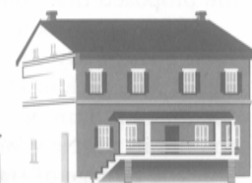




TRITT

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

With pertinence to the following known name variations — Tritten, Dritt, Trait, Trate



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*Tritt
Family
Trip*

to

EUROPE

and

*Third
International
Reunion*



*Lenk,
Switzerland*



Our Swiss cousins represented by WALTER and MARGRIT TRITTEN (Lenk), JAKOB, LYDIA and TONI TRITTEN (Zweisimmen) and KURT and FRANCES TRITTEN (Vich) have graciously volunteered to coordinate planning for the next worldwide reunion of TRITTEN-TRITT-DRITT-TRAIT.

In a pattern somewhat different than previous visits to Switzerland, members have expressed a preference for residing in LENK and from this base experiencing daily life and exploring places in the OBERSIMMENTAL region. Toward this plan we have contracted to lease, for a two week period, chalet apartments located



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TRITT *Family History*

A Progress Report

by Richard L. Tritt

Various individuals throughout the country have been working on Volume I of TRITT FAMILY HISTORY. A great deal of progress was made during the October 21-22, 1995 meeting at Carlisle. Drafts of the various articles were read aloud by authors and were critiqued by the larger group. The contents of the book were solidified and standardization of documentation was realized. Rewritten papers were critically reviewed again at an editorial meeting held at Carlisle on March 14-17, 1996. A final review of materials will be conducted in conjunction with the annual meeting of TFR next August.

The writing of TRITT FAMILY HISTORY is an immense task. It involves the efforts of individuals throughout the United States, including California, Utah, Ohio, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Coordinating the efforts of this group is complicated by the distance between authors and the difficulty and individual expenses of meeting together.

In spite of the obstacles, TFR has amassed an immense amount of material about the Tritt Family and is well on its way toward publication of Volume I of TRITT

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FAMILY HISTORY. A short description of the proposed first volume follows.

After an introduction written by Harold Hegyessy, Jr., the book begins with a flashback of Hans Peter Tritt to his childhood in Europe, and his voyage to and life in the New World.

The lineage of Hans Peter and his brother Christian is then traced five generations from 1562 up to their life in Diedendorf, Alsace. Then their voyage to America and arrival in Philadelphia is described. This is followed by an account of the lives of the two brothers in America as well as a biography of each of their children. Vital statistics of the second American generation of the family are also given. This generation will be the starting point for Volume II. Pedigree charts for all generations covered in the book will follow the written narratives.

Also included in Volume I will be detailed articles about places in Europe and America important to the Tritt Family story, such as the churches in Saint Stephan and Lenk, the village of Diedendorf, and the Dritt Mansion in York County.

The unraveling of the Tritt Family story has been the result of many years of research on the part of many dedicated people. The story of this quest, the individuals involved, and the role of Tritt Family Research will conclude the volume.



Margrit, Jakob, and Toni Tritten

on a scenic hillside just 350 yards from the centrally situated train station. From here people can choose to leisurely wander in LENK and the surrounding area and take mountain walks from the top of the many lifts out of LENK. In addition to allowing ample time to experience life in our ancestral valley, we have planned for a program of five optional day-long excursions to nearby places of interest. Other components of our stay in LENK will be two escorted mountain walks, the first Saturday and Sunday weekend will be for events of the THIRD INTERNATIONAL REUNION and several free days will be available to plan as persons wish.

With the dollar so low in Europe and especially in Switzerland, one concern has been to consider ways to keep the cost as low as possible. One way to do this is to reduce the cost of meals. Each of the chalet apartments will have kitchenettes which will permit persons to prepare their own meals. After some early lessons in how to grocery shop in LENK, we should do quite well and learn something about local customs. For those who may want to take meals in LENK, numerous restaurants are available.

ESTIMATED COST

With the dollar fluctuating so much, it is impossible, this far in advance, to establish a fixed price. However, depending on the size of the eventual group, we estimate the cost to be between \$2,200 and \$2,500 per person. This figure includes round trip flight, lease of chalet apartments, ground transportation and five day-long excursions.

PLAN

(Subject to change)

JUNE 17 - Early evening departure from USA, overnight flight to Geneva.

June 18 - Mid-morning arrival in Geneva, two hour ride to Lenk in private motor coach owned by Jakob Tritten. Settle into our apartments. Take some time to rest from jet lag. Visit with Tritten families. Tour of Lenk shops, groceries, restaurants, etc.

JUNE 19 - Leisurely walk around Lenk. From our cousins, have instruction about grocery shopping, restaurant use, use of the aerial lifts out of Lenk, use of the Swiss railway system, learn about access to the hot mineral springs - and even learn use of the European bathroom (sometimes a humorous quandary) and how to use knife and fork, European style. Help set

up for the reunion gathering to be held on Saturday and Sunday.

JUNE 20 - Day trip motor coach to Brienz located on a beautiful lake in central Switzerland. Brienz is the woodcarving capitol of Switzerland and its fine shops provide ample selection and good prices. Also a visit to Ballenberg, an open-air, living museum with demonstrations and crafts of every sort from days past. On a magnificent natural site of 200 acres, almost 70 buildings were collected from every canton of Switzerland and reconstructed in this scenic setting above Lake Brienz. The museum buildings are surrounded by historical farmer's gardens, meadows and fields containing flowers, herbs, vegetables, grasses and fruit trees typical of the region. Ballenberg is one of the country's most popular sites.

JUNE 21 & 22 - Family reunion activities, e.g., sign-ins, introductions, welcoming event, presentations of family information (papers, films, history, legends), a walk together in the mountains, a visit and service at our ancestral church in St. Stephan, a viewing of early records, musical programs of the Obersimmental, informational programs about Lenk, St. Stephan and the Obersimmental.

JUNE 23 - Free day. Many interesting individual choices are available. A guided walking tour, the "Obersimmentaler Hausweg" (house path) marks and describes classic homes of this valley going back to the 16th Century. A funicular ascent up the Niesen at the northern end of the Simmental provides a beautiful panoramic view of this part of Switzerland. People might want to visit nearby castles in Spiez and Thun. In the early evening, we might attend a narrated slide show depicting the flora and fauna of the Obersimmental.

JUNE 24 - A walk in the nearby mountains guided by our Tritten cousins.

JUNE 25 - Day trip. Motor coach to Bern, the capitol of Switzerland. Here we will have a presentation, in English, about the governance of Switzerland, and a guided tour of the federal buildings. Later, a trip to the bear pits, then an opportunity to shop in the long arcades, followed by lunch at a nearby country restaurant. After lunch, a tour of the Tobler Chocolate Factory in Bern.

JUNE 26 - Free day.

TRITT Family Trip to Europe

JUNE 27 - Day trip. Motor coach to the Emmental, one of the prime cheese-producing areas of Switzerland and then a visit to the Kornhaus Museum in Bruggdorf featuring fine old furniture, Emmental costumes, porcelain and a collection of early musical instruments. Later, a visit to the Langenthal factory outlet store where prices are reasonable for this the best of Swiss porcelain ware.

JUNE 28 - Day trip. Motor coach to Gstaad to catch the Crystal Panoramic Express train to Montreux and a short tour of the city and the Castle of Chillon (made

famous by Byron's poem "The Prisoner of Chillon"). Later, a visit to the Aigle Castle where we can learn about wine making. Return to Lenk via the Col de Pillon Pass.

JUNE 29 - Free day.

June 30 - Day trip. Motor coach to Meiringen and over the Susten Pass to Wasen, then on to Altdorf, the center of Wilhelm Tell country. Here we can see the Tell statue on the town square and then visit the Tell Museum in Burglen and view a slide show of the legendary story of Wilhelm Tell and his part in founding

Switzerland in 1291. Lunch at Hotel Burg in Attinghausen and have fried chicken, Swiss style. Later, visit the National Archives in Schwyz and then a stop at the Victorinox factory outlet store. Here we can shop its famous line of "Swiss Army" knives plus a wide range of quality cutlery. After our return to Lenk and following the supper hour, we will have a departure party.

JULY 1 - In the morning, depart Lenk by motor coach for our return to the Geneva airport. Flight to the U.S. arriving about mid-afternoon.

CHALET APARTMENTS

Our chalet apartments will be located in one building and are situated about a ten minute walk to the center of Lenk. Each apartment has a kitchen, bathroom with a shower, a sitting room, porch and two or three bedrooms. Each bedroom contains two twin single beds.

PRICE

(Figures given below are our best estimate this far in advance.)

Price Includes

Round trip flight from the New York City area to Geneva; all European ground transportation by private deluxe motor coach; lease of chalet apartments for thirteen (13) nights, double occupancy; five (5) escorted day excursions; all required taxes, apartment service charges, tips and gratuities; baggage handling throughout; all required entrance and admission fees.

Price Does Not Include

Passport fees; excess baggage; donations and contributions; laundry services; telephone; personal excursions; meals.

Price Per Person

To secure the most favorable prices for flights and chalet rentals, reservations need to be made by January 15, 1997. Our best estimate of the inclusive cost of this family trip and schedule of payment is, as follows:

If Half Paid By	And Remainder By	Discount Of	Inclusive Price
January 15 (\$1,100)	April 15 (\$1,100)	\$300	\$2,200.00
February 15 (\$1,150)	April 15 (\$1,150)	\$200	\$2,300.00
March 15 (\$1,200)	April 15 (\$1,200)	\$100	\$2,400.00
After March 15 (\$1,250)	April 15 (\$1,250)	\$-0-	\$2,500.00

OPTIONAL ADD-ON COSTS

1) Single Accommodation. As described above, lodging will be double occupancy to a bedroom, i.e., two twin beds. Should you desire a single room, the additional charge for this will be **\$300.00**.

2) Alternate Return Date. Some may wish to stay in Europe longer and return at a date later than July 1. With this in mind, we will arrange for an alternate return date of July 8. The per-person add-on cost for this option will be **\$100.00**.

CANCELLATION SCHEDULE AND REBATES

By Date	Percent Rebate
Up to 90 days prior to departure (March 16)	100
Up to 60 days prior to departure (April 16)	80
Up to 30 days prior to departure (May 16)	60
Up to 21 days prior to departure (May 26)	50
After 21 days prior to departure (May 27)	0



Swiss children with Bernese Mountain Dogs

OTHER ADVANCE PLANNING INFORMATION

Beginning in February 1997, full detailed information, lists, etc., will be sent to those with reservations. However, for now you need to know the following:

1) **Passport.** You will need a valid United States passport. Depending on when the government returns to full business, the securing of a passport could take several months.

2) **Baggage.** Each person will be permitted two (2) pieces of checked baggage not to exceed 70 pounds per bag. Dimension requirements are that the length plus the height not exceed a sum of 62 inches. In addition, you will be permitted one (1) carry-on bag not to exceed 40 pounds and it must be less than 45 inches in length plus height.

3) **Clothing.** Take a lightweight wind breaker and a lightweight sweater.

Conservative colored clothes are best. As it can be cool, long-sleeved shirts and long pants are best rather than t-shirts and shorts. In all clothing, "wrinkle-proof" hand washable items are best. Bring a good pair of walking shoes. For rain, bring a poncho (for walking) and a small fold-up umbrella (for excursions, shopping, etc.). A small shoulder bag for both men and women can be very useful.

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Family Trip

REGISTRATION FORM

DEPOSIT

To assure my registration, my deposit of \$250 per person is included with the return of this form.

PRICE

I understand if half of the cost (minus my deposit) is paid in keeping with the schedule below and the remainder by April 15, 1997, the inclusive trip cost will be, as follows:

If Half Paid By	And Remainder By	Discount Of	Inclusive Price
January 15 (\$1,100)	April 15 (\$1,100)	\$300	\$2,200.00
February 15 (\$1,150)	April 15 (\$1,150)	\$200	\$2,300.00
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OPTIONAL ADD-ON COSTS PER PERSON (Please check those that apply)

_____ (\$300.00) - I/we wish to have single accommodations.

_____ (\$100.00) - I/we wish to return to the U.S. on the alternate date of July 8.

Names: _____

Addresses: _____

Telephone: _____

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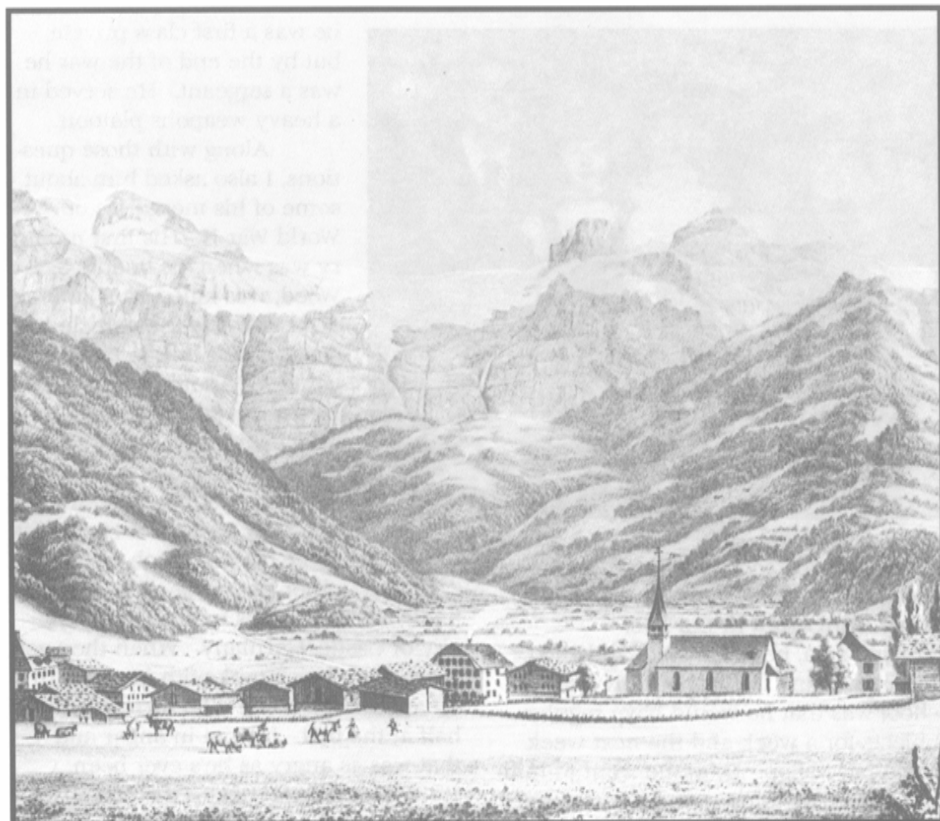
Please make your check payable to:

"1997 Tritt Family Tour - Escrow Account"
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Donald G. Tritt
4072 Goose Lane S.W.
Granville, OH 43023-9670
(Telephone: 614-587-0213)

*Lenk, Switzerland*

21-22 June 1997

*Early view of Lenk*

We invite cousins from around the world to come to Lenk in 1997 for the Third International Reunion of TRITTEN-TRITT-DRITT-TRAIT. This gathering will be held on Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, June 22, 1997. We look forward to this as a time to renew acquaintances from our last reunion in 1993, to meet new cousins, to gather and exchange family genealogical information, to present information to the family via historical papers, films and the display of family pictures and artifacts, to recount family legends, perhaps to take a walk on the Rawyl Pass (an ancient path likely our ancestors used for trade across the Alps since as early as the bronze age), to take photographs and exchange names, to conduct a business meeting and develop future plans. We hope you will plan a trip to Lenk in 1997. For details, we suggest our European cousins contact:

Frau. Margrit Tritten-Stauffer
Rawyl Garage
CH-3775 Lenk/Bern
Switzerland

Telephone: 030/3 10 59 (Office)
030/3 17 27 (Home)

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The publication of the TRITT FAMILY HISTORY will be a very costly venture. In order to provide all family members an opportunity to participate in this project in a manner other than research and writing, the first volume will be partially supported by Patron Donors. These donors will receive a deluxe bound limited edition volume, numbered and signed by the authors. The patrons will be recognized in the book.

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If you are interested in assisting with the financial support of this project, please complete the enclosed form and your check made payable to TFR Book Fund. Mail to W. Wayne Tritt, 24 Old Stone House Road-North, Carlisle, PA 17013-9773.

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My Grandfather

by Andrew Tritt, Mechanicsburg, PA

I was recently required to do a school project that involved interviewing a grandparent. For the project, I had to look at my grandparent's life and see how it has affected my life. I chose my grandpa, Wayne Tritt, as the person to be interviewed. He is someone very close to me. In this article, I will tell some of the answers he gave to my questions about his life.

During the first part of the interview, I asked him about his early life, such as parents and goals. While he was being raised, he was taught the importance of integrity, being true to yourself and your friends, and honesty. He also learned hard work. His parents ran a grocery store from about 1930 to 1968. He and his siblings were expected to help at the store which meant working from 6:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. He loved working with his hands, though. One of his goals was to become a carpenter. He would put things together around the house. One of these was a door sill. He also learned some hard lessons which made him determined to be a better father to his children. One time his father told him that if he would paint the front of the house, he would get paid. He never did get paid. It wasn't that his father didn't pay him, but that his father hadn't kept his word. My grandpa learned a lot of important things during his early life.

After this, I asked him about his



The W. Wayne Tritt Family

schooling. Both elementary and high school were spent in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, between 1928 and 1940. One interesting thing about his high school was that he would have regular subjects for a week and the next week would have shop. Later, he went to military college for nine months before he was called to Europe. He was lucky he was moved because he was failing.

Next came his military career. He was drafted into the Air Force and was sent to St. Petersburg, Florida, for basic training. After this, he was sent to the Citadel and then Queens College, New York. From there he went to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, which was an infantry camp. He eventually ended up in Europe where he stayed for the rest of the war. When he was sent to Europe,

he was a first class private, but by the end of the war he was a sergeant. He served in a heavy weapons platoon.

Along with those questions, I also asked him about some of his memories of World War II. His first memory was when his buddy, Sgt. Wood, was killed by a land mine because the vehicle he was walking beside had triggered it. Another time, his group was standing on a bridge and they heard a vehicle coming. They were told to put one bullet in their guns and they all shot at it when it came close enough. One other time, was when they

had walked 27 miles in one day to the city of Castle, Germany. When they got there, they saw a tank with its top torn off and beside it was a GI torn cleanly in half at the belt. He ran in anger and that was as angry as he's ever been.

When he got back to the States, he began raising his own family. He and Esther, my grandmother, have three children, two boys and a girl. He taught his children many of the things that he was taught. He also expressed his hatred toward war. After being through World War II, he had really learned that war is hell. He was also a disciplinarian. He was often criticized for how he disciplined his children, but he did what he believed was right.

One thing that came up many times throughout the interview was his belief in the importance of family. He says that the family is the basic unit of society and it should be strong. He also thinks that at least one parent should be at home with the children during the day so they aren't left alone. He has done a lot of work to keep our family strong. Every year he promotes our family reunions. He also keeps close ties with many of our family members, including us.

So as you can see, my grandfather has had a very busy life. He is a wonderful person. He loves us all very much and I love him. I am glad that I have him for a grandfather because of all that he has done in my life.



Write the Story of an Ancestor

We envision the eventual publication of TRITT FAMILY HISTORY as containing a variety of historical and narrative sections presenting the TRITT-TRITTEN-DRITT-TRAIT-TRATE story.

One important section will be organized to present the story of specific persons and their descendants to the current day. This means YOU, who know these person-related stories best, can write and supply an account of a particular person and his/her descendants. Furthermore, should the needed Family Group Record Sheets be present in our computer file, we will work with you to embellish the account of your beginning person by displaying a backward ancestral chart from as early a date as possible. Send your accounts to Donald G. Tritt, President, Tritt Family Research, 4072 Goose Lane S.W., Granville, Ohio 43023-9670.



In Memoriam

by Nancy S. Tritt, Boiling Springs, PA

On July 22, 1995, Marilyn Cramer Tritt died after a lengthy battle with cancer. Marilyn is the wife of Donald Tritt, President of Tritt Family Research. For those of us who knew Marilyn, and worked with her, she was a true example of inspiration and courage. Her illness never kept her from doing most of the things that she wanted to do.

When Tritt Family Research first organized, Marilyn was instrumental with ideas and key suggestions to help the organization be effective in meeting its goals. She was in attendance at all meetings, working behind the scenes to provide structure and leadership. Many times the annual meetings were hosted by Marilyn and Don in their home (including all the delicious food that she prepared).

The trips to Switzerland in 1989 and 1993 were a huge success due to Marilyn's efforts, input and participation. She was instrumental in keeping the clan organized, prompt and always on time for departures. The special times walking with her in the great and beautiful Swiss mountains will be treasured forever. Nothing, not even her illness, kept her from giv-



Nancy, Judy, and Marilyn Tritt on a mountain walk near Lenk.

ing and receiving the most from these two trips

Marilyn retired in 1994 from her position as Dean of Academic Affairs at Central Ohio Technical School in Newark. She had been a member of the faculty there since 1972. Since she received her

degree in nursing in 1958, she was very active in many nursing organizations throughout her lifetime.

Don and Marilyn are the parents of three adult children, Barbara, Stephen and Jeffrey. They also have four grandchildren. Marilyn's family was always her number one priority.

A memorial service was held for Marilyn on July 29, 1995, at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Granville, Ohio. It was an inspirational and loving service. The church was filled with Marilyn's co-workers, friends and family. In the front of the church stood a huge beautiful grapevine wreath covered with wild flowers with the message "We will miss you - your European cousins and friends." We will miss you too and we are so thankful that you shared such a large part of your life and love with us.



Tritten Visit

by Harold Hegyessy, Jr.

Those on the Tritt Family Research trip of June 1993 may recall a very pleasant and likeable Swiss couple, Susan and Walter Tritten of Heimberg, Canton Bern. They were also with the group on their visit to picturesque Grindewald above the Lake of Thun in the shadow of the Jungfrau.

Harold and Phyllis Hegyessy of Pleasant Grove, Utah, had the pleasure of their company at their home in June 1995, during the Tritten's month-long trip to the Western United States. During this visit they were taken by Col. Hegyessy to see the U.S. Air Force Museum at Hill Air Force Base where they saw the fastest airplane in the world, more than a hundred current and vintage USAF airplanes and missiles, plus Harold's rugged old B-17 Bomber of World War II and his B-29 Bomber of the Korean War. They bought USAF flight caps, patches, and other memorabilia.

They visited the huge, half-mile deep open-pit Bingham Copper Mine. Their visit to Salt Lake City included a luncheon at the lofty, open-air restaurant atop the Joseph Smith Memorial Building with a view of Temple Square. They later toured the Mormon Tabernacle where the famous choir sings and the temple grounds where they had a German-speaking guide

all to themselves. Other tourist attractions were visited including a trip to the shores of the Great Salt Lake and the Snow Bird Ski Resort where they saw U.S. skiers in action.

Perhaps the most pleasant trip was to the Switzerland of the United States, the beautiful, green Wasatch Valley where the village of Midway nestles at the foot of the great Mt. Timpanogas. Midway was settled by Swiss converts to the LDS Church over a hundred years ago. Walter had a ball with his video camera taking pictures of all the Swiss Cantonal Coats of Arms arrayed around the eaves of the town hall and the animated Swiss Bell Tower reminiscent of the great one at the city of Bern. This was followed by a very pleasant luncheon at the Homestead Resort and a hike up the adjoining but dormant small volcano which supplies hot water to the Homestead swimming pools.

We reluctantly bid farewell as they departed for Jackson Hole Wyoming, the Teton Mountains, Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota, and finally Denver for their departure for Switzerland. They are looking forward to the Worldwide Tritt/Tritten Family Reunion to be held in June 1997 to be hosted by the European Trittens. Plan to go; it will be the trip of a lifetime.



FAMILY GROUP RECORD SHEETS

If you want information regarding yourself and your family included in the eventual publication of TRITT FAMILY HISTORY, we ask that you complete a series of Family Group Record Sheets. This sheet is the standard form for the initial recording of all genealogical information. For your use, we have included a copy of this form in this issue of the newsletter. Since you will probably need several such sheets, you might copy the one included here. One sheet is to be completed for each family, i.e., each marriage unit. If there is a second marriage, then a second sheet is to be completed.

Ordinarily, three completed Family Group Record Sheets, one each for (a) you (and all your children), (b) your parents (and all their children), and (c) your Tritt grandparents (and all their children) in combination with our own considerable collection of pre-20th century sheets could result in the delineation of your own multi-generational pedigree chart, perhaps as far back as the 1500s. Should you be able to provide an additional sheet containing information about your Tritt great-grandparents (and all their children), the likelihood is increased of being able to provide you with such a lengthy pedigree chart. Without these sheets, the linkages cannot be made and information is not readily available for future generations.

In listing all dates, please be sure to use the convention of day/month (in words)/full year, e.g., 18 July 1876. In addition, please be sure to give maiden names of all females. Both of these practices help to eliminate many errors. Send your completed Family Group Record Sheets to Donald G. Tritt, President, Tritt Family Research, 4072 Goose Lane S.W., Granville, Ohio 43023-9670.



1995 Visit of Cousins from Europe

We are very sorry to inform you that the 1995 visit of our European cousins to the United States was cancelled due to a lack of participants. The trip was planned by Jakob Tritten in Switzerland and was intended for all Tritten related Europeans. The itinerary included visits to Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oklahoma, Utah, and California. We hope that perhaps another trip can be organized in the future.



Pascal Tritten from Lenk, Switzerland

From early October to late December 1995, PASCAL TRITTEN, son of WALTER and MARGRIT TRITTEN of LENK, SWITZERLAND, was in Boston, MA on a program to enhance his spoken English. For a long weekend, he flew to Granville, OH to visit with Donald Tritt and his family.

CORRECTION

On Page 2 of our last newsletter (Issue 15) in the first paragraph, the date should be 1846. We apologize for this error.

**FAMILY
GROUP
RECORD**

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

HUSBAND

Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Marr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 HUSBAND'S
 FATHER _____
 MOTHER _____
 OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE

Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 WIFE'S
 FATHER _____
 MOTHER _____
 OTHER WIVES _____

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES



Regional Tritt Family Reunions

1. A regional **Tritt Family Reunion** is held each year on the last Saturday in July at Lake Winfield Scott in Suches, Georgia (located between Dahlonega and Blausville, Georgia). In 1996, the date for this reunion will be Saturday, July 27. A covered dish lunch will be at 12:00 noon and you are asked to come early for announcements. For detailed information, contact: Preston, Linda or Melissa Tritt, 275 Lewis Way, Canton, GA 30115; telephone 404-479-1087 or 404-924-2165.

2. **Descendants of Edward P. Tritt and wife, Bertie Shenk Tritt**, will meet Sunday, June 30, 1996, at Shaffer Park, Carlisle, PA. Bring a cold and hot dish and join us for the 1:00 P.M. picnic. Questions? Call W. Wayne Tritt at 717-766-7397.

3. **Descendants of the William P. Bishop and wife, Florence Tritt Bishop**, family will meet Sunday, September 8, 1996, at the home of Credie and Maxine Windemaker, 355 Rich Valley Road, Carlisle, PA. Call 717-766-4900 for more information.

4. **Annual Trait reunion** will be held at Morgantown, Berks County, PA on Sunday, August 18, 1996. For details contact Ernie and Doris Trait, Long Beach, CA, telephone 310-431-7074.

If you would like to list your family reunion for 1997 in our next newsletter, send us the information before September 30, 1996.



Along the Research Trail

by Dave and Judy Tritt
Canton, OH

Retirement - a word that can bring to mind both fun and fear. Finally, after years of planning trips on his "days off," we are able to pick up the car keys and drive to work at a library or courthouse; read about an interesting topic at a seminar; and attend, or just play at the computer entering data that will eventually be a part of the Tritt Family History. Another valuable learning experience has been to take part in the Civil War Soldiers System. This is a project of the Federation of Genealogical Societies in cooperation with the National Park Service to convert historical data pertaining to Civil War participants to machine readable form through a

data entry program. The data being entered is the General Index to both the Union and Confederate Compiled Military records. The little card contains such information as the name, rank and unit of service. Other data will be added later by the Park Service and when completed, will be available for use at their historical Civil War sites. Dave and I have so far entered 15,000 names toward the entry of Ohioans. We keep our large magnifying glass ever at the ready! So far, the fear of retirement seems to be not having enough time to accomplish all that the choices allow. To be continued.....

Warning - Once Again!!

In September 1995, we received another solicitation from the same group we warned you about in Issues 13 and 14 of the Tritt Family Newsletter. An organization calling itself "The Family News" of Midvale, Utah offers 76 pages for \$19.85 they label "The Best!! of the Tritt Family News." We have reviewed this material and can say that it contains nothing of any substance in accounting for Tritt Family history.

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So that information about Tritt Family Research, and more importantly the information contained in our annual newsletters is more readily available, copies of all fifteen issues of our newsletter have been sent to six selected libraries. They are:

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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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It is our hope that these publications will be a vital tool for the various libraries to use as they assist people who are researching the Tritt family name.



16th Century Research Project Report (and Appeal!)

We are pleased to report as of December 1995, approximately \$2,000 had been contributed to this specialized research fund. Although this amount falls below our projected need of \$4,000, it was decided at the 1995 summer meeting of TFR to begin use of the contributions on hand. To fully fund this project, we greatly welcome your contributions.

To remind our readers, pre-1600 source records are obscure, undindexed and quite difficult to read not only because of differing language

usage but also because of the archaic handwriting styles. Research into these kinds of records requires very specialized skills. We have been fortunate in identifying Mr. John Huppi, a young scholar/researcher now living in Thun, Switzerland, but who grew up in the U.S.A. In mid-December, Donald met with John Huppi and gave him authorization to begin work on topics prioritized by TFR. Given Mr. Huppi's heavy research schedule, he will begin work on our project in the summer of

1996. We judge his fee of 40 Swiss francs per hour to be reasonable and appropriate. As instructed, Mr. Huppi will continue with our research until our current available pool of \$2,000 is exhausted.

Following is a summary of research projects given Mr. Huppi. Research on these topics is essential to complete the early story of Tritten-Tritt emigration and to extend Tritt Family history back to the 1500s, even the 1400s.

- 1) Departure of FRIEDRICH TRITTEN (B: 23 April 1654, St. Stephan) from the Obersimmental, likely during the period 1690-1707. (Search of parish records in Lenk and St. Stephan; search of the Abzug and Manumission departure tax records in the Bern Staatsarchiv.)
- 2) Search of Bern Staatsarchiv probate, tax and notarial records for:
 - a) Friedrich Tritten (B: 23 April 1654) (Wife: Christina Grunenwald, B: 9 Dec 1655)
 - b) His father, Jacob Tritten (B: 18 March 1621) (Wife: Maria Zitz/Zyss/Zeyts, B: Abt. 1625)
 - c) His father, Christian Tritten (B: Abt. 1588) (Wife: Christina Trachsel/Drachsel, B: Abt. 1592)
 - d) His father, Jacob Tritten (B: Abt. 1562) (Wife: Anna Trachsel/Drachsel, B: Abt. 1566)
- 3) Were Friedrich Tritten and Christina Grunenwald Anabaptists? We ask this since one of their sons (Hans Peter Tritt, Sr., B: Abt. 1685-1690) was not registered in St. Stephan; however, his sister was registered. The Diedendorf, Elsass Parish record states that Hans Peter Tritten/Tritt, Sr. was born in St. Stephan.
- 4) Did Christina Grunenwald (wife of Friedrich Tritten) die in Switzerland since she is not mentioned in Diedendorf, Elsass?
- 5) From a possible index on notaries, 1710-1716, might there have been an inheritance related to Christina Grunenwald?
- 6) Search of land records prior to 1562.
- 7) Search of histories of the Simmental listing Tritten.
- 8) Search of council and guild records.
- 9) Search of an index of illegal acts or misdemeanors at the Bern Staatsarchiv. Specifically, we are looking for the source document which says that, in 1590, a family member was fined 10 pfennig for permitting dancing in his home on Christmas eve.

To fully fund this project, would you please consider making a financial contribution.

Make out your check to "Tritt Family Research - 16th Century Research"

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W. Wayne Tritt, Treasurer
Carlisle, PA

January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995

Balance January 1, 1995	\$2,551.41
Income - all sources	\$5,049.32
Total expenses	\$1,484.29
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Total donations to TFR amounted to \$4,305. Of this amount, \$3,300 was given to the Patron Donor Book Fund for Volume I of the Tritt history and represents the total amount of this account as of January 1, 1996. Also, \$553.50 was added to the 16th Century Research Fund making the total in this account \$1,715. In addition, donations of \$457.50 were received for general funding including the provision of our annual newsletter. Income from sale items such as photos, trees, diaries, booklets, notepaper, etc., totaled \$744.32 for a grand total of \$5,049.36 as income for 1995.

Regarding expenses, the printing and distribution of the annual newsletter remains the major outlay. \$1,161 was our cost to provide the newsletter for 1995. Of this amount, \$729.28 was our cost for printing with the balance being mailing costs. Please note that \$41 of the mailing costs were due to returns because of incorrect addresses or of the demise of the recipient. Please help us cut our expenses by sending corrections. Take a moment now to glance at the address on your copy to verify if we have your correct address. If it is not correct, please fill in the change of information form on the last page of this newsletter and return it to us. We are grateful for your help in reducing our expenses.

We are most grateful to all of you who have faithfully supported our efforts over the years. Some of you have helped us since our beginning in 1978. But if we are to reach our goal of publishing a family history, we are going to need additional help. If you have not yet become a patron donor, won't you please give serious thought to joining us in this venture? Your help and support is vitally needed. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Following is a list of patron donors as of January 1, 1996. Each will receive a copy of Volume I of TRITT FAMILY HISTORY for each \$100 donation.

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If you sent us a contribution during 1995 and your name is not included in the listing above, please let us know so that we may include your name in our next newsletter. We apologize to anyone whom we may have missed.

To all the people whose names are listed, we again express our immeasurable thanks for your support and cooperation. Gratitude is also expressed to our many friends and family who have volunteered countless hours of time and talent so that TFR may continue to function effectively and be known as an organization with integrity. We invite more of you to join our research efforts by becoming involved in our plan to publish a Tritt Family History.



Newsletter Index

by Richard L. Tritt, Editor

This is the sixteenth issue of TRITT FAMILY NEWSLETTER. It was suggested at the last annual meeting that we include an index of all the articles that have appeared in the newsletter since its inception. This index is rather long, so in the future we will provide an index every five years.

The index includes subject and author references. The first number indicates the issue number, the second the page number, for example 8:4 is interpreted issue number 8, page 4. Unfortunately, in some issues the pages were not numbered so you have to count the pages to find the indicated page. We hope that this index will provide a useful tool for our readers. If you do not have copies of all the issues, individual past copies of the newsletter can be ordered by using the order form located on the last page of this newsletter.

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1996 Meeting Tritt Family Research

Thursday, August 15 - Sunday, August 18 in Carlisle, PA

On Thursday, Friday and part of Saturday, further editorial work will be done on Volume I of TRITT FAMILY HISTORY. The annual business meeting of TFR will be held on Saturday afternoon starting at 1:00 P.M. On Sunday morning, we will tour sites in the

Reading, Berks County, PA area important to TRATE/TRAIT family members who are descendants of the 1739 immigrant CHRISTIAN TRITT. On Sunday afternoon, we will attend the TRATE-TRAIT FAMILY REUNION and PICNIC in Morgantown, PA. For our editorial work

plans, we are to use the conference facilities of the new Days Inn in Carlisle, PA. For details on meeting location, available accommodations and reservations, contact Richard or Nancy Tritt, 204 Forge Road, Boiling Springs, PA 17007, telephone 717-258-6181.



Reaching Further

by Harold M. Hegyessy, Jr.

The aim of Tritt Family Research has always been two-fold, to reach back as far as we can seeking our ancestry, and to work forward via requested Family Group Sheets to include every Tritt, Tritten, Dritt, and Trait descendant in the world who wishes his ancestry to be remembered. We have reached a critical junction in our research in Bern Canton, Switzerland. We have been able to reach and record our ancestors as far back as 1560 in St. Stephan and 1550 in Lenk Parish Registers. Further than that we cannot go on our own.

It is now time to delve further into the mists of time in ancient records not now available to us. In this we must have help. To progress further we must dig into unpublished records such as Swiss Notarial Records (Probates) and ancient land records. Only an expert in the reading and interpretation of such records, with their obsolete and no longer used dialects, land measurements, ancient coinage, feudal obligations, manumission records, departure taxes, and other little used records, can untangle complicated relationships.

Tritt Family Research has been fortunate in making contact with perhaps the best researcher in such records in Bern Canton, Switzerland. This person is a

skilled genealogical researcher, a native American living permanently in Switzerland for that very purpose. He has specialized in the areas we so critically need and is recognized as such by Swiss contemporaries and Swiss public officials. His name is John Huppi, formerly of Logan, Utah, a descendant of Swiss immigrants to the United States over a hundred years ago. He is totally fluent in reading and speaking the German language and its ancient forms. He is an expert in old Swiss handwriting and is a daily visitor at the Bern Canton Archives where he is accepted as an expert by the curators.

John Huppi lives in the city of Thun only a few miles from the Obersimmental Valley, the ancient home of our people. He is the gentleman who gave Tritt Family Research representatives a very thorough briefing at the Archives in June of 1993 and gave ample evidence of his expertise in ancient records.

Donald Tritt, Tritt Family Research President, has contacted John Huppi and has given him our authorization to conduct research on our behalf to expand our knowledge of Tritt/Tritten ancestry. Further details are given by Donald in the article on page 11 of this newsletter.

TFR Meeting

by Connie J. Tritt
Carlisle, PA

The annual meeting of Tritt Family Research was held on October 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1995, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with thirteen people in attendance coming from as far away as California to as near as Carlisle.

We all gathered at Two Mile House outside Carlisle on Thursday evening, October 19, for an informal gathering. It was so good to see old friends once again, and the setting of the Two Mile House was a fantastic place for a genealogy meeting. Two Mile House is a restored, two hundred plus year old stone farm house two miles from the square of Carlisle and is now in the possession of the Cumberland County Historical Society. While the rooms are large and drafty as is the case of most old farm houses and inns, we were still warmed by our friendship.

On Friday, the 20th, the editorial staff met at the Days Inn in Carlisle to go over drafts of Volume I of the TFR publication.

The annual meeting was actually held on the 21st and 22nd where items discussed included the planned trip to Switzerland in the summer of 1997, the research project of 16th Century records in Europe, publication of the 1996 newsletter and discussion of the next annual meeting and editorial work session set for August 15 to 18, 1996.

We all dreaded the time when each of us had to go our separate ways, but we all vowed to keep in touch and to meet again in August.



Dritt Family Cemetery

by Leonard Tritt

The Dritt (Tritt) Cemetery lies in Lower Windsor Township, York County, Pennsylvania, near the large stone house built in 1758 by Hans Peter Tritt.

Tombstones indicate the cemetery to be the burial ground for some of Hans Peter's grandchildren. Some earlier graves just have small stone markers with no inscriptions.

The cemetery is on land owned by Tritts for many years, but many more years ago, it was sold outside the family. It eventually became part of a very large estate, the owner of which some years ago developed tax problems with the government. Now some of the many farms are

being subdivided and developed. The township informed us that the farm on which the cemetery rests is not yet subdivided, but it seems a matter of time. Tritt Family Research is considering placement of a monument or plaque to demonstrate the cemetery is under its care.

We have begun an exhaustive search of Pennsylvania laws and regulations governing cemeteries to determine if the cemetery is or can be protected under law. Preliminarily, there appears to be no automatic protection, i.e., theoretically, the cemetery could be subdivided and destroyed. The plot meets the state's legal definition of "historical cemetery,"

but as yet we've not noted any special protection afforded to such cemeteries. Our evaluations continue.

The cemetery is treed and surrounded by a horse pasture. Ten or more years ago the owner constructed a new board fence around the cemetery to keep out livestock. Lately, a few posts and boards have broken or rotted, but the cemetery is largely secure. At least yearly, a few Tritts cut vegetation and clean up downed tree limbs to keep the cemetery tidy. If you would like to assist in cemetery cleanup, contact Wayne Tritt, 24 Old Stonehouse Road, Carlisle, PA 17013, telephone 717-766-7397.

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