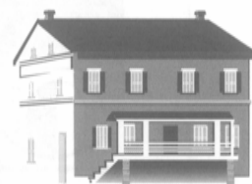




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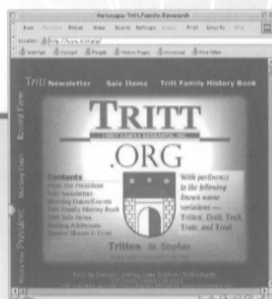


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It will be worth your while to see what is available through the site. There you will find sample articles from our newsletter, sale items and order forms, how you can be added to our mailing list and other information. We'll meet you there sometime.

Connie J. Tritt



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Thank You...

in advance for your help to our need for financial support. Please read the following article and take it to heart. An ongoing problem of major proportions has been the subject of much discussion at our annual business sessions over the past several years. The problem is this: How do we continue to supply annual newsletters to nearly twelve hundred of our cousins, patrons and friends which, in 1998, cost nearly \$1.25 each to produce and mail? Traditionally, we receive from 30 to 40 monetary responses which seldom, if ever, covers the cost of this service. The only other source of income has been profit from the sale of family related items such as diaries, family trees, note cards, etc. which generates a very minimal amount of funds. So, how do we come up with the money to continue publishing the major means of communication with our many friends and supporters?.

To further cloud the issue, we felt that we should purchase a page on the Internet thereby providing a major tool to collect and dispense additional Tritt family information. A voluminous amount of family group sheets and other information is already on hand and with more data needed and expected in the future. The use of the computer is helping make the workload a little lighter. The financial burden as a result of these efforts has been borne by a core group of volunteers dedicated to realizing Tritt family history in print. While this is viewed as a noble cause, it is unfair to them to shoulder this cost when so many others make little or no contribution..

So, where do we go from here? At our annual meetings we talked of charging a fee for the newsletter. We talked of selling memberships in Tritt Family Research. Both of these have negatives. So we decided to expose the problems to our friends and cousins and contributors. What do you think should be done? Would you pay \$2.00 for the newsletter? Would you subscribe to membership at \$2.00 per year or \$10.00 for five years? These two proposals would require a tremendous amount of paperwork for our secretary and treasurer. As the former treasurer of TFR, I think there are a sufficient number of you who will respond by sending freewill donations to help keep the organization going. To those of you who have been faithful contributors, we are most grateful. To the majority who make no response, won't you commit yourself to contribute to the cause? We certainly need your help.

W. Wayne Tritt

Volume I

Tritt Family History Published

After over twenty years of research and countless hours of work by a number of people, TFR reached one of its major goals in August of 1999. Volume I of Tritt Family History was printed, bound and delivered at the annual meeting of TFR in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The general reaction to the final product was one of astonishment. Most people expressed surprise at how attractive, professional and organized this first published, documented history of the family was, after having seen it develop so slowly over so many drafts and revisions. Many sincere expressions of thanks were expressed to those who labored so long to see this project come to fruition.

As editor-in-chief of this book, I wish to sincerely thank all those who helped in so many ways to produce this work of which we are all extremely proud. It was an immense project and only those who were intimately involved will ever realize how much work is expended in a publication of this nature.

One of the major challenges of the book was the fact that a number of authors were involved. After articles were completed, the compiled book had to be carefully checked for inconsistencies or contradictions. Dates in the family charts had to agree with dates in the articles. Standardization of documentation had to be achieved. Needless repetitions were eliminated. Illustrations had to be selected and captions written. Every bit of information needed to be critically examined and supported with documentation. In the process of researching some articles, previous accounts were found to be inaccurate; therefore, corrected versions had to be researched and written. The completed book contains the most accurate and up to date history of the family that could be produced at this time.

The publication of this book was a tremendous leap of faith because of the great financial investment. Even though all the time and travel of the authors was donated, the professional design, layout and printing expenses reached nearly \$25,000. Thanks to the financial support of our wonderful book patrons, we were able to initiate the printing process using funds in the book patron fund. We sincerely thank our patrons for their support of this project and of TFR by putting their encouragement into a tangible form. Thanks to them, future generations

of the Tritt family will benefit from having a professionally published, documented history of their ancestors. This story is now a part of public record and will be looked upon as a major achievement in the history of our family.

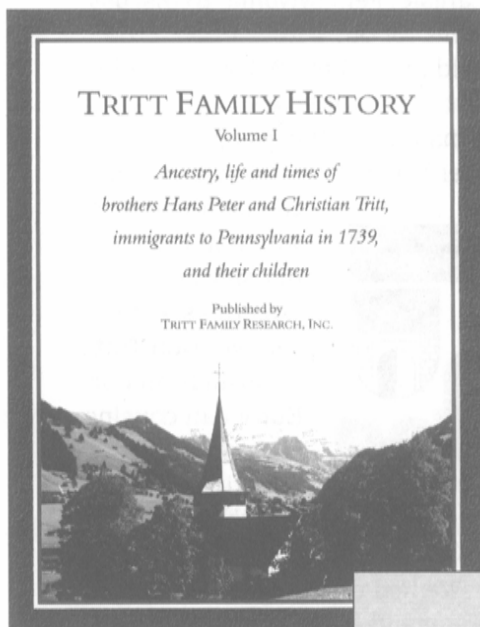
Book patrons received a special version of the book which included a full color dust

publication and about 300 books have been sold, we are still about \$4,000 short of paying our expenses. If you haven't purchased a copy for yourself or family members, don't wait. Every member of the Tritt family should have a copy, and they make unique and special gifts for Christmas or other special occasions. If you haven't seen a copy of the book, don't hesitate because you will not be disappointed.

We would like to recover our printing expenses; and once a profit is realized, it will be used to establish a fund to finance Volume II of *Tritt Family History*. This volume will bring the major Tritt family lines up to date, and we will need the assistance of many family members from all the different branches of the family to accomplish this task and to tell the many stories of individual family members.

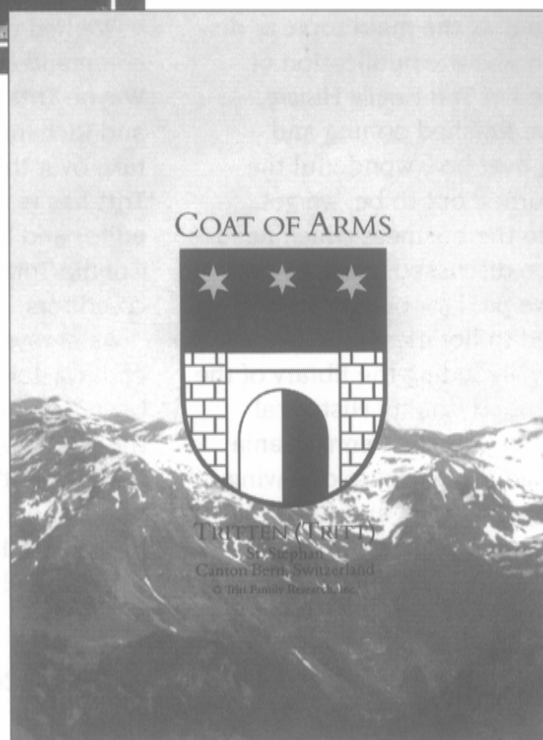
Take time now to complete the order form on Page 15 and send for a copy for yourself or a family member. Thank you for your continuing support.

Richard L. Tritt



jacket with the names of the patrons printed on the margins. Patron books also included original signatures of all authors and a color print suitable for framing of the Tritt family coat-of-arms. Although these enhancements make the patron books more valuable, patrons also have the satisfaction of knowing that they made the book possible and that many other family members benefitted from their generosity. Because of their support, the overall quality of all the books could be improved by adding special features.

I will end this overview of the book publication story with a final note. Even though the book is an outstanding



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Annual Meeting Tritt Family Research

The annual meeting of Tritt Family Research was held the weekend of August 12 to 15, 1999, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. In addition to the regular staff who come to our meetings each year, we had some new faces among us. Connie Fisher from California was able to join us after some health problems had kept her away for several years. We also welcomed Perry and Mercedes Woolsey from Utah to our meeting for the first time. Perry and Mercedes had joined the TFR European trip in 1997, and it was such fun to get to know them.

Of course, the main topic of discussion was the publication of Volume I of *Tritt Family History*. After we finished oohing and aahing over how wonderful the book turned out to be, we got down to the business which needed to be discussed. Several people have paid for books to be donated to libraries around the country, including the library of the Cumberland County Historical Society in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

We had the pleasure of having as our guests John and Kathryn Zimmerman of Mt. Wolf, Pennsylvania, who spoke of the renovation work they are doing on the Dritt Mansion in York, Pennsylvania. The Zimmermans are the new owners of the mansion and we were very pleased to hear

of the meticulous care to detail they are taking in this work.

We also met with a representative of the Comfort Suites Hotel in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to discuss plans for our Tritt reunion to be held June 15 to 18, 2000. Detailed discussions followed with the remainder of the group that evening. Details of the reunion

can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Greetings were sent via Don Tritt to us all from our European cousins in Germany, Friedrich and

Christel Tritten and their son, Andreas, and his new bride, Katja.

We had some major changes in command of our organization. Wayne Tritt resigned as treasurer and Richard Miller has agreed to take over this position. Richard Tritt has resigned from newsletter editor and Jeanette Miller and Connie Tritt have agreed to be co-editors.

As always, we enjoyed this weekend together, to recount what has been going on in our lives during the past year. We urge all of you to join us at our meetings. The meeting date is always published in the newsletter. The meeting for 2000 will be held at the reunion in June.

Connie J. Tritt, Secretary

Tritt Family Research

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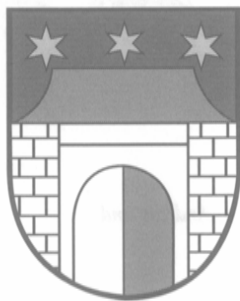
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From the President



By now I expect you have received your ordered copy of Volume I of *Tritt Family History* and I trust you find it of interest and value.

It has been a long time in preparation requiring countless hours and years of detailed research, all conducted on a volunteer basis. Richard L. Tritt of Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania, as Editor-in-Chief, deserves our highest praise. One professional genealogist has said to us that after reading hundreds of family histories, ours is one of the best. How about that! If you have not yet ordered your copy, we invite you to do so now. The printing budget far exceeded our available resources and we have had to assume what we hope is a short term loan to cover costs. As of this date, we need to sell 110 more copies to break even and settle our debts. Perhaps you might consider purchasing a copy, or more, as Christmas gifts or as a gift to put away now for that grandson or granddaughter who someday may want to know about their ancestral roots. To order your copy, see the separate flyer and order form enclosed in this newsletter.

Donald G. Tritt,
President

Our Genealogical Trip to Salt Lake City

My husband, Richard, and I have been very interested in genealogy for years. We always felt that a trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City would be a great place to visit and do research. We planned our train trip to Salt Lake late last year for May 1999.

The train trip was a great way to see the country. We saw wonderful scenery and met some interesting people along the way. After a two-day train ride, we arrived in Salt Lake City. Our plans were to stay for three days, then rent a car and travel north to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks.

We found that the Family History Library is truly impressive. It continues to be the world's largest genealogical library with four floors holding vast numbers of books, microfiches, reels of microfilm and computer terminals. Each of the floors contains items specific to certain geographical areas of the world. The first and second floors have books, census records and information pertaining to the United States and Canada. The first basement encompasses Europe, Scandinavia, Latin America and International. The second basement has information relating to the British Isles.

On our first day, we browsed through the many books and materials, and tried to acclimate ourselves to finding our way around such a large building. The next day, we were welcomed to Utah by our Tritt cousins, Harold Hegyessy, Mercedes and Perry Woolsey. They came to offer their assistance with our genealogical research. Harold has been very instrumental in doing research on our Tritt family ancestors and contributed many articles to *Tritt Family History*, Volume I. He spent twenty years as a volunteer at the Swiss-German desk at the library. Mercedes and Perry were also very helpful.

For many years, I have been searching for the European origin of my immigrant ancestor, Johan Sebaldt Kramer. He and his family were passengers on the ship "Samuel", which docked at Philadelphia on 11 August 1732. Thanks to Harold, Mercedes and Perry, who helped in the search, I found a family group sheet submitted by another individual which gave a good clue about my Kramer family origin.

Richard was doing research on his

step mother's family from Kentucky and his Gehman/Gayman ancestors from Switzerland. He is currently writing a book about the Gayman family and hopes to complete it in the near future. One interesting bit of information we found a few years ago was that Richard's Gehman immigrant ancestor and my Kramer ancestor arrived on the same ship "Samuel" mentioned previously. We often wondered if they ever broke bread together! Our third day and final day at the library were spent looking at microfilm church records, census and computer records.

Another building used to house genealogical records is just a few blocks from the library and is named the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. The building was formerly the Hotel Utah. It has been renovated and is quite magnificent. Here, the Family Search Center occupies part of the main floor and all of the fourth floor. There are computers with Family Search, a computer system containing several different files of genealogical information. The fourth floor also has a collection of more than eight million paper records, including family group sheets, pedigree charts and the 1920 census. It was here that I found the family group sheet pertaining to the Kramer family. On the tenth floor is a lovely rooftop restaurant with a panoramic view of the city.

Richard and I played the typical tourists. We visited Temple Square with its cathedral and beautiful gardens, walked and shopped in downtown Salt Lake City and attended an excellent concert involving the Mormon Youth Chorus and Symphony in the Tabernacle. The acoustics in the Tabernacle are outstanding. Everyone was friendly and knowledgeable. From the flowers to the architecture to the music, everything was of the highest quality. Before leaving Utah to travel north, Richard and I had the pleasure of spending the night in the lovely home of Mercedes and Perry Woolsey.

In closing, I would highly recommend visiting the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. We had a great and productive time.

Jeanette C. Miller

OUR TRIP TO A

German Wedding



Friedrich, Katja, Andreas and Christel Tritt.

On Tuesday, July 20, 1999, my son David and I left Shippensburg, Pennsylvania and drove to Newark airport for a 5:55 P.M. flight to Germany for the wedding of Andreas Tritt, son of Friedrich and Christel Tritt. As we waited for boarding time, we met with Dr. Donald Tritt of Ohio who was also going on the same flight to the same wedding.

We arrived in Zurich, Switzerland, about 7:30 Wednesday morning (Swiss time), got our rental car and headed toward Waldenbuch, Germany. After a few stops at the Hohner Factory and Museum in Trossingen, Germany, David and I arrived at Friedrich and Christel's home. Don, who rented his own car, arrived Thursday afternoon.

Friday morning, we all went to the RATHAUS (City Hall) for the civil wedding ceremony, which is held the day before the church wedding ceremony. Only a small group of guests attended this civil ceremony. Included were the parents of the bride and groom, grandmother of the bride, Katja, the photographer, best man and wife, Katja's sister (the bridesmaid) and her husband and small son, and lastly, we three from the USA.

After the civil ceremony, complete with rice throwing, we walked to an open area where we had refresh-



Andreas and Katja Tritt dancing under the umbrella

ments. We then followed the bride and groom's decorated car to the restaurant where we had a full course dinner in a beautifully decorated room. There was pink netting down the middle of the table and flower petals scattered on it.

After the dinner the men went to the woods and cut several birch trees, ten to twelve feet tall for use in decorating for Saturday's ceremony. Andreas, Katja, Christel and I went to the cemetery with flowers for the

graves of Friedrich and Christel's parents. Then we went out to a field of sun flowers and cut some for Saturday's decorations.

Saturday morning we all went to the church and took the trees the men had cut the day before, tied white paper strips on the branches and placed them at the church entrance on either side of the door. Then we went to the Krone Restaurant where the reception was going to be held and placed a tree on either side of the entrance. We then went inside and decorated the room and tables for the afternoon reception. Trees were also placed at the entrance of Andreas and Katja's new home.

At noon we had lunch at Friedrich's home with Andreas and Katja, who was dressed in her wedding gown. We took lots of pictures and went to the church for the ceremony. We all waited outside the church until the bride and groom were ready to go in at 2:00 P.M.

Andreas and Katja were seated in front of the two ministers, one Catholic and one Protestant. The service was like a regular church service with several hymns sung and scripture readings, in addition to the actual wedding ceremony.

After the service a band from a

neighboring town of Singen played songs of the 70's while the guests enjoyed drinks and congratulated the wedding couple. Later we went to the Krone Restaurant for the rest of the day and night. At the restaurant we visited with friends we knew from previous visits to Germany.

We had a marvelous dinner and drinks, starting about four o'clock in the afternoon and lasting until eleven o'clock at night. The reception continued until five o'clock the next morning.

Andreas and Katja's friends had prepared a wonderful program of skits, games, readings, etc. A lady read from a script and at regular intervals gave gifts to the bride and groom. Of course this was all in German, but we figured it was a recap of their lives as she presented each with gifts.

A group of four people came to the front of the room, and climbed up on a table. A large sheet covered them, except for their legs. On their legs, from knees to feet, were small puppets. As the music played, the legs - I mean puppets - swayed and danced.

Then there was a procession of five

or six people who came from the back of the room with three foot tall black hats and red hearts on the hats. The hats covered to a bare midriff with a face painted on the midriff or "tummy." False "arms" were attached at the hips. They marched and danced around the room. It was hilarious! There were all kinds of wonderful entertainment. Throughout the evening we had lovely music for dancing and enjoyment.

Later Andreas and Katja were given a LARGE umbrella and went to the front of the room where they danced under the umbrella as guests surrounded them in a circle and threw streamers which draped over the umbrella to the floor. As they danced, they became almost covered with streamers until you could barely see them.

After twelve hours of celebration, at 2:15 A.M., Don, David and I went to Friedrich and Christel's residence.

The next morning, which was Sunday, we all went to Andreas' house to see what their friends had done to the house the night before. Hanging from a line stretched across the street in front of the house were all kinds of signs and clothes. The garage

door was blocked by a post, things were written on the windows and colored string and balloons were strung throughout the house. Their bathroom was knee deep with balloons. Kitchen utensils were stored in the fireplace.

Then we went back to the Krone Restaurant to help pick up the gifts and any leftover food from the reception.

Later in the day, we were delighted to see pictures of the 'Polterabend' (a china and porcelain breaking ritual) which was held at the newlyweds' home. This is when friends bring dishes, etc., and break them in the driveway for the bride and groom to clean up as their first duties together as husband and wife. This ritual was held the week before the wedding with a tent erected for guests and food and drinks provided by the bride and groom.

After a good "short" night's sleep and breakfast at 4:30 A.M., Monday morning, we said our "sad goodbyes" and headed for the airport.

Gladys V. Cramer

Tritt Family Research

Tritt Letters



The following letter was received by Donald Tritt who asked that it be included in this issue of the newsletter:

We haven't heard from our Cousins from the West. We have traced our Tritt family back to Kobryn, Poland. These Tritt's were of the Jewish faith. I'm sure there are many Tritt's out there that receive the Tritt family newsletter, that are also of the Jewish faith. Let's hear from you.

Write to us. We'd like to hear from you. Who knows you might find a relative or two; or maybe even more.

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Visit to St. Stephan



The author
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carefully
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the St.
Stephan
Church.

I have so many glorious memories of when Bill and I went to Switzerland with our Tritt family in 1997. We met many family members and enjoyed fantastic Swiss experiences together. We were under the capable care of Don Tritt and Margrit Tritten who were like shepherds watching over and guiding their flock!

One of the memories I would like to share is of the day we all attended church at St. Stephan. If you have a copy of Volume I of *Tritt Family History*, you will see a picture of St. Stephan with the Swiss Alps as breathtaking background.

We arrived at St. Stephan on our very own Tritten bus driven by Tony Tritten. Tony safely drove us to many places in Switzerland. As we stepped off the bus, the steeple bells were chiming as we walked by the neatly manicured and beautifully flowered graves.

Upon entering the church, we took a hymnal from the back and seated ourselves together six rows from the front

allowing room for the families of the babies to be christened that morning.

Before the service began, I had time to look around and soak in my surroundings. It was awesome just sitting there where family had sat so many years ago! I noticed that the floors and pews are made from pine and the hymns are written in German. The hymn books are called *Kerchen Gesong Buch*.

The service, as I recall, began with a hymn based on Psalm 118. After the hymn, the pastor welcomed us and told the congregation that we were there visiting the native place of our ancestors.

After the service was completed, the pastor took us on a tour of the church and told us some interesting facts about the church. St. Stephan was first mentioned in historic documents in 1228. A new steeple had been built in 1400. The organ is one of the first in the region and is dated from 1778. There are some fine windows that had been removed by Napoleon's army and are now in Paris at

Museum Cluny.

According to the pastor, it is hoped that the windows will be returned someday.

We were permitted to climb the narrow stairway up into the steeple. The oldest bell in the tower with the date of 1429 has in Latin the words meaning "Oh King of Glory, Christ come with your peace". It cannot adequately be described the feeling I had when I touched the huge bells and traced the name of Tritten which had been cast into the bell.

There are very precious wood carvings in the church bearing symbols, the meaning of which is obscure. One of the carvings is of the tree of knowledge over a double eagle.

There are fresco paintings on the walls of the church that had been covered over during the Reformation and then uncovered in the latest restoration. The paintings are of Holy Mary, St. John the Baptist and St. Stephan, the patron saint of the community.

Sandy Treat Naiva

First Annual

Hegyessy / Tritt Family Reunion

HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 1998, IN ALPINE, UTAH.

I would like to pay tribute to four special people in my life for which I have immeasurable love and respect. First to my cousin, Harold M. Hegyessy, Jr., who worked for 20 years as a volunteer at the European Information Desk of the Salt Lake LDS Genealogical Library, and who did much research on our family records both in the United States and abroad. Second, to my sister, Marilyn Moffitt, also a dedicated genealogist, who, together with Harold, found proof of our Tritten "roots" in St. Stephan, Switzerland. Third, to my beloved father, James F. Hegyessy, who accepted the dangerous challenge to travel into Communist occupied Hungary in 1961 in an attempt to trace our Hegyessy roots, and who found his grandfather's grave there. And, finally, to my dear sweet little grandmother, Florence Maud Tritt Hegyessy, for her dedication, unending interest and work on our Tritt line. Each of these family members have influenced me greatly and contributed much to my interest in our family's genealogy.

In early March 1984, my husband, Perry, our son, Kerry, who had been living in Switzerland, and myself traveled to St. Stephan to see what the homeland of our ancestors was like. As we drove into the small village and drove up to the church, a deep feeling of "home" overtook me. I cannot explain the intense feelings I had at that time. As we walked around and inside the church, I felt a connection to family members long since gone from this earth. We were told by a groundskeeper of a family down the lane who had some Tritts or Trittens in their family. As we met this gracious older couple and inquired about their relationship to Trittens, we felt such a kinship with them. They did not speak any English, but seemed to be very excited to meet us also, and showed us photograph albums with Tritten family members in them, and even tried to phone some of them in Lenk. Unfortunately, none of the relatives were home, so we did not get to meet

any of them at that time. I felt a warm glow inside as we left St. Stephan, and felt sure that someday I would return to that beautiful peaceful "family" spot.

We got the chance when, in 1997, Perry and I traveled to Switzerland to attend the fourth international Tritt family reunion. Going back to this home of our Tritten ancestors, and to a place I felt I was going "home" to, and getting to know my "cousins", was such

an exciting, fulfilling experience. It began a stirring within me to bring my own grandparents family together. The older generation (the four children of Florence Maud Tritt and James Hegyessy) were all deceased and the families seemed to be drifting apart. I had a very strong impression that family members from "beyond the veil" were desirous that our family have a reunion and become organized before any more loving family relationships were lost. I asked Harold to help me organize a reunion and he was more than willing, along with his daughter, Carolyn Manwaring, and my husband, Perry.

The first challenge was to make a contact list of names, addresses and telephone numbers. Many phone calls later, we had our list. We sent out about 73 invitations to two generations, asking that they get the word out to their children and grandchildren. We had a wonderfully successful reunion with about 85 attending. Of the fourteen Hegyessy/Tritt grandchildren, eight were well represented. We had a delicious potluck dinner, photos were taken, and a program was presented in which a daughter of each of the four deceased children of James and Florence told of special memories and remembrances they had of their parents' and grandparents' lives. Harold represented his father and eldest child, Harold M. Hegyessy, Sr. Florence M. Anderson represented her mother, Catherine Mary Emma H. Moulton. Meredith A. Lovell told of her mother, Adele Rosalind H. Anderson. I represented the youngest child, my father,

James Frank Henry Hegyessy, and cleared up a mystery many of the younger relatives asked me about "Why, when he seemed to be on such good terms with all of his family, did he drop the 'Y' from the middle of his last name? Were there bad feelings in the family? The reason was as innocuous as this — only to simplify the spelling for business purposes! He was always a loving member of his family and extended family.

Harold explained the Tritt Family Research organization and forthcoming book. The authentic Tritten coat-of-arms was shown, and it was decided to have a contest to create a modern day Hegyessy/Tritt family coat-of-arms. A vote was affirmative to have a family reunion every year, the second Saturday in September, and to create a Hegyessy/Tritt family organization. Election of officers was held and the video of the fourth international reunion to Switzerland was shown to those interested. Overall, it was a very successful reunion, exceeding all expectations, and it brought together again many family members who had lost touch. We all enjoyed the hugs, laughter and fun of being together and escaping the stresses of everyday living for awhile.

Because of the deep love and sense of commitment and responsibility I feel for my extended family, we are in the process of scanning to computer disk as many photos of the Hegyessy/Tritt families and descendants as we can locate from various family sources. We will also collect copies of pertinent documents relating to the families. These will eventually be available on CDs to all family members. For those without computers, pictures can be printed from the discs to put in an album. This will make it possible for family members to have copies of all pictures and documents. This has been a very rewarding project and we hope it will keep our family history safe for future generations to enjoy.

Mercedes H. Woolsey

DRITT MANSION

Restoration



The use of the term "mansion" is somewhat frightening since Webster's definition is "any house of some size or pretension". Certainly the initial building was done by one who had great means to produce design and build the quality of a residence that, at the time of 1758, was one of York County's finest homes.

We wish we could report that our plans were on schedule; however, the corrections required on our first effort, with the new chimneys, has not been completed.

The architect, Mark Shermeyer, continues to detail and review our plans with the local, state and federal preservationists. Hopefully, the builder, Robert A. Kinsley, will have our new roof and cornice work completed before the first snowfall.

To give you an idea of our original schedule, Kathryn and I hoped to have that finished last spring before our return from Sanibel. However, since the "Golden Plough Tavern Days" of the 60's, we learned that research, consultation, review and more research is the path of final reproductions. We hope the time involved will produce what we want the "Dritt House" to be.

John D. Zimmerman

Visitors from Heimberg



Leonard Tritt, Walter Tritten and Susan Tritten at the Hershey Rose Garden in Hershey, PA.

In August of 1998, we were honored to have as guests to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Walter and Susan Tritten of Heimberg, Switzerland.

We began our visit with a picnic supper at my father's home (a Ludwig, not a Tritt). In the following days, we took day trips to points of interest in south central Pennsylvania. We visited the Hershey Gardens and Chocolate World where they got a taste of our chocolate which isn't nearly as good as the Swiss chocolate! The gardens were beautiful and Susan took many beautiful pictures of the flowers—even some butterflies in the butterfly house. We also toured Harrisburg, our state capital. A trip to Harrisburg also meant a trip to Middletown to see the site of the worst nuclear accident in U.S. history at Three Mile Island. We then went to York County to view the Dritt Mansion. We could only walk around the outside as we did not have access to the inside. I believe they were impressed with the house and glad to hear that it had been purchased by someone interested in restoring it.

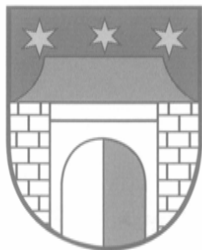
We also went on a day trip I would never have ventured and never thought I would get to, but which Walter wanted to attend—a horse auction in Amish country in Lancaster County.

This was quite interesting and we all enjoyed seeing the beautiful horses being sold. While in Lancaster County, we had to stop for a meal at an Amish restaurant which has the best food. We went to a restaurant where you are seated at a long table with others from around the world and our meal served family-style. A young couple from Germany were seated with us. The food was fantastic, and Walter and Susan took a taste of our ethnic Shoo-Fly Pie — a wonderful treat.

On Sunday, we enjoyed a picnic hosted by Dave and Robyn Wampler at their house in Gardners, Pennsylvania. Tritts from Carlisle, Boiling Springs, Harrisburg and Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, and as far away as Canton, Ohio, came to our mini reunion, and what a day we had. It was so good to see everyone, and Walter and Susan were very pleased to see all those who came to welcome them to the United States. We had first met Walter and Susan on our 1997 trip to Switzerland, and are honored to call them "cousins".

Upon their leaving us, they headed north to other sites in Pennsylvania and New York before flying back to Heimberg.

Connie J. Tritt



Tritt Family Research

1999 Treasurer's Report

January 1, 1998 to October 19, 1999

Balance January 1, 1998	\$ 10,754.17
Income All Sources	13,939.04
Loan (Due July 1, 2000)	3,622.00
Total Expenses	(27,145.01)
Balance October 19, 1999	\$ 1,170.20

This report covers the time period which reflects the expenses of publishing Tritt Family History Volume I. As of this date, of the 1,000 books published, only 280 books have been sold. Thus the need for the loan found in the above summary financial report. Hopefully, with future booksales, the loan will be paid by July 1, 2000.

The following is a listing of individuals who contributed to our Patron Donor Book Fund since the publication of our last newsletter. We thank you so much for your support.

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These contributors donated to the general fund, which pays for the newsletter, gave to the Website Fund, and/or donated books to various libraries and historical societies across the country.
THANK YOU!.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard L. Miller
Treasurer



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With the urgency of minimizing expenses, it is necessary that we ask each of you on our current world-wide mailing list whether or not you want to continue receiving copies of the Tritt Family Newsletter.

Please use the Change of Information section at the end of the newsletter to tell us if you wish to be removed from our mailing list. Or you can send an e-mail to the secretary, Connie Tritt, at trittlc@kns.net. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Donald G. Tritt

REUNION

In Joanna, PA.

The 48th Trait, Trate, Treat, Tritt reunion was held on Sunday, August 15, 1999, at the Harmony Church Social Hall in Joanna, Pennsylvania. This reunion is always held the third Sunday in August and other family members are welcome to attend.

There were fifty-five people in attendance, including two Tritt family members from Alpine, Utah — Perry and Mercedes Woolsey. This was a wonderful surprise to see them there since we had not seen them since our trip to Switzerland in 1997.

We began the reunion with a most enjoyable potluck meal with food enough to feed an army.

After the meal, it is always fun to have good conversation, play games, look at old pictures brought by others and to study the family tree chart put together by Ernie Trait.

A meeting was held after the meal chaired by the vice president, Tom Trate. He welcomed the guests from Utah. Mercedes talked about and showed a copy of Volume I of *Tritt Family History*. Election of officers was held and prizes awarded for various categories.

We all had a great time and are thankful it was such a beautiful day!

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Next GOALS

Our next immediate goal is to complete plans for the Third National Reunion scheduled for Thursday, June 15, through Sunday, June 18, 2000, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania (see details on the flyer in this newsletter). Interest has been shown in offering a Tritt family tour to Switzerland during the summer of 2001, most likely the last two weeks of June. Within the next year or so, we will begin to organize our efforts to prepare Volume II of *Tritt Family History*. We see this volume carrying the Tritt family story forward from the two 1739 immigrant brothers, showing their descendants to the current day. Most of you on our mailing list can expect your information will be contained in this volume, provided you send your information to us.

Donald G. Tritt

Your INTERESTS.

As a recipient of this newsletter, we need to inquire of you by asking the following questions:

- What would you like to see in next issues of the newsletter?
- What are your own personal interests in family history? That is, what components of *Tritt Family History* would you like to explore and research? (We would be pleased to help you locate materials needed to further your curiosity.)

Perhaps the most important message I can express here is our strong invitation for your active participation in Volume II. This will be another gigantic effort, but made enjoyable and workable by many persons taking on small segments. This can mean taking on the responsibility for writing the life story of your Tritt grandparent (or great-grandparent) showing their descendants to the current day. Let us know of your interest. Again, we are ready to help you carry out research on your family. Write or call me.

Donald G. Tritt

TRITT NATIONAL REUNION

June 15 — 18, 2000

Place: Comfort Suites Hotel
10 South Hanover Street
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013

Cost: \$50.00 per person
\$25.00 children 4 - 12

The registration fee includes transportation to planned events, entrance fees and the Thursday evening reception, Saturday box lunch and Saturday evening banquet.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Thursday, June 15 —

- ▶ 2:00 - 6:00 P.M. — Registration
- ▶ 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. — Evening welcome and get-acquainted session

Friday, June 16 —

- ▶ 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon — Program and Business meeting
- ▶ 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. — Visit to Cumberland County Historical Society
- ▶ 4:00 - 8:00 P.M. — Visit to points of interest in and around the Newville area
- ▶ Enjoy the Newville fountain festival and some good carnival food for the evening meal

Saturday, June 17 —

- ▶ 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. — Visit to historic York, PA, including the York County Historical Society and Dritt Mansion
- ▶ 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. — Banquet and program

Sunday, June 18 —

9:00 - 11:00 A.M. — Closing meeting, farewells and check-out

DEADLINE FOR REUNION REGISTRATION — APRIL 15, 2000

Registration fee cannot be refunded after **May 15, 2000**

The Comfort Suites Hotel and Conference Center is situated in downtown Carlisle and is easily accessible from I-81, Exit 14W to 34N and three miles south of I-76, Exit 16. The Hotel is also convenient to area shops and restaurants. It features 105 suites with adjoining sitting rooms, offering the comfort and convenience of a refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, data port phones and voicemail. All suites include a 25" television with free HBO and a sleeper sofa. A complimentary deluxe continental breakfast is served each day in the restaurant, *The Gas Light Grille*, which also features lunch and dinner daily as well as Sunday brunch. Outdoor dining is also available. A fully equipped exercise room and gift shop are also available for guests.

It will be necessary for you to make your own reservations for room accommodations at the Comfort Suites Hotel by calling them at 717-960-1000 or 800-704-1188 or writing to them at the above address. Reservations must be made no later than **May 15, 2000**. When making your reservation, please reference that you are with the **Tritt Family Research** group. Cost of the room for double occupancy is \$75.00. Parking is available behind the hotel at a nominal cost in the Borough-owned parking garage. Upon our receipt of your reservation, more detailed information will be sent to you closer to the reunion date. We look forward to seeing you next June!

Have questions or need more information? Call or write:

Connie J. Tritt
7 Ironstone Drive
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013-9705
717-258-4176

Mail the registration form below, along with your check for the appropriate registration fee(s) made payable to "Tritt Family Research", to:

Richard L. Miller
510 Schoolhouse Lane
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania 17257-1020

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Name(s) of those attending _____

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Total amount enclosed			\$ _____

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