritt of Boiling Springs, PA.

DID YOU KNOW?

-The Dritt (Tritt) Mansion was built by General Jacob Dritt in 1758. This stone house still stands today and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is located near Wrightsville, overlooking the Susquehanna River, on State Route 624 in Lower Windsor Township, York County, PA.

-Tritts have served in every U. S. conflict from the Revolution thru the Vietnam conflict.

-There is a town of Tritts in Alaska. Nearly two-thirds of Arctic Village is made up of people who descended from an Alaskan Indian named Isaac Tritt.

-The name Tritt means fast pace or step in German.

-Tritts are known to be living in 43 of the 50 states.

-William Tritt of Wisconsin served in the Civil War, was taken prisoner for 17 months and detained in Andersonville and other prisons. An account of his experiences is found in his diary which is now in the hands of his descendants.

-There is an Erikson-Tritt Bible Institute in Manokwari, Indonesia.

MAILINGS

To date, 790 letters to Tritt (Dritt) or Tritt related families have been mailed. Approximately 200 responses have been received containing information representing over 1500 past and present Tritts. We have found Tritt families widely distributed throughout the United States and Canada. In order to keep our records current, we ask your help in notifying us of address changes, recent births, marriages and deaths in your family. We wish to thank the many people who completed their Tritt Family Record sheets and sent other important information. If you did not return your record sheet, please do so. The information you supply can help provide the documentation needed to verify records already available to us.

OUR GOAL

During the last three years much information has been compiled and processed. As a volunteer research group we are committed to the long term goal of documenting and publishing the first complete history of the Tritt lineage. It is also our intention to create a resource center of information for persons wishing to further investigate their own Tritt family background. However, to avoid any possible compounding of errors, information will not be released until it has been completely verified.

RECORDS AND ARTIFACTS

The work of compiling such a genealogical history is greatly enhanced by the location and use of ancestral biographical sketches, old notebooks, family Bibles, diaries, excerpts from Bibles, pictures, previous research notes, and other artifacts. One of the advantages of establishing a research organization is that maximum benefit can be obtained from these sources by making copies of such materials available to all. We would greatly appreciate your copying such materials and sending them to us. One of our long-range goals is to arrange with a historical society or a museum to house all the various original Tritt artifacts and documents. This would have the end result of establishing a Tritt collection in perpetuity.

EXPENSES

A project of this size and importance entails a considerable expense in the printing and mailing of materials. In the past this expense has been borne by the few who have carried on the project thus far. We are now at a point where our work requires expanded effort and expense. We would like to publish a regular newsletter to keep you informed of the progress in this project. Any contribution and help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

1906 TRITT FAMILY TREE

We have available for purchase a copy of the Tritt family tree, drawn and designed by J. H. McCulloch in 1896 and redrawn by C. H. Cline in 1906. The tree measures 40" X 40" and can be ordered from:

Wm. Wayne Tritt
24 Old Stone House Road
Carlisle, PA 17013

The price is \$5.00 plus mailing (\$0.50 for a folded copy and \$1.50 for mailing tube copy). Although not all the information is authenticated, it is valuable as an historical resource document for descendants of Hans Peter Tritt. Once you receive this we would most appreciate being notified of discrepancies or omissions which you might find in this tree. From information you have provided we are working on an extension of the tree.

1981 MEETING

The 1981 meeting of the Tritt Family Research will be held July 17-19 in Granville, Ohio and you are cordially invited. We would like to have representatives from all the various Tritt families throughout the U. S. join this research effort. For details regarding the meeting please contact:

Dr. Donald G. Tritt
4072 Goose Lane, S.W.
Granville, Ohio 43023

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