

TRITT FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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HANS PETER TRITT (1715-1768)

by

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Hans Peter Tritt was born in Diedendorf Parish, Bas Rhin, Lorraine, about 40 miles northwest of Strassbourg, France. His parents were Hans Peter Tritt (Sr.) and Veronica Kern. He was christened August 13, 1715 in the church at Diedendorf which still exists, virtually unchanged. His father was a tailor to Baron Otto Eberhardt von Streist, owner of the huge castle in Diedendorf. This Baron was a witness to the christening of at least one of Hans Peter (Sr.)'s sons. Hans Peter (Jr.) was the third of four children. His younger brother, Christian, was christened January 1, 1719.

Hans Peter Tritt (Sr.) must have died shortly after 1720 since his widow, Veronica Kern Tritt, remarried May 7, 1724, in Diedendorf Parish, to a David Buhler. According to legend, the family fled to the Lower Palatinate (a section of southern Germany) prior to 1739, when Hans Peter, Christian, his mother and step-father all immigrated to America. They were among thousands of immigrants known as Palatines who had come from other parts of Europe and had been forced to flee their homes because of religious beliefs or because of the constant depredations of various armies. These so called Palatines were actually Swiss, French, Hessians, Bohemians, etc. They were all lumped together by the English as Palatines or later as Pennsylvania Dutch. The main exodus from Europe was between 1708 and 1720 and then continued at a slower pace.

Queen Anne of England, disturbed by the plight of the German people, offered asylum in, and passage to, the New World for those who wished to leave their native land. The response was unexpectedly overwhelming and her ships were unable to cope with the deluge of humanity.

The hardships these people encountered on their trip down the Rhine was disheartening. The trip to Rotterdam, Holland, took from four to six weeks because of the thirty-six custom houses, one for each town or state to be passed. The boats had to be examined at each custom house at the time most convenient to the officials of that town or state. Many people who thought they had enough money to see them through the trip to America were destitute by the time they arrived in Holland. In Holland there was a further delay of four to five weeks waiting for English ships.

An ocean journey in the eighteenth century meant far more than it does now. Sometimes six months passed from exit to entry into the new land. The whole journey was one continual series of discomforts, suffering, disease and death. Most of the vessels that came to Pennsylvania started from Rotterdam, where the emigrants were embarked together with goods and provisions.

Hans Peter and Christian Tritt sailed from Rotterdam in the ship "Robert and Alice," touched

briefly at the English Channel port of Deal, as was required by immigration laws of those days, and arrived at Philadelphia on September 3, 1739. On the same day they swore allegiance to the English Crown and the Pennsylvania Commonwealth. The commander of the ship was Walter Goodman, who brought over with him 78 men, 57 women and 88 children; 223 in all. Dublin, Ireland was the home port of the "Robert and Alice" and on this voyage the ship sailed from Rotterdam to Philadelphia.

On the ship's register, neither of the two brothers signed his own name which accounts for the difference in spelling (Trett, Treit, Tritt, Thrutt). They used letters instead of a cross as a mark so they were probably not illiterate. They may have just preferred to let a clerk write their names for them. Hans Peter, being the eldest of the two brothers, is considered as the first American ancestor of the Tritt Family.

Many of the people fleeing their homeland paid for their passage by selling their equity in the land and everything they owned that was saleable. If they were poor and had nothing, they sold themselves or members of their family into redemption bondage for a stated length of time to pay for their passage. Agents of various sailing companies would contract to bring them over, furnish them food for the voyage and whatever else they might need, on the condition that they might have the right to sell their labor for a certain number of years to pay the cost of the transportation. Ships' captains often held public auctions upon arrival. Those, thus disposed of, were termed redemptioners.

It is thought that Hans Peter and Christian were redemptioners and were required to work for someone for two to four years. Hans Peter served his indenture in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, near Reamstown. In 1741,

he received his "freedom" grant of 50 acres of land on the west bank of the Susquehanna (later York County). This land is in Lower Windsor Township about one and a half miles northeast of East Prospect and about four miles south of Wrightsville.

In Lancaster County, Hans Peter was a member of the Muddy Creek Reformed Church, near Reamstown. He married twice; first to a Catharina (Bechtel?) about 1745, to whom he had four children, Jacob (1746), Catharina Barbara (1747), Anna Elizabeth (1748) and Eva (1749). The first three children's baptisms are recorded in the Muddy Creek Reformed Church records. Catharina (Bechtel?) must have died relatively young, which was not uncommon for women in the pioneer environment.

Around 1750, Hans Peter left Lancaster County and moved to his 50 acres of land in York County. He married his second wife, Anna Maria Barbara Dellinger about 1751. She was born December 25, 1733 of immigrant parents and lived at Chestnut Hill, Hellam Township, York County. Hans Peter and Anna Maria Barbara had five children: Johann Paul (1752), Johann Peter (1755), Maria Margaretha (1757), Maria Barbara (1753?) and Joseph (1762).

Hans Peter and his family lived in a log cabin which stood about twenty-five feet to the left of the present day Dritt House. This cabin was approximately 12' x 16', the sides formed of long logs pegged together. Downstairs were two rooms with a fireplace in the front room toward the river. A simple set of stairs led to the loft which was used for sleeping quarters. The cabin had only two windows and two doors. It was demolished in 1958. It had been boarded over and the logs were not discovered until after the demolition had been completed. Hans Peter built a fine stone house beside his log cabin in 1758. He lived there until his death in 1768.

Hans Peter, like many other Palatinate immigrants, lived in the neighborhood of Kreutz Creek. The early inhabitants of the Kreutz Creek region were clothed in tow cloth, since wool was not available. Tow cloth was made from yarn spun from flax. Their dress was simple, consisting of a shirt, trousers and a frock. During the summer, inhabitants wore only a shirt and trousers of tow. In the fall, the frock was added. During the winter, the dress was adapted to the season by increasing the number of frocks. During the coldest part of the winter, some of the settlers were wrapped in four, five and even more frocks, which were bound closely about their loins, usually with a string of the same material as the garments.

Most of the first settlers of Windsor Township spoke German, and the first religious services were held in their native tongue, in the homes of the well-to-do pioneers, and conducted by missionaries. These people, before they left the fatherland, were members either of the Lutheran or German Reformed Church.

When Hans Peter first moved to York County, he must have been affiliated with the Christ Lutheran Church of York. In the records of this church we find the birth of his son, John Paul. Later Hans Peter was active in the formation of a new church not far from East Prospect, known as the Canadochly Union Church. The Reformed and Lutheran congregations shared one building for 175 years of their history. The Tritts belonged to the Reformed congregation. The Penns granted the land to them on December 27, 1752. Peter Trett is mentioned in the Penn Warrant as well as in an early survey of land. These two denominations in 1763 joined together in the erection of a house of worship. The whole community assisted in building it, and no one, except the joiner, whose name was Gossler, received any pay for his work. Henry Amend was the carpenter,

and he was assisted by Michael Kaufelt. The Canadochly Constitution of January 5, 1764 was signed by Peter Dritt, a Reformed member. The Constitution is in German and German was used for services. The Union Church had three buildings. The first, with a wineglass pulpit and sounding board, was used from 1763-1800 and no longer stands. The original 1765 communion set which the Tritts must have used, is still preserved in the Henry Ford Museum at Dearborn, Michigan. Some of Hans Peter's children were active in the later history of this church. The baptisms of three of his children are found in the records.

Hans Peter Tritt went by the name of Peter Tritt or Dritt. He was a blacksmith and farmer. On March 1, 1762, Peter Tritt, blacksmith, purchased a tract of land from Casper Ruby in Windsor Township for 41 pounds. The term blacksmith was often used to designate a person who had an active interest in an iron forge. There was at least one important forge or furnace near Peter Tritt's home and later J.Y. Slaymaker organized the Margaretta Furnace in the vicinity. It is possible that he was associated with that furnace.

Hans Peter died intestate shortly before March 5, 1768. He left his young widow (about 35 years old) and nine children, six of them minors. He was probably buried in the Dritt Graveyard on the hill behind his house, but his grave has never been found. His farm of 200 acres was inherited by his eldest son, General Jacob Dritt. In Jacob's petition to the Orphans Court, Eva was listed as unmarried and Catherine was the wife of Jacob Boyer. Elizabeth was nineteen and Paul fifteen. Peter, Barbara, Joseph and Margaret were all younger children under fourteen. Guardians were appointed for all the minor children.

What was Hans Peter Tritt's

station in life? Reason tells us he was no ordinary man. He lived through more drastic changes during his fifty-three years than most of us. He experienced life on both sides of the Atlantic in totally different worlds. His rise from a poor redemptioner to a proprietor of a two hundred acre farm and impressive residence attest to his ruggedness

and ambition. His active involvement with churches indicates he was a man of character and conviction. His children were all educated, even his daughters. They went on to become productive and prominent citizens of their time. Hans Peter Tritt is an ancestor of whom the Tritt Family has reason to be proud.



HIGHLIGHTS

FROM: THE 1987 TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH MEETING

Tritt Family Research (TFR) met on July 9-12, 1987 at the Holland Union Building of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Those in attendance at the meeting were: Jeannette Hockensmith (PA), Gladys Kramer (PA), Betty Smeltz (PA), Carol Tritt (PA), Dave and Judy Tritt (OH), Don and Marilyn Tritt (OH), Leonard and Connie Tritt (PA), Richard and Nancy Tritt (PA), Selden and Emma Tritt (PA), Wayne and Esther Tritt (PA), and Cindy and Justin Wagner (PA).

A lot of time was spent on transferring family histories onto individual family group sheets. Much progress was made in this area.

A lot of notes of gratitude for the quality and content of our annual newsletter were read and much appreciated. Letters of interest from our European relatives were also received with much interest in meeting us in their country in 1989. A letter of concern was also read and a response will be written. Thanks to all who write letters of encouragement and include donations. You don't know how much your thoughts are conveyed to all members of TFR and how much they are appreciated and received as much-needed encouragement. Keep them coming!

Extensive plans were made for the July 7-10, 1988 reunion and the June 16-30, 1989 European trip. (Please refer to other articles in this newsletter concerning these events.)

Wayne Tritt (PA), TFR's treasurer, submitted his financial report, which report is attached to the official minutes of the meeting.

Richard Tritt (PA), editor of the newsletter, gave a report on mailing the 1987 newsletter: 856 were mailed within the United States and 34 mailed to foreign countries. The total cost of printing and postage for the newsletter was \$441.09.

A Nominating Committee was established to secure officers for 1988-1990. Those selected for this Committee are: Betty Smeltz (PA), Connie Tritt (PA), Dave and Judy Tritt (OH), and Harry Tritt (PA).

Work will begin again on our attempt to obtain tax exempt status.

Those in attendance left the meeting on Sunday, July 12, 1987, at 12 noon with renewed enthusiasm for our work in tracing our family back to our early roots. This is truly an interesting project for all history enthusiasts.

Treasurer's Report

This report covers the period from January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1987. Total receipts amounted to \$1,407.20, broken down as follows:

Interest from checking acct.	\$ 58.20
Sales of Family Trees	92.00
Sales of Notepaper	24.00
Donations (see list)	563.00
Sales of Civil War Diary	195.00
Annual Meeting receipts for room/board	475.00
Miscellaneous	8.00
	<u>\$1,415.20</u>

Expenditures for the year totaled \$1,453.23. The largest outlay was for costs relating to the annual meeting. This cost amounted to \$520, of which \$475 was recovered as room and board costs to attendees. The balance is for work-room rentals. Another expense was for the printing of the William Tritt Civil War Diary. This cost, too, will be recovered as more diaries are sold. Costs relating to the newsletter amounted to \$436.78, of which \$181.49 was required for postage.

The following people contributed funds to TFR during 1987:

Margaret A. Tritt, Alexandria, Ohio
 Richard D. Tritt, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
 Gary and Janet Wegner, Kirkland, Washington
 Marge Armstrong, Bountiful, Utah
 Don and Marilyn Tritt, Granville, Ohio
 Dave and Robyn Wampler, Gardners, Pennsylvania
 Norda A. Roper, Delta, Utah
 J.S. Tritt, Galloway, Ohio
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lehman, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
 William F. Tritt, Eltoro, Georgia
 Lorene T. Wagner, Johnson City, Tennessee
 William and June Tritt, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
 Harry and Frances Tritt, Dover, Pennsylvania
 Lloyd R. Tritt, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Wayne and Esther Tritt, Carlisle, Pennsylvania
 Gladys V. Cramer, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
 Gaynel Tritt Bryan, Houston, Texas
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 Leonard and Connie Tritt, Carlisle, Pennsylvania
 Dick and Nancy Tritt, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania
 Betty and Don Smeltz, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
 Dave and Judy Tritt, Canton, Ohio
 Mary Kelso, Carlisle, Pennsylvania
 John and Mary Anne Morefield, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
 Michel Karin Tritt, Scottsdale, Arizona
 Marion and Beulah Wisniewski, North Canton, Ohio

We continue to be grateful for all friends of TFR who contribute to the effort whether it be money or time and talent. To those of you who are on the sidelines, why not join the team and experience some of the excitement of learning about your family background. A good way to begin is to come to our National Reunion in July. You just might meet some of your relatives. See you then?

-William Wayne Tritt
 Treasurer





Mail-order genealogy books are continually being marketed by a company using various

fictitious names. Beatrice Bayley, who transformed into Elizabeth Tritt Ross, may now be known as Mary Whitney. These cleverly-worded promotions are little more than a glorified general summary of how to conduct genealogical research along with a list of outdated addresses. Postal authorities are increasingly concerned that consumers are being misled. Last year, the United States Postal Service intercepted and refused to deliver mail orders for the family album promoted by Elizabeth Ross. Please be very wary of any mailings you receive claiming to be a genealogy book prepared for the Tritt Family. Tritt Family Research will publish the only authentic, reputable and complete history of the Tritt Family sometime in the 1990's.

WORLDWIDE MAILING LIST FACTS

In this issue of the newsletter, we thought you might be interested in a frequency count, by country, of those Tritt/Dritt/Tritten descendants on our current mailing list. They are as follows:

Australia....1	New Zealand.....1
Canada.....18	Switzerland.....5
England.....3	United States....815
France.....8	West Germany.....16
Israel.....1	

19,217.30
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3,043.51

FIGURES



RECIPES FOR TRITT FAMILY COOKBOOK

Chicken Casserole, submitted by Marilyn Tritt of Ohio

2 pounds chicken breasts - cook and cut into serving pieces. Cook 8 ounces of noodles in chicken broth. When noodles are almost done, drain excess broth and add one 8 ounce package of cream cheese, 1 cup sour cream, 1 small onion diced, 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 2 cans undiluted cream of mushroom soup. Then add pieces of chicken and put into an oblong 9 x 13 casserole dish. Cover with buttered crumbs and bake at 350° for 1 hour.

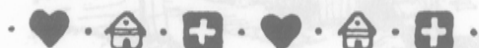
The above recipe is just one of the many tasty and tempting meals to try on your family the next time you just don't know what to cook for supper. We are looking for a lot more delicious recipes -- **YOURS** -- (and everyone has at least one favorite recipe that's always a big hit at family gatherings or church socials) -- so why not submit one to Tritt Family Research to be used in a cookbook to be published in the near future.

A GREAT IDEA -- Why not bring at least two (2) recipes along to the reunion in July -- you can leave them at the registration desk -- or, if you are unable to attend the reunion, send them to:

Mrs. Connie J. Tritt
328 Ridge Hill Road
Carlisle, PA 17013

Please be certain to attach your name and address and include a short note regarding your family.

Just think what a great book could be produced if everyone who receives this newsletter would send at least one recipe. Also, we would love to include recipes from our family and friends from around the world. I hope to hear



from you soon -- and be deluged with mail within the next few weeks. Why not send it **TODAY** while it's fresh in your mind. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

-Connie Tritt

SPECIAL NOTE - During the past year, Betty Tritt Smeltz of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania has written many letters of inquiry to relatives throughout the States. She has not received responses from many of you. She is one of the main researchers for Tritt Family Research and we would appreciate it if you would respond to her inquiries.



SECOND NATIONAL TRITT/DRITT/TRITTEN FAMILY REUNION

JULY 7 - 10, 1988

Those of us who have been working on the Tritt Family History take great pleasure in inviting all TRITT/DRITT/TRITTEN descendants and other interested persons to this family's second national reunion. The first reunion was held in 1983.

It is our goal that such a gathering be informative and an enjoyable occasion for meeting distant family members. As the tentative schedule below shows, we will have an extensive exhibit area (so bring your family items), slide and video presentations pertaining to sites important to our family history, a visit to the Tritt Family Archives, an educational seminar relevant to the inclusion of your family's genealogical information in the eventual publication, a banquet, and a day of touring surrounding sites of interest.

The scheduled dates for this reunion are Thursday evening, July 7, through Sunday morning, July 10. The reunion will be held at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, chosen because of its location in the heart of an early TRITT ancestral area in the United States, its fine air-conditioned facilities, and its good food.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, July 7, 1988

6:00 - 8:00	Evening arrival and check-in at Witmer Hall
7:00 - 10:00	Exhibit area open
	Family Line Information Exchange
	Copy Service Open
	Sale Table Open
8:00 - 9:30	Feature Film Entertainment

ANNUAL RESEARCH MEETING, JULY 6-7, 1988

Those of us who have been involved in the basic research of TRITT/DRITT/TRITTEN Family history will meet Wednesday and Thursday, July 6 and 7. A brief meeting will be conducted. Our main work will be to complete final arrangements for the National Reunion.

Those wishing to attend this research portion of the meeting are eagerly welcomed. For further details on this portion of the meeting, contact Dr. Donald G. Tritt, 4072 Goose Lane, Granville, Ohio 43034, telephone (614) 587-0213.

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Friday, July 8, 1988

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast
8:30 - 4:00 Optional Bus Tour to Gettysburg Battlefield
9:00 - 10:30 Opening Session
10:30 - 11:00 Break (Exhibit Area open)
11:00 - 12:00 Slide/Video Presentations of Switzerland and United States
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 Visit Tritt Family Archives at the Hamilton Library
2:30 - 4:00 Educational Seminar on Genealogical Record Keeping
4:00 - 6:00 Break
6:00 Group Portrait, attendees of the Second National Reunion
6:30 - 9:00 Banquet and After-Dinner Program
9:00 - 10:00 Exhibit Area open
Family Line Information Exchange
Copying Service open
Sale Table open

Saturday, July 9, 1988

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast
8:30 - 5:00 Day of Touring Surrounding Area
Tour A - York County Tritt Sites
Tour B - Hersheypark, Hershey, Pennsylvania
6:00 - 8:00 Cookout

Sunday, July 10, 1988

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30 Closing Session and Reunion Adjournment
10:30 - 12:00 Room Check out
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

NATIONAL REUNION TRIPS

Friday, July 8, 1988 -- Gettysburg Trip

This trip is for those family members not interested in attending the various meetings and workshops that are being held at Dickinson on Friday. You will return in time to prepare for the Banquet.

8:30 a.m. Leave Witwer Hall
9:45 a.m. Electric Map

10:15 a.m.

This is a 30 minute program which provides an ideal orientation to the Battle of Gettysburg.

Tour of the Battlefield

This is a 1½ to 2 hour tour by a Licensed Guide of the National Park Service. It covers 18 miles of the 16,000 acre battlefield.

12:30 p.m.

Box Lunch

Our bus will return us to the Visitors Center where you will be free after lunch to tour the Museum or do some shopping. We will prepare to leave Gettysburg by 3:00 p.m. to return to Dickinson.

This trip will only be scheduled if a minimum of 40 people submit reservations.

Cost of Trip:

\$10.00

Includes bus transportation, admission to the Electric Map, tour guide (box lunch will be provided by Dickinson).

Saturday, July 9, 1988 -- York County Trip

We will leave Witwer Hall at 8:30 a.m. for a visit to the Dritt House in Wrightsville and a tour of York County.

Following our visit to the Dritt House and Cemetery, we will have a picnic lunch along the Susquehanna River. We will then go to the City of York. Our tour will include the Bonham House, which depicts the lifestyle of a late 19th Century family. We will also visit the Golden Plough Tavern (1741) which is probably the oldest surviving structure in York, the General Gates House, and the Bobb Log House, which was built about 1811 and typifies the dwellings built by German settlers in the early 19th Century.

We will return to Dickinson for an evening cookout at 6:00 p.m.

Cost of Trip: \$17.00

Includes bus transportation and all admissions (box lunch will be provided by Dickinson).

Saturday, July 9, 1988 -- Hersheypark Trip

Individuals not wishing to participate in the tour of York County sites could spend the day at Hersheypark. Admission is approximately \$15.00. Car pools could be organized to make the 30 mile trip from Carlisle. Box lunches will be provided by Dickinson.

AN IMPORTANT SEMINAR ON FAMILY GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

At the Reunion this summer we will offer a most important seminar on how to research and prepare a FAMILY GROUP RECORD SHEET. (See example included in this newsletter.) This particular record sheet is the basic document we will draw upon for publication.

We want your family information to be included in the eventual publication. Therefore, please come and learn how to do basic research related to your own family and how to record your information on this important form.

For as many generations as possible (your grandparents, your parents, your own family and your children), gather together all your various scraps of paper you may have which give the following information:

- Birthdates and places
- Marriage dates and places
- Name and birth date of spouse (with information about his/her background)
- Children's births and places
- Death dates and places

As a result of this seminar, all the information in your various notebooks, scrapbooks and shoe boxes will become organized and accessible.



**FAMILY
GROUP
RECORD**

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To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

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THE 250TH REMIGRATION TOUR TO SWITZERLAND, GERMANY AND FRANCE

DATES: Approximately June 16-30, 1989.

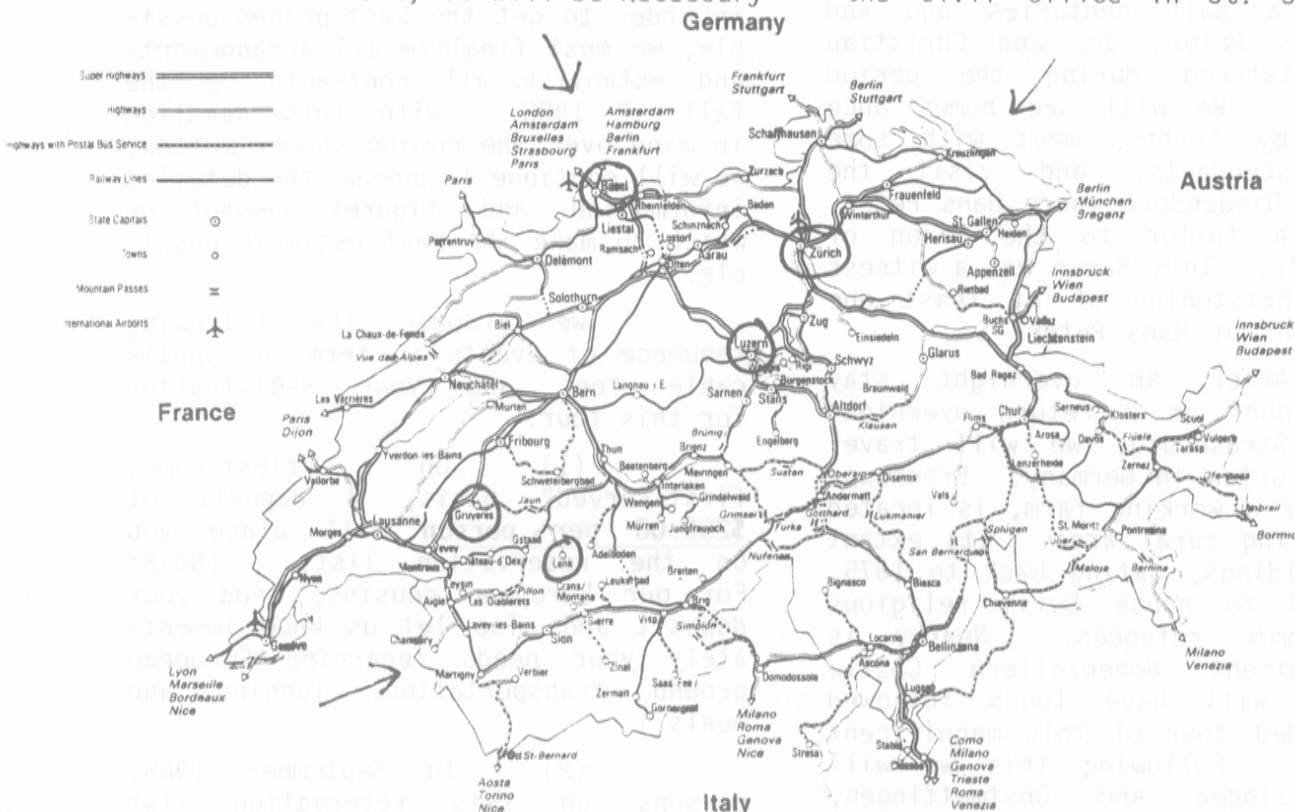
From the research that has been done, we have learned that TRITTENS/TRITTS have resided in the Obersimmental (St. Stephan and Lenk) Switzerland since record-keeping began in the 1500's. By the end of the 1600's, economic conditions prompted migrations out of this narrow valley tucked up against the high Alps. As we have reported, the earliest known immigrants to this side of the Atlantic were the brothers Hans Peter, Jr. and Christian in the year 1739. It seems befitting to commemorate the 250th anniversary of this event by retracing their earlier ancestor's migration from the Obersimmental, to a temporary refugee camp at Bromhaupten, Germany, and then to several decades of residence in Diedendorf, France.

LIMIT: Due to European bus sizes and accommodations at places we wish to visit, it will be necessary

to limit the size of the group to 50 persons. The only fair practice is to operate on a policy of "first-come, first-served" basis, i.e., early deposits will assure a spot, later deposits a place on the waiting list.

TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF EVENTS

Leave New York City in the evening and fly to Zurich arriving mid-morning, then a three-hour bus ride to Lenk. The next five days in Lenk will include activities such as: A welcoming event with music, slides, historical presentations bringing together for the first time Tritten relatives from at least five countries (Switzerland, France, Germany, New Zealand, United States), a visit to St. Stephan for a guided tour of the church of our ancestors followed by a specially designed evening worship service in English by Pastor Freiburghaus, a viewing of our earliest family records in the civil office in St. Stephan and



Lenk, a visit to a Tritten alpine farm where we will learn how cheese is made, various gentle strolls and walks around Lenk, cable and gondola rides up the nearby mountains to some of the most beautiful and panoramic views in Switzerland, alpine walking and hiking from these higher elevations, optional rainy-day excursions to Gruyere with visits to its medieval castle, a chocolate factory, and a cheese-making factory, walks to areas and houses where Trittens have resided, a visit to a Simmental cattle and horse breeding farms. After leaving Lenk, we will take a bus north to Basel where we will board a boat and float north on the Rhine (as likely did our ancestors) to Strasbourg where we will stay overnight (with enough time to visit a most beautiful and historic cathedral in this town). On Saturday, we will travel to Diedendorf, France (a village of 300-400) and meet with Lilly Lichty, the area historian. While there, we will tour farms worked by our ancestors, visit the church and perhaps participate in a service in what may be the very same sanctuary where our ancestors worshiped over two and a half centuries ago and where Hans Peter, Jr. and Christian were christened during the period 1715-1719. We will see homes once occupied by Tritts, meet with some Tritt descendants, and visit the castle of Diedendorf where Hans Peter, Sr. was a tailor to the Baron of this castle. This Baron was a witness to the christening of at least one of the sons of Hans Peter, Sr.

After an overnight stay in Diedendorf or a return overnight stay in Strasbourg, we will travel to Bronnhaupten in Germany. Bronnhaupten, today a working farm, is located in a rolling rural area. Its extant brick buildings, dating back to 1675, were used to house Swiss religious and economic refugees. Nearby is the prominent Hohenzollern Castle where we will have lunch followed by a guided tour of this magnificent structure. Following this we will visit Erzingen and Onstmettingen,

towns where other Tritts migrated to south of Stuttgart. Likely we will stay overnight in Balingen.

After leaving Balingen, we will drive south toward Switzerland. On the way, we hope to stop at some "factory-outlet" stores (thanks to the special knowledge of Graham and Monika Tritt of Bern, Switzerland). Upon our return to Switzerland, we hope to visit a few classic tourist sites, e.g., from Alpnachstad, a cog railway up to the top of the Pilatus where you can see all over Central Switzerland. From here you can descend to Lucerne and do some shopping with a return boat ride to Alpnachstad.

At the end of our trip, we will set aside enough time to have a full day of shopping/resting/packing in Zurich before a return flight to New York.

COST: With the fluctuating value of the U.S. dollar against most world currencies, a price is nearly impossible to set at this time. From all the planning we have done to this point, it is clear that in order to get the best prices possible, we must finalize all arrangements and establish all contracts by the fall of 1988. With this deadline in mind over the coming summer months, we will continue to pursue the detailed information and figures needed on which to make the best estimate possible.

We propose the following sequence of events in terms of applicable fees and your registration for this tour:

(1) On a "first-come, first-served" basis, a deposit of \$250.00 per person will place you on the reservation list. (NOTE: For our European cousins, send your deposit and also let us know immediately your needs regarding European ground transportation, lodging and meals.)

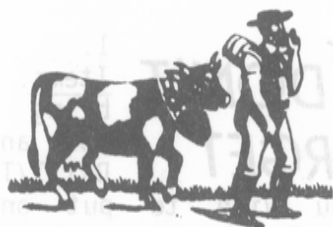
(2) In September 1988, persons on this reservation list

will be sent an update regarding the cost of the tour. At this point, you can determine if the cost remains within your budget. If not, notify us immediately and your deposit will be returned to you. A schedule of payments will be included with the September update mailing.

Please make your check payable to: "Tritt Family Tour - Escrow Account" and send to:

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

Telephone: (614) 587-0213



VISITING EUROPE IN 1989?

by
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(Editor's Note: This is the first article by a family member beyond the shores of the USA and we are grateful to Graham and his wife, Monika. We earnestly invite contributions from other family members from around the world.)

Are you thinking of visiting Europe in 1989 and staying after the tour? It's never too early to save and to prepare! A trip to Europe may be just a vague possibility in your mind right now, but if you think well ahead, you can make it a practical exciting and worthwhile holiday.

These comments are for those who might make a longer holiday than the organized group. Take a look at "Europe on \$10 a day" (perhaps it's \$20 now). The Eurail rail pass is a bargain; and you can also find bus and even camping tours. The budget-conscious of all ages are welcome in Youth Hostels, some of

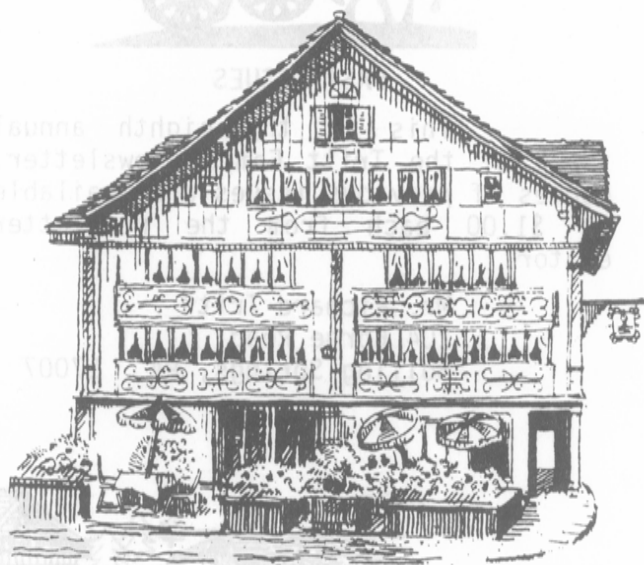
which are almost two-star hotels, but there are no Y's. The friendliest stays are pensions (or "home stays" in some countries) and generally cheaper than hotels.

Get out your atlases and old geography and history books, and think about where you'd like to go. Ten countries in eight days is too fast to get much value! If you have interests in art, history, architecture, music, or whatever, you can adapt any trip to suit. Everything is very compressed in space here - a distance of a hundred miles may take you through four countries and three languages.

Plan early, too, to find out something about the languages and customs of the countries where you'll be spending time. Being able to read some French or German will make you feel good! Starting soon, you could complete a course in language, art or history before you go.

I (or Monika) will answer questions if you write to us. Our address is:

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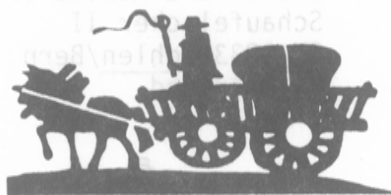


IN SEARCH OF : A VIDEO PHOTOGRAPHER

We are very much in need of a volunteer, a family member, who would be able to make a video record of the Second National Reunion this summer in Carlisle. We welcome an offer of your talent as an important contribution to this Reunion. In the likelihood more than one offer is made, we will bring together, on Thursday evening, those who would be willing to do this and work out a mutual plan to cover the three days of the meeting.

Tritt Family Research would be willing to provide the film for such an effort. Following the filming, these could be edited and then made available on a cost basis.

Of equal need is someone who could make a video record of the 250th Remigration Tour in Europe in 1989. How great it would be to have a record of an event such as this!



PAST ISSUES

This is the eighth annual issue of the Tritt Family Newsletter. Copies of previous issues are available at \$1.00 each from the newsletter editor:

Mr. Richard Tritt
204 Forge Road
Boiling Springs, PA 17007



REGISTRATION FOR NATIONAL REUNION 1988

To assure your reservations, complete the form on Page 15 and send a deposit in the amount of \$100.00 no later than June 15, 1988. Please make out your check to "Tritt Family Research" and send it to the following address:

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

Telephone: (614) 587-0213

The balance will be due at the time of check-in at Dickinson on Thursday, July 7. Check-in will be at Witwer Hall on the Dickinson Campus.



DON'T FORGET

1. Display Items. Please bring with you any TRITT/DRITT/TRITTEN items you wish to put on display during the Reunion.

2. Your Family Genealogical Information. Please bring with you names and dates for members of your family. These will be used in the Seminar discussed on Page 9 of this newsletter.

3. Recipes. Please bring with you at least two of your favorite recipes. (See the article on Page 6 of this newsletter.)

We all look forward to seeing you in Carlisle this summer. Please remember the reservation deadline of June 15, 1988.

REGISTRATION FORM
TRITT/DRITT/TRITTEN
SECOND NATIONAL FAMILY REUNION
JULY 7 - 10, 1988
DICKINSON COLLEGE
CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Housing/Meals Packages

	<u>Prices per Person</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. <u>Full Package</u> Includes 3 nights lodging plus 8 meals (Friday breakfast, lunch and banquet. Saturday breakfast, box lunch and cookout. Sunday breakfast and lunch) and use of meeting and recreational facilities of the College.			
Single:	\$125.00	_____	_____
Double:	\$115.00	_____	_____
B. <u>Local Commuter Package</u> Includes 5 meals (Friday lunch and banquet. Saturday box lunch and cookout. Sunday lunch.), and use of meeting facilities of the College.	\$ 45.00	_____	_____
C. <u>Banquet Only</u> For one meal, the Friday evening banquet and program.	\$ 12.50	_____	_____

TOUR PACKAGES

D. Friday Gettysburg Battlefield Trip	\$ 10.00	_____	_____
E. Saturday York County Tritt Sites Trip	\$ 17.00	_____	_____
F. Hersheypark Trip	\$ 15.00	_____	_____
	TOTAL	_____	_____

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PRE- AND POST-REUNION TRANSPORTATION FROM THE HARRISBURG AIRPORT AND RETURN

If you are flying and need transportation from Harrisburg to Carlisle, please indicate here the number of persons: _____. As soon as you know details of your arrival and departure, please notify Wm. Wayne Tritt, 24 Old Stone House Road, Carlisle, PA 17013, telephone (717) 766-7397.

Disability

Our lodging at Dickinson will be in a two-story structure. Please indicate here if you have any disability which would make use of the second floor difficult for you.

