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TRITT FAMILY TRIP TO SWITZERLAND AND FOURTH INTERNATIONAL REUNION

15—30 JUNE 2001

Following a similar style used for our 1997 Swiss tour, we will reside in the town of Lenk and from this base experience daily life and explore places in the Obersimmental (Upper Simme Valley) region. For a two week period, we will be housed in chalet apartments located on a scenic hillside just 350 yards from the centrally located 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 aerial lifts out of Lenk. In addition to allowing ample time to experience life in our ancestral valley, we have planned for a program of six optional day-long excursions to nearby places of interest. Other possibilities for our time in the Obersimmental will be some escorted mountain walks, perhaps a visit to the alpine cheese farm of Ueli and Hedi Tritten, a trip into the Fermal Valley, a visit to our ancestral church in St. Stephan, a viewing of early Tritten records at the village clerk's office in St. Stephan, a mountain picnic on Iffigen Lake, a tour and bathing in the hot mineral springs of Lenk (an area known to the Romans), and several free days to plan as persons wish. If enough persons are interested on one of our free days, we might contract (at an added fee) to take a hot air balloon ride over this beautiful area of Switzerland.

A concern has been to keep the overall cost as low as

possible. One way to do this is to minimize 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 on 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

At this point, nearly six months in advance, it is difficult to establish a fixed price. However, depending on the size of the eventual group, we estimate the cost to be between \$2,500 and \$2,800 per person. The earlier your enrollment, the more able we are to assure you a lower fee.

ITINERARY *(subject to change)*

Friday, June 15

Early evening departure from USA, overnight flight to Geneva.

Saturday, June 16

Mid-morning arrival in Geneva, two hour ride to Lenk in a private motorcoach owned by Jakob Tritten and driven by his son, Toni Tritten. Settle into our apartments. Take some time to rest from jet lag. Secure needed supplies and groceries. Invite our Tritten cousins and some village officials to a friendship meal together somewhere in the Lenk area.

Sunday, June 17

In the morning, visit our ancestral church in St. Stephan and attend a service. Have lunch nearby perhaps at the Mark Buehler farm near Matten, travel through the Fermal Valley and view the zu Hahlingen, the legendary place where the patron saint Stephanus took refuge during the decimation of the Theban legion.

Monday, June 18

Day trip via motorcoach into the Kanderstag Valley and ascend, via funicular cable, to the top of the 7,750 foot high Niesen. From here there is a magnificent panorama of the Bernese Oberland where we can see Interlaken and the Jungfrau massif (13,124 feet), the Jura mountains and the lakes of Brienz and Thun (this town likely frequented by our earliest ancestors). In the early evening, we might attend a narrated slide show depicting the flora and fauna of the Obersimmental.

Tuesday, June 19

View the early family records at the St. Stephan municipal office and do some tourist shopping in the few shops in St. Stephan. Visit the new St. Stephan tourist office and museum.

Wednesday, June 20

In the morning, take a leisurely walk in the nearby mountains guided by our Tritten cousins. We can start by

taking the Betelberg gondola out of Lenk up to Leiterli at 6,500 feet. From here we can walk at a mild pace and appreciate the magnificent scenery known to our ancestors. In the afternoon, we can have a guided tour of the Lenk hot mineral springs, an area frequented by the Romans. After our tour, we can bathe in these warm waters and, at the same time, view the snow-capped Alps not far away to the south.

Thursday, June 21

Day trip to Thun and the Emmental. A trip to Thun takes us to a lakeside village where our ancestors may have gone for major supplies and through which later ancestors traveled as they migrated to other parts of Europe. Here we might meet with our cousins Walter and Susan Tritten who visited in Pennsylvania in 1998. From here we can travel to the Emmental (the Emme valley) a favored cheese producing area and perhaps have a meal at the country restaurant Rossli-Heistrich in Utzigen, a place so enjoyed on a previous trip.

Friday, June 22

Free day.

Saturday, June 23

Day trip to Luzern and to the top of the Rigi. Luzern, situated on the Uierwaldstatter See (Lake of the Four Forest Cantons) is always a favorite and is regarded as perhaps the most beautiful town in Switzerland. Luzern is an inter-

esting place for walking and shopping. From here we can take a boat to Weggis or Gersan and from here board the cog railway and cableway to the Rigi-Kulm (5,900 feet), the most famous viewpoint in Switzerland. From this altitude, there are easy walks among woods and alpine pastures.

Sunday, June 24

Wander around Lenk or, after an aerial lift up the mountain, take a walk to the alpine cheese farm of our cousins Ueli and Hedi Tritten.

Monday, June 25

Day trip to Brienz, Giessbach and Aareschlucht. Will begin the day with a drive to Brienz located on a beautiful lake in central Switzerland. Brienz is the woodcarving capital of Switzerland and its fine shops provide ample selections and good prices. From here we will go across Lake Brienz to the Giessbach where a mountain stream cascades in a series of falls over successive ridges of rock on a wooded hillside. The power of this waterfall can be viewed from the terrace in front of the Park hotel or from a series of footpaths up both banks to the

highest of three bridges. From here we proceed through Meirinen to the Aareschlucht (gorge of the Aare River). Nearly a mile long, this narrow rock gorge between tall curving walls can be walked via a footpath which takes you through tunnels and galleries over the rushing waters below.

Tuesday, June 26

Day trip over the Susten, Grimsel and Furka Passes. This circuit of three magnificent passes offers a breathtaking experience, combining splendid alpine scenery with the tremendous technical achievements of the road engineers.

Wednesday, June 27

A more leisurely day, perhaps a picnic on Iffigen Lake just south of Lenk in the mountains.

Thursday, June 28

Day trip to Altdorf and a visit to the Victorinox factory in Schwyzlbach. Visit to Altdorf takes us to a place of historical importance in the founding of Switzerland in 1291. This is Wilhelm Tell country and here we can see the Tell statue on the town square. A visit to the Tell

chapel (known to have existed since at least 1500) on Lake Uri is the spot where legend tells it that Wilhelm Tell leaped out of the boat of his captor, Gessler, during a storm. We'll stop for lunch at Hotel Burg in Attinghausen and have fried chicken, Swiss-style. From here we will proceed on to the factory and outlet store of Victorinox, the designers and producers of the Swiss Army knife. After a tour in English, we can shop some fine bargains on a wide range of quality cutlery.

Friday, June 29

Free day and a time to prepare for our departure tomorrow. Perhaps for our evening meal, we can dine together at one of the nearby mountain restaurants.

Saturday, June 30

In the morning, depart Lenk by motorcoach 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, bathrooms with a shower, a sitting room, porch and one, 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 motorcoach; lease of chalet apartments for fourteen (14) nights, double occupancy; six (6) escorted day excursions; tour and one bath in the Lenk hot mineral springs; 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 luggage; donations and contributions; laundry services; telephone; personal excursions; meals.

PRICE PER PERSON

To secure the most favorable prices for flight and chalet rentals, reservations need to be made by **January 15, 2001**. Our best estimate of the inclusive cost of this family trip and schedule of payments is, as follows:

<u>If half paid by</u>	<u>And remainder by</u>	<u>Discount of</u>	<u>Inclusive price</u>
January 15 (\$1,250)	April 15 (\$1,250)	\$300	\$2,500
February 15 (\$1,300)	April 15 (\$1,300)	\$200	\$2,600
March 15 (\$1,350)	April 15 (\$1,350)	\$100	\$2,700
After March 15 (\$1,400)	April 15 (\$1,400)	\$ 0	\$2,800

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 \$350.00

2) **Alternate Return Date.** Some may wish to stay in Europe longer and return at a date later than June 30. With this in mind, we will arrange for an alternate return date of July 7. The per-person add-on cost for this option will be **\$100.00**

CANCELLATION SCHEDULE AND REBATES

<u>By Date</u>	<u>Percent Rebate</u>
Up to 90 days prior to departure (March 15)	100
Up to 60 days prior to departure (April 15)	80
Up to 30 days prior to departure (May 15)	60
Up to 21 days prior to departure (May 26)	50
After 21 days prior to departure (May 27)	0

OTHER ADVANCE PLANNING INFORMATION

Beginning in February 2001, full detailed information and lists will be sent to those with reservations. For now, you might note the following:

1) **Passports.** You will need a current United States pass-

port. This can take up to several months to secure.

2) **Baggage.** Subject to change by the airline, 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 permit-

ted 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 windbreaker 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.

2001 TRITT FAMILY TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

To assure my registration, my deposit of **\$250.00** 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, 2001**, the inclusive trip cost per person will be, as follows:

<u>If half paid by</u>	<u>And remainder by</u>	<u>Discount of</u>	<u>Inclusive price</u>
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OPTIONAL ADD-ON COSTS PER PERSON (please check those that apply)

_____ (\$350) I/We wish to have single accommodations

_____ (\$100) I/We wish to return to the U.S. on the alternate date of July 7

For ease of security clearance at the time of our New York check-in, please give below all of the following information including your date of birth and passport number:

Names: _____

Addresses: _____

Telephone number: _____

Date of birth: _____

Passport number: _____

PAYMENT

Please make your check payable to: "2001 Tritt Family Trip-Escrow Account"
And send to: Donald G. Tritt
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Granville, OH 43023-9794
(Tel: 740-587-0213)

ST. STEPHAN AND THE THEBAN LEGION



*In Volume 1
of Tritt
Family
History,
the following
account
of the
legend of
St. Stephan
is given:*

Legend has it that the community of St. Stephan can be traced back to the time of persecutions of the Christians when a soldier of the Theban Legion named Stephanus hid in a gorge or mountain cliff at the entrance of the Fernel Valley and lived there as a hermit in an area known as zu Hahlingen.

Since publication, we thought our readers might like to know something about the Theban legion and the role of Saint Maurice. To set the location of the legend, a traveler on the highway going from Geneva to Rome will notice a small and very old Swiss town called Saint Maurice which in Roman times was known as Aguanum. It was here that a Coptic officer named Maurice and 6,600 of his fellow soldiers died for the sake of Christ at the hands of the impious Emperor Maximian (285-300 A.D.). The story of these martyrs, commonly known as the Theban legion, was preserved and written down by Saint Eucher, the Bishop of Lyons, who died in 494 A.D. The Bishop starts the account of the martyrdom of the valiant soldiers by the following introduction: Here is the story of the passion of the holy Martyrs who made Aguanum illustrious with their blood and goes on to say under Maximian who was an Emperor of the Roman Empire, an uprising of the Gauls forced Maximian to march against them with an army of which one unit was the Theban legion

composed of 6,600 men. This unit had been recruited from upper Egypt and consisted entirely of Christians. They were good men and soldiers who, even under arms, did not forget to render to God the things of God, and to Caesar the things of Caesar.

After the revolt was quelled, the Emperor Maximian issued an order that the whole army should join offering sacrifices for the Roman gods for the success of their mission. The order included killing Christians (probably as a sacrifice to the Roman gods). Only the Theban legion dared to refuse to comply with the orders. The legion withdrew itself, encamped near Aguanum and refused to take part in these rites.

Maximian was then resting in a nearby place called Octudurum. When this news came to him, he repeatedly commanded them to obey his rules and orders, and upon their constant and unanimous refusal, he ordered that the legion should be decimated. Accordingly, every tenth man was put to death. A second decimation was ordered unless the men obeyed the order given but there was a great shout through the legion camp. They all declared that they would never allow themselves to carry out such a sacrilegious order.

When Maximian heard this, he got angrier than ever. Like a savage beast, he ordered the second decimation to be carried out, intending that the remainder should be compelled to do what they hitherto refused. Yet they still maintained their resolve. After the second decimation, Maximian warned the remainder of the Theban legion that it was of no use for them to trust in their number, for, if they persisted in their disobedience, not a man among them would be able to escape death.

Captain Maurice fired the hearts of the soldiers with fervor by his encouragement. Maurice, calling attention to the example of their faithful fellow sol-

diers, already martyrs, persuaded them all to be ready to die in their turn for the sake of their baptismal vow.

Fired by the lead of their officers, the Theban legion sent to Maximian a reply as loyal as it is brave: Emperor, we are your soldiers but also the soldiers of the true God. We owe you military service and obedience, but we cannot renounce Him who is our Creator and Master, and also yours even though you reject Him. In all things which are not against His law, we most willingly obey you. We readily oppose your enemies whoever they are, but we cannot stain our hands with the blood of innocent people. We have taken an oath to God before we took one to you. You commanded us to execute Christians. We have seen our comrades slain with the sword, we do not weep for them but rather rejoice at their honor. Neither this, nor any other provocation have tempted us to revolt. Behold, we have arms in our hands, but we do not resist, because we would rather die innocent than live by any sin.

When Maximian heard this, he realized that these men were obstinately determined to remain in their Christian faith, and he despaired of being able to turn them from their constancy. He therefore decreed, in a final sentence, that they should be rounded up and the slaughter completed. The troops sent to execute this order came to the blessed legion and drew their swords upon those holy men who, for love of life, did not refuse to die. They were all slain with the sword. They never resisted in any way. Putting aside their weapons, they offered their necks to the executioners.

Not all the members of the legion were at Aguanum at the time of the massacre. Others were posted along the military highway linking Switzerland with Germany and Italy. These were progressively and methodically martyred wherever they were found.

TRITT FAMILY
EXHIBIT

The Shippensburg

Historical Society is sponsoring an exhibit on the Tritt family at the Stewart House located at 52 West King Street, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. The exhibit will be on display from September 15, 2000, through December 31, 2000. One

of the goals of the society is to promote genealogical research in local area families and doing an exhibit on the Tritt family would help in achieving that goal.

Special thanks go to W. Wayne Tritt, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for providing the Tritt Family Tree display and other items of interest from Tritt Family Research. Also, a very special thank you to Richard L. Tritt and the Cumberland County

Historical Society for lending many books and photographs.

The society is open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. If you are in Shippensburg during September to December, 2000, stop in and view the Tritt family exhibit!

Richard L. Miller
Shippensburg, PA

A VISIT TO THE DRITT MANSION

A thrilling highlight of the Third National Reunion was a trip to the Dritt mansion located along the Susquehanna River near Wrightsville in York County and occupied by the Dritt/Tritt family for about a hundred years. The house was built early in the eighteenth century by John Meyer. The foundation may have been constructed before the extant structure by Thomas Cresap, Meyer's associate and Lord Baltimore's representative in a region of boundary dispute between Maryland and Pennsylvania. The Cresap estate comprised 150 acres and was called Pleasant Gardens. It is known that this wood house burned, but its location is unsure and its foundation may be that of the Dritt mansion. Cresap was quite a rascal and was jailed for land swindles in the contested area. He wasn't freed until the Mason Dixon Line was established and the King released prisoners held for territorial conflicts.

Johann Jacob Tritt (Dritt) 1746-1817 acquired the house from Meyer in 1778-79 and lived there for nearly forty years. A wealthy man of authority and respect, he owned at his death 3,000 acres of land, a ferry company, saw, oil and flax mills, and a wine and spirits business. A captain in the York County Militia, he was captured by the British for two years after defeat in New York during the Revolutionary War and became a Major General in the War of 1812. Attesting to his prominence, the house was locally known as the General's Mansion and it still bears the Dritt family name. His house faced east

to the sunrise and the broad river that was a vital conduit for north-south travel and yet a formidable boundary for east-west expansion. He was an intelligent man who saw the economic potential of such fortuitous contradic-

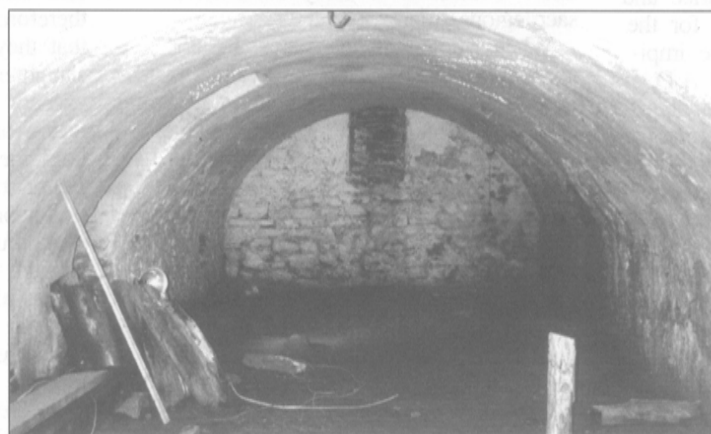
descendants. Two enormous "keeping pines" nearly obscure the stone front from the road and, though on the river, the house seems private and hidden from view. The ancient canal, which paralleled the front of the house, is long

gone and recent residential construction is close by, but the site is still impressive. With imagination, it is possible to visualize away everything modern and consider what it might have been like when our ancestors Jacob and Elizabeth Dritt and their eleven children lived

there. With hundreds of acres of rolling farmland, the site was no doubt more open to the sweeping views of the river with its dramatic bluffs to the south and "Tritt's Island" to the northeast.

The house is undergoing meticulous restoration by its owners, John and Kathryn Zimmerman. John was president of Historic York from 1965-1970 during the formation of the Golden Plough Tavern/Gates House/Barnett Bobb House ensemble we toured in York. The Zimmermans graciously

opened the entire house to us, provided refreshments, and set up displays of artifacts found during the work. Drawings by architect Mark Shermeyer of York were pinned to the old plaster partitions and Greg Lang of Robert Kinsley Construction of Baltimore and York explained work completed and in progress. Work began in the fall of 1999 and is expected to continue for two years.



tions. But he underestimated the ultimate power of the river, stubbornly crossing in dangerous conditions, and his boat was capsized by ice, drowning him in 1817. His eldest son Peter had drowned nearly twenty years earlier when his canoe was overturned by wind while his family watched desperately from shore. These personal family events provided a vivid historical context for the June 2000 pilgrimage of his

It was important to protect all the work to be done in the house by first installing new cedar shingles on the roof. Existing timber roof trusses were preserved and reinforced. These feature curious Germanic markings (not the usual Roman numerals found in English-built houses) used to identify individual pieces for assembly, as well as the date of 1738 incised by the framer on one of the truss members. The steeply pitched roof creates a lofty attic space 20 feet in height; windows in the stone gable ends light the dormer-less space. These are off-center, legend says to prevent entry of the devil, but more likely because the chimneys extend up the center of the gable wall for support, necessitating the windows be offset.

At the time of our visit, the front and rear walls were staged with scaffolding for roof work and the construction of the wood cove cornice. All window sash except two had been removed for replacement and the openings covered with plywood, darkening the interior and lending an air of mystery from within and without. The stonework will be repointed and mortar samples of different shades were prepared on the south wall. The deteriorated front porch was completely removed, its broken timber ends still embedded in the stone wall.

The floor plans of the house are unusual. Corner fireplaces face front rooms on the first floor but rear rooms on the second floor. The masonry vaults supporting the second floor fireplaces are visible in the ceiling corners of the first floor rooms, characteristic of vernacular Germanic construction. Rooms adjacent to those with corner fireplaces were heated by five-plate iron stoves, placed directly against the back of the fireplace beyond. An arched masonry opening through the wall allowed the stove to be fed with wood from the fireplace side. The corner fireplaces feature elegant elliptical and segmental masonry arches with elaborate wood moldings and surrounds.

The floors of all first floor rooms were completely unsalvageable, the fact that they were built over earth hastening their deterioration. New concrete footings have been poured to support the new floor joists; interior wood frame partitions are supported by temporary stacked timbers. On the front half of the house, these are located over a stone barrel-vaulted basement. With its prison-like vents set in deep splayed walls, this construction was once thought to be part

of a river fort until the actual site was located nearly a mile downstream. Greg Lang, the construction foreman, explained that these vaulted basements were constructed by first digging a large hole in the ground, then building an earthen mound within it. Stone was laid around the mound except at one end and allowed to set. The earth was then dug out and dumped on top of the stone vault to a thickness of several feet. The result was a remarkably well-insulated cold storage vault, which served General Dritt well as a wine cellar in a retail capacity for many years. This was connected to the floor above by a steep wooden stair and to the exterior by a bulkhead at the south end. Although not a fort, it is possible that this vault predates the house above.

The main staircase is separated from the entrance hall by paneled double doors. The stair itself has winder ends, but is unusually broad for this type. At the top landing, carved board banisters are said to be original, and they certainly are early vernacular regional carpentry. The northeast second floor room retains an original wall surface with the date 1758 clearly visible. This date may indicate the year that particular room was finished, rather than the construction date of the entire house. It was common in early American architecture to build a rather plain interior and finish rooms gradually, sometimes incorporating the year into the decoration. This theory is supported by the earlier date found carved in the attic.

The restoration of the Dritt mansion is of tremendous importance to the Tritt Family. We are extremely fortunate that the work is being performed to high preservation standards by superior professionals and craftsmen. The commitment and dedication of John and Kathryn Zimmerman to this significant undertaking ensures that this historic house will continue to face the rising sun across the river for many generations.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Historical notes regarding early history of the house from interviews with John Zimmerman, June and August 2000.

Historical notes regarding Jacob Dritt paraphrased from Johann Jacob Tritt (1746-1817) by Wendy Jane Smeltz and Richard L. Tritt, Tritt Family History, Volume 1, 1999.

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"I DON'T CONSIDER MYSELF A HERO. I'M A SURVIVOR AMONG MANY,
MANY BRAVE MEN WHO DIDN'T RETURN. Retired Lt. Col. Harold Hegyessy

LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Retired Lt. Col. Harold Hegyessy
Photo: Rick Egan - The Salt Lake Tribune

In an emotional 40-minute ceremony, 82 year old Lt. Col. Harold M. Hegyessy, Jr. (Retired) received the nations second highest military honor, the Distinguished Flying Cross. The award was 56 years late due to a military oversight. Second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor, it was presented to Col. Hegyessy by Major General Scott C. Bergren, Commander at Ogden Air Logistical Center, for action performed in WWII on September 11, 1944, while a navigator on a B17 aircraft over Germany. General Bergren explained that Harold's plane was one of a formation of 36 planes. The lead plane was shot down on the first run to the target. Harold's crew took over

as lead of the remaining planes and guided them on to the bombing target. After the successful bombing, and although lying prone on the floor of the aircraft with life threatening wounds suffered in perhaps the most intense antiaircraft barrage "I had ever seen before or since" and with the navigational maps destroyed in the gunfire, Harold guided the remaining 23 planes back safely to their base in England. The bombardier reported visual landmarks to him and, having an incredibly accurate memory, he then gave flight headings to the pilot. Harold is a true hero to us all.

Among the 200 plus people attending the ceremony were family members, relatives, friends, Major General Scott C. Bergren, Utah Senator Orrin G. Hatch and many other high echelon military leaders. Harold's wife Phyllis, due to serious health problems, was unable to attend the ceremony, but her heart was with him and she remains his most avid support.

In a very personal speech, Senator Hatch told of his brother, an airman who was killed in a B24 raid over Austria. He cited Harold and his brother as true heroes. He noted, this is a great man who almost died for us, and would have died for us in the

interest of freedom. Hatch added that its just a shame the medal was so long in arriving. He then presented Harold with a proclamation by the Governor, as well as a flag that had been flown in his honor over the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

In a stirring response, Harold told of his childhood and some Civil War veterans who came to his school and spoke of their war experiences. Harold told of his ancestors who fought for our country's freedom in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and some who fought on both sides of the Civil War, as well as his own father who fought in WWI. War is not a glamorous thing, he said. Its a deadly serious affair and people die. Many of my comrades gave their lives willingly for us. The good guys don't always win.

His closing remarks were "I don't consider myself a hero. I'm a survivor among many, many brave men who didn't return. I admit that I am a relic of the past, and from the rear guard of the past, I raise my hand in salute, and blessing, and farewell."

Perry and Mercedes Woolsey
Alpine, UT



TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH *Thank You...*

Following are
three letters
written on behalf
of Tritt Family
Research to

Richard Tritt and Wayne Tritt for their devoted service to TFR over the past years and upon their retirement from newsletter editor and treasurer, respectively, and a letter written to John Zimmerman of Mt. Wolf, Pennsylvania, for his hosting a tour of the Dritt house in York County during our Tritt Family Reunion in June 2000:

"Dear Dick:

On behalf of all of us who have been working for countless hours over a long number of years to bring the Tritt family story to print and also on behalf of those 'out there' waiting for the results of our work, I want to extend to you our deepest appreciation for an editorial job supremely well done.

Your knowledge of Tritt history, your stewardship of the Tritt family group record sheets, your conscientious attention to detail,

your fine writing and editing skills, your recognized book publishing talents, and your relentless patience all have resulted in Volume I of Tritt Family History, a true work of excellence.

With appreciation and love to you from all those who know you within the larger Tritt family,

Donald G. Tritt"

"Dear Wayne:

On behalf of all of us who have worked so very well together over the past 20 plus years to tell the Tritt family story, I want to express our profound appreciation to you for your long and conscientious service as Treasurer of Tritt Family Research. Your attention to detail, your ever-pleasant manner, and your personal follow-up notes to donors has been of inestimable value in presenting a quality connection to those 'out there' helping us financially and eager to see in print the Tritt Family story. We all are so very pleased you will be continuing as

a central member of the Tritt Family Research team as we approach preparations of Volume II.

In addition, I want to express my personal appreciation to you for your friendship and for your readiness to be of assistance on many and numerous aspects of our challenging family project. We have, indeed, become family and in large measure this has occurred because of your warm personal manner.

Our profound appreciation to you,

Donald G. Tritt"

"Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

On behalf of Tritt Family Research I want to extend to you our deepest appreciation for your taking the time out of your busy schedule last Saturday [June 17, 2000] to host our group at the Dritt house. You will never know what that meant to all of us. So many people expressed to me and others how appreciative they were, and I know you will

be receiving many personal thank you notes from the group.

Please also extend our gratitude to the workmen who were there to guide us through the house and to explain the work that is being done. It was so exciting to see and hear their enthusiasm when they talked about the project. That leads me to believe that the restoration work is in good hands. We will certainly look forward to hearing reports of ongoing work and to be able to see the finished product.

We also appreciated very much the refreshments you so graciously provided for us on such a hot and humid day. Your young hostesses were very polite and did a great job.

Again, thank you very much for all that you are doing to the house and for your willingness to allow the Dritt/Tritt descendants to be a part of the restoration project.

Sincerely yours,
Connie J. Tritt"

Old Family Pictures



..... By Mercedes Hegessy Woolsey

I first got the idea of scanning pictures in 1998, just before the first Hegyessy/Tritt Family Reunion at my home. I am very fortunate, as Grandfather Hegyessy and Great Uncle Frank Tritt were both professional photographers and had their own studio in Ohio. Consequently, there were many portraits that were divided among the four children of James Hegyessy and Florence Maud Tritt. Since those four are all deceased, the portraits have been divided among even more relatives. I wanted to display the originals in my possession for all the family to enjoy at that first family reunion. I tried to put them in protector sheets in a binder, but they were much too bulky. I decided to scan the originals and then put the scanned sheets in protector sheets in the binder. That way the originals would be safeguarded from any damage or loss. They were of the previous generations from Hungary, Ohio, California and Utah. I'm sure many are from the earliest days of photography probably about the mid-1800s.

I had previously observed that many of the relatives didn't feel comfortable sharing their precious irreplaceable pictures. It is understandable, as it would be devastating to loan them out and take the risk of having them unintentionally misplaced, lost or damaged. Perry and I had a small scanner that our son, Kerry, who works for Microsoft in Seattle, didn't have room for on his 35-foot sail boat which he calls home. I had the idea that, if we scanned all the relatives' pictures, put them on a CD and made them available at cost, everyone would have all the

pictures, no one would feel left out and everyone, hopefully, would be happy.

I talked to the relatives at our reunion, showed them my book of pictures, and asked if they would be interested in the project. Because my cousin Harold Hegyessy had helped plan that first reunion and liked the idea of scanning and sharing the pictures with everyone, his scanned pictures were also in the book. I told the relatives that they should plan to come and stay with their pictures so that they would be more comfortable about us scanning them. Another cousin and her two daughters have since come and stayed overnight while we scanned her families' pictures. It has been a great and fun way to help family unity and get to know each other in a way we never would have before.

We have upgraded from that first scanner twice to keep pace with advancing technology. Our present scanner even scans negatives. We use an ink jet printer to print the pictures, and some of them look better than the originals. I have scanned some old snapshots that are about the size of a postage stamp, enlarged them and they turn out great. It is also possible to touch up damaged pictures using appropriate software. You can print the original sepia tone of old portraits in color or print them in black and white. I have even been able to copy some old proofs that had not seen the light of day for almost a hundred years. Now they are available indefinitely. You can change size, crop, lighten and darken photos. The technology is wonderful and getting better all the time. I now have two cousins in another

town who have scanning equipment and are helping on the project.

I scan the pictures at 300 dpi, using Adobe Photoshop. After naming them, I save them in JPG format at about number 6 - high resolution. The smaller the original, it's a good idea to scan at a higher dpi, although it takes much longer and uses more space. I have printed on regular copy paper and they look wonderful. I just obtained some ink jet photographic paper and they look even better, or "awesome!" as the younger generation would say.

One important thing to remember: Since technology is advancing at such a rapid rate, it has recently come to our attention that a CD will only last a maximum of about 10 years. Because of this, it would be a good idea to run off hard copies and put them in a book for indefinite preservation and update the media (CD) at least every 10 years, or as often as new technology requires.

We still have a few reticent relatives, but are hoping to appeal to them to allow their photos to be scanned so we can make the CD available to all relatives as soon as possible.

I need to advise all of you that, as with all genealogy, this is very addicting. It is also very rewarding, it sparks interest to see pictures of those whose genes we carry, and it helps those who have passed on become an intimate part of our lives.

"Try it! You'll like it!"

**Mercedes Hegessy Woolsey
Alpine, UT**

A NEW JAMES TRITT-

According to Lisa Wallace of Georgia, we have a new James Tritt, son of James Travis Tritt who is the son of James Elmer Tritt who is the son of James

Elmer Tritt who is the son of James William Tritt. You see now that, as I am James Tritt, the son of James Tritt who is the son of James Tritt and my deceased grandson was James Tritt and my cousin in Texas is James Tritt, Sr. and his son is

James Tritt, Jr. and a cousin in Tennessee is also named James Tritt, at times I wonder who I am.

**James Tritt,
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma**

Photographs

.....By Richard Tritt

Many of us have photographs in our possession which are priceless images of our ancestors. Most of us also have many photographs of our own families which will in time become valuable to our descendants. With proper care, photographic images can be preserved for many generations. This article is intended as a practical guide for preservation and conservation of photos.

Photographs have four major natural enemies. These are relative humidity, temperature, light and people damage. There are three main things that we can do to prolong the life of photographs. These are (1) control their environment, (2) handle them carefully to minimize damage, and (3) choose proper storage and labeling materials.

Relative humidity is the most important factor in preserving photos. High relative humidity speeds up chemical deterioration and leads to fading and discoloration. A humid environment encourages photos to adhere to one another. Low relative humidity may cause photos to crack, craze and become brittle. The ideal relative humidity range for photos is between 50 and 60 percent.

The ideal temperature for the storage of photos is between 60 and 70 degrees and even lower for color images. High temperatures accelerate the rate of deterioration. It is a chemical fact that deterioration doubles every 18 degrees. If your house is 70 degrees and your attic 90, the photos will deteriorate twice as fast in the attic. Avoid attics, which are too hot, and basements, which are too damp.

Light causes embrittlement, yellowing and fading of photos. Any form of ultraviolet light is harmful. Direct sunlight and fluorescent light are the most harmful. If you want to frame and hang photos, use ultraviolet filtering glass, which is available at most framers.

The best storage areas for photos are interior closets, metal cabinets and storage furniture located where the temperature and humidity are controlled in all seasons and where there is little or no light. Do not store or hang photos on exterior walls, in bathrooms or over heat

sources.

People do terrible things to photos. They use glues and tapes which leave stains. They use staples, pins and paper clips which leave rust stains. They use rubber bands which weaken paper fibers, deteriorate and leave stains. Touching the front surface of photos

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leaves fingerprints which will eventually become etched in the photos. Always handle photos by the edges. Writing on the back with a marker or pen will eventually show through on the front. Use pencil or a photo marker pencil. Storage in acidic plastic sleeves exposes the photos to chemicals which will hasten fading or cause the image to transfer from the paper to another surface. Keeping photos in acidic albums will accelerate deterioration. Magnetic albums are also highly acidic. In time, the magnetic adhesive will not let the photo release and will damage both the image and the photographic paper.

Think about the photos that you have in your possession and how you are caring for them. Photos that are old, valuable or unique should be kept together and given special attention. Be sure to label all photos with names and dates. As we all know, this will be very important in the future. Valuable or endangered images, including daguerreotypes and tintypes, should be copied profes-

sionally. A negative will assure the survival of the image.

Copy prints can be used for display or framing and the original can be stored in a safe place. A photographer can often enhance the contrast of a faded photo and digital copies can greatly improve the quality of an image.

House your most important photos in appropriate materials. By using archival or acid free storage materials, the effect of environmental fluctuations can be minimized. Archival sleeves, folders, storage boxes and albums provide a barrier between the photo and a harmful environment and also provide a physical support. Suitable clear materials are made of polypropylene and polyester (Mylar).

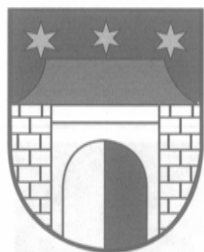
A variety of materials to house personal photo collections are available at many department stores, photo shops, museums and historical societies, or through mail order catalogs. In ads or descriptions look for the words "acid free, archival or archival quality."

Tritt Family Research established a family archives at the Cumberland County Historical Society in 1981. A major part of the Tritt Family Archives is a collection of photos related to the family. I have been employed as the Photo Curator at the Society since 1990. Original photos or copies of photos are always welcome additions to the collection. These will be preserved in a permanent archival environment and be available to future generations. They will also be accessible when illustrations are needed for future family publications such as Volume 2 of Tritt Family History.

If you have any questions about your photos, or if you would like to donate photos to the Tritt Family Archives, contact me at the Cumberland County Historical Society, 21 North Pitt Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. Phone: (717) 249-7610, e-mail: info@historical society.com.

Richard L. Tritt
Boiling Springs, PA





Tritt Family Research

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 19, 1999 to September 1, 2000

Balance October 19, 1999 \$ 1,170.20
Income All Sources 7,692.01
Total Expenses (6,330.00)

Balance September 1, 2000 \$ 2,532.21

Book Loan (Due January 1, 2001) \$(1,000.00)

This report covers the time period which reflects the expenses of our National Reunion held in June 2000 and the initial sales of the genealogy book Tritt Family History Volume I. As of this date, of the 1,000 books published, only 324 books have been sold. Thus, we were able to pay \$2,622 of the \$3,622 loan that was needed to publish these books. The remaining balance of \$1,000 on the book loan will be paid by January 1, 2001.

The following is a listing of individuals who made donations to Tritt Family Research since the publication of our last newsletter:

Gladys V. Cramer	Shippensburg, PA
Margaret Tritt	Ellington Bells, TN
Connie Fisher	Glendora, CA
Ardella Tritt Flint	Lancaster, PA
Philip R. Gelzer	Greensboro, NC
Anita L. Hartley	Berwyn, PA
Harold Hegyessy	Pleasant Grove, UT
Harley F. and Beverly Hupp	Webster City, IA
Floyd and Carol Johnston	Macklin, Saskatchewan, Canada

Rosemary Hanson Konter
Marie Tritt Mischitz
Fred L. Morefield
Mary Lou Tritt Nichols
Janet and Roger Roberts
Nancy B. and Kent G. Snyder
Ernest J. and Doris Trait
Nancy Trait
Dahl Tritt
Donald G. Tritt
Hollis C. Tritt
Leonard W. and Connie J. Tritt
Marg Tritt

Richard L. and Nancy S. Tritt
Richard C. and Diana G. Tritt
Robert L. Tritt
Sam Tritt
W. Wayne and Esther Tritt
William M. and June A. Tritt
Robyn Wampler
Mercedes and Perry Woolsey

Flagler Beach, FL
Bradenton, FL
Purcellville, VA
Gahanna, OH
Levittown, PA
Newport Beach, CA
Long Beach, CA
Harrah, OK
Thurmond, NC
Granville, OH
Spokane, WA
Carlisle, PA
Burnaby,
British Columbia, Canada
Boiling Springs, PA
Harrisburg, PA
Kansas City, MO
Delray Beach, FL
Carlisle, PA-
Punta Gorda, FL
Gardners, PA
Alpine, UT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Miller
Treasurer

TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH MEETING

**Thursday, August 16 -
Sunday, August 19, 2001,
in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.**

At this meeting, we will further develop plans for Volume II of Tritt Family History. Our annual business

meeting will be held on Saturday, August 18. In addition to our planning, discussions and meal time together, some other social events will be held. All meetings will be held at the Days Inn at Carlisle. For details on accommodations and reservations, contact the Days Inn at 717-258-4147 and tell them

you are with the Tritt family group. AAA/AARP discounts will be honored. Reservations must be made by August 1, 2001.

**Donald G. Tritt
Granville, OH**



THIRD NATIONAL REUNION JUNE 15 - 18, 2000

The Third National Reunion of Tritt Family Research was held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with over fifty Tritts from around the United States in attendance. People attending represented the states of California, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Utah.

Our reunion began with a gathering on the afternoon of June 15 for registration and getting acquainted. In the evening, a reception was held where everyone introduced themselves and their families; and we had a wonderful time meeting new Tritts and renewing friendships with others whom we have not seen in quite some time.

On Friday, we held our annual business meeting where we discussed, among other things, correspondence over the past year either via U.S. mail or E-mail, new and future sale items (some of which have been added for 2000), others' research projects on their own particular line, the libraries where a copy of Tritt Family History have been donated (a list of which appears elsewhere in the newsletter), accomplishments of Tritt family members over the past year, and our planned tour to Switzerland for 2001 (details of this trip appear elsewhere in the newsletter).

Following the business meeting, we met at the Cumberland

County Historical Society to view Tritt items given to the library. Richard Tritt also gave a slide presentation of Tritts leaving Diedendorf and migrating to the Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, area. On the late afternoon, we drove to the Peter Tritt house outside Newville where we met David Hockenberry and his family, the present residents, of the house, who graciously, and willingly allowed us to explore the outside of the house and grounds.

On Saturday, we traveled to York, Pennsylvania, where we toured the York County Historical Society, the Plough Tavern, Gates House and colonial courthouse from where our government conducted business for a time during the American Revolution. The afternoon was spent at the Dritt house along the beautiful Susquehanna River not far from York. John Zimmerman was a very gracious host and allowed us to wander around to see the massive restoration project he has undertaken. The house will truly be a work of art when finished.

In the evening, we held our banquet. Good food was available, and a program followed to entertain and inform us. A slide presentation was shown of Swiss sites, we were given a history quiz of questions about past newsletters, honor prizes were awarded and the grand finale was a skit about Hans Peter and Christian coming to America in 1739. Thanks go to Connie Fisher for writing and producing the skit, to Nancy

Tritt and Mercedes Woolsey as production assistants and to Jeanette Miller as set director. Players in the skit were Donald Tritt and Harold Hegyessy as immigration officers, Wayne Tritt and Ernie Trait as Hans Peter and Christian Tritt, Richard Miller, Bob Naiva and Perry Woolsey as dainty maids and Leonard Tritt as Heidi moo-cow. Winners of the history quiz were Jim Tritt from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Jeanette Miller from Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Carol Tritt of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, won the grand prize of the evening which was a patron copy of *Tritt Family History, Volume 1*. Those winning the honor prizes were:

Who registered first — Bob, Louise, Rachel and Sarah Tritt of Kansas City, Missouri;

Who are married the longest — Wayne and Esther Tritt of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and Bill and June Tritt of Punta Gorda, Florida, both with 56 years of marriage separated by only two days apart;

Who traveled the longest distance — Ernie and Doris Trait of Long Beach, California;

Who has the most family members present — Betty Tritt Smeltz of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with six;

Who was wearing the most Swiss items — Connie Tritt of



Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with six;

Who had the most state quarters in their wallet — Wendy Smeltz of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with four;

Who was wearing the most red and white — Robyn Wampler of Gardners, Pennsylvania; and

Who owns the oldest car — Jim Tritt of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, who owns a 1968 Chevrolet pickup truck.

Sunday morning was spent in a brief meeting followed by the long goodbyes. We all had a great time and hated to see the long awaited weekend come to a close.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie J. Tritt,
Secretary

TRANSLATIONS GIVEN TO LENK TOURIST OFFICE

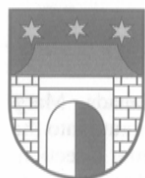
Tritt Family Research has prepared and presented to the Lenk tourist office German to English translations of two historical papers important to members of the Tritt family and to residents and visitors of the Obersimmental. The first of these is *Über e Wallisbärg (Rawil) or "Over the Rawil Pass"*. This paper describes the Rawil Pass route, the main trade route out of the southern end of the

Simmental and across the 10,000 foot chain of the Alps. Artifacts discovered on this trade route show that it was used as early as the period 3000 to 2000 B.C.

The second paper is *"Wie das Obersimmental zu Bern Kam"* (How the Upper Simmen Valley Became a Part of Canton Bern). This paper tells about life in the Obersimmental beginning in the late 1300s. An account is given of land

rights and how these came to be transferred. Early life of the peasant, the bondman or serf and the freeman is portrayed. Military actions are described which account for this remote alpine valley coming under the jurisdiction of Bern.

Donald G. Tritt
Granville, OH



TRITT NATIONAL REUNION 2000

A wonderful experience and a weekend that exceeded all expectations. The food, fellowship and entertainment were great. After about an absence of some eighteen years, we found it as wonderful and exciting as ever to be included as part of the Tritt family and hope that these words convey our true feelings for all the Tritt family members.

**James and Betty Tritt
Broken Arrow, OK**

My memories of the Tritt Family National Reunion begin with all flights canceled due to weather and unsuccessful attempts to reach Wayne Tritt who was meeting my plane at the airport. Wayne made two trips to Harrisburg and finally found me. "Thank you" to Wayne and Esther and I apologize for the inconvenience, but grateful for your perseverance.

The hotel arrangements were very good, the food always fine in Pennsylvania and, of course, the company perfect. Thanks to Don, Connie, Richard and Nancy and all the other cousins who made the weekend such fun.

By arriving a day early, a friend from Baltimore drove up to spend the day with me and we were able to tour the old courthouse, the Episcopal Church and other Carlisle sites. Neat town and a delight to a California resident where "old" means tear down and build new. Seeing the Hamilton Library and Tritt family archives was invaluable to those of us living out of the area.

The drive to York was again an opportunity to have fellowship with many cousins. Once there, we viewed the York County Historical Society Museum. There is so much to take in and so beautifully displayed. The highlight was to return to the Dritt house and be greeted so warmly by Mr. Zimmerman. The only other time I had been to the house, we were only permitted to enter the front hall. This was a long time ago and when the house was owned by someone else. The chance to climb even into the attic and see the beams which had been lifted to original height was never to be forgotten. The Zimmerman family and workers made our visit a time of learning, viewing and warm hospitable fellowship.

A delicious banquet was served by the hotel and many cousins attended.

It was hard to get to visit with each one, but I tried. After the dinner, Richard Tritt distributed a quiz which gave many laughs and prizes to the smart cousins. Needless to say, I won no prize but had a ball trying.

Then came the frivolous skit "The Tritt Family Saga" about the two brothers' trip from Switzerland to America. No one will ever forget the inefficient customs officials, Don Tritt and Harold Hegyessy. Leonard Tritt was a perfect kicking Moo-Cow and the three dainty milk maids gave us stitches in our sides from so much laughing. We have to give thanks to all those participating and Don, our fearless leader, for allowing us to have such fun at a serious workshop! The props, costumes and lighting as the sun went down and the moon came up were super! Those of you who could not be part of this weekend, missed so much fellowship, love and fun.

In closing, I simply must add that, as a shirt tail relation descending from the female line of Anna Tritt, I feel most grateful to be part of the family. You are all GREAT. Till the next time.

**Connie Fisher
Glendora, CA**

TRITT BOOKS DONATED TO LIBRARIES

Since most libraries do not budget funds for the purchase of genealogy books, some members of Tritt Family Research have donated copies of Tritt Family History Volume I to various libraries, agencies and historical societies across the country. These members are:

Connie Fisher	Glendora, CA
Harold M. Hegyessy, Jr.	Pleasant Grove, UT
Rosemary Hanson Konter	Flagler Beach, FL
Jeanette and Richard Miller	Shippensburg, PA
Doris and Ernest J. Trait	Long Beach, CA
Connie and Leonard Tritt	Carlisle, PA
Nancy S. and	
Richard L. Tritt	Boiling Springs, PA
Louise and Robert L. Tritt	Kansas City, MO
Mercedes and Perry Woolsey	Alpine, UT

Tritt Family Research greatly appreciates and thanks these individuals for their donations. Numerous letters of apprecia-

tion have been received and one librarian writes, in part, "I think your family's book is the most attractive family genealogy that I have ever seen!"

The names of the various libraries, agencies and historical societies that received donated books are:

NSDAR Library	Washington, D.C.
Library of Congress	Washington, D.C.
Sons of the Revolution Library	Glendora, CA
California State House, DAR	Glendora, CA
Glendora Public Library	Glendora, CA
Sutro Library	San Francisco, CA
State Library of Ohio	Columbus, OH
Cumberland County	
Historical Society	Carlisle, PA
Pennsylvania State Library	Harrisburg, PA
Shippensburg	
Historical Society	Shippensburg, PA
York County Historical Society	York, PA
Chester County	
Historical Society	West Chester, PA
Lancaster County	
Historical Society	Lancaster, PA
Historical Society	
of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA

Berks County	
Historical Society	Reading, PA
LDS Library	Salt Lake City, UT
Harold B. Lee Library	Provo, UT
Everton's Genealogical Library	Logan, UT

There are some other libraries that should have a copy of our book:

Kittochtinny	
Historical Society	Chambersburg, PA
Lancaster Mennonite	
Historical Society	Lancaster, PA
Hoenstine Rental Library	Hollidaysburg, PA
The Ohio Genealogical	
Society	Mansfield, OH
Los Angeles Public Library	Los Angeles, CA
New England	
Genealogical Society	Boston, MA
New York Public Library	New York, NY
Newberry Library	Chicago, IL

If you are interested in donating a book to any of the above, please contact Richard L. Miller, Treasurer, at 510 Schoolhouse Lane, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania 17257-1020, telephone: 717-530-1639.



SWISS
CENTER OF
NORTH
AMERICA

North America has been influenced greatly by the Swiss immigrants to our continent, and their creativeness has maintained its unique identity and effectiveness. Yet, unlike other ethnic groups who have established cultural centers and museums, the North American Swiss community possesses no comparable facility.

It has long been known of the need to collect and preserve for future generations the important artifacts, records and correspondence that the Swiss settlers brought with them. Many of these items are gone forever and it is vital that the items that do still exist be secured and preserved.

Many Swiss-Americans are interested in the history of their ancestral migration and the origins of their family name. Of great benefit is to have a computer-based centralized source for genealogical research. The creation of such a facility is an important way to promote and enhance the awareness of Swiss culture and contributions to North America. Recognizing the need for such a Swiss-focused center, the Swiss Center of North America, a not-for-profit organization, plans to create such a facility which has as its mission the documentation, promotion, and celebration of the unique qualities, contributions, and diverse cultures of the Swiss in North America. This Center is to be located in New Glarus, Wisconsin, and has the support of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The four essential goals of the Center are:

- 1) Create an **archive** by collecting documents and artifacts relating to Swiss involvement in American history and life;
- 2) Create a **reference library** pertaining to Swiss history, immigration studies and contemporary culture;
- 3) Promote Swiss **genealogical research**; and
- 4) Create **exhibits** which portray Swiss cultural and economic presence in North America.

Future goals of the Center include:

- 1) Development of

educational materials;

2) Organize and hosting events such as **courses, workshops, symposia and conferences**

3) Promoting **cross-cultural exchanges**; and

4) Offering **artistic performances**

To find out more about how the Center can be of benefit to you, write them at Swiss Center of North America, 501 First Street, P.O. Box 125, New Glarus, Wisconsin 53574-0125, or send an E-mail to email@swisscenternorthamerica.com. Our President, Donald Tritt, is a member of the executive committee and secretary of the Board of Directors of this international planning group.

The Swiss Center will tell our story: The tales of yesterday, our dreams of today and our hopes for tomorrow.

**Connie J. Tritt
Carlisle, PA**

PLANS FOR VOLUME II

With the successful completion of Volume I of Tritt Family History, it is now time to begin plans for Volume II. The focus of Volume II will be to document and tell the stories of all the children of Hans Peter and Christian Tritt and their descendants up to the current day. This will be a massive undertaking as the number of descendants over the past 250 years runs into the thousands. Quite necessarily this volume will contain much information in a straight line, pedigree format. However, to continue the quality contained in Volume I, we want this volume to be presented in as much of a narrative/historical format as possible telling the story of your line of ancestors. This means that YOU, who best know these stories, are the best persons to write and supply an account of a particular person and their descendant. So, write your account of an ancestor and carry this forward as far as possible. An essential place to begin is by completion of a Family Group Record Sheet for each family unit. Using these can help you write a narrative account.

**Donald G. Tritt
Granville, OH**

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 Sheets. This sheet is the standard form for the initial recording of all genealogical information. A copy of this form can be found at our web site at www.tritt.org or send a request for a copy to Connie J. Tritt, 7 Ironstone Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013-9705. Since you will probably need several such sheets, you might print duplicate copies from the web site. 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-21st 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
81 Donald Ross Drive
Granville, Ohio 43023-9794

STARTING OF A "CLASSIFIED AD" SECTION

A helpful suggestion was received from Marg Tritt of

British Columbia, Canada. Marg suggested we incorporate into the Tritt Family Newsletter a section where persons could make an appeal for information regarding a particular person about whom they are doing research. The request likely would be most useful if the search questions were narrowly focused. She gives the following example:

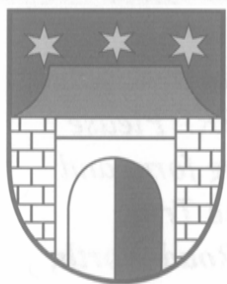
Would like to correspond with descendants of LAFAYETTE TRITT (b: 1834, d: 23 May 1864). Resided in North Carolina, Confederate soldier. Lafayette was the father of MARGARET G. (b: 1854), WM. HENRY (b: 1857, d: 6 November 1935), JOHN (b: 1858), and LAURA (b: 1860). Anyone having information on this Tritt line please write me at ...

So – consider use of this Newsletter to further your research, prepare a "Classified Ad" and send it to the Co-Editors. Obviously, there will be no charge for this. However, as you know, every year we are greatly in need of about \$1,500 to publish the next issue. Donations are greatly welcomed.

**Connie J. Tritt and
Jeanette C. Miller,
Co-Editors**

WARNING!! - ONCE AGAIN

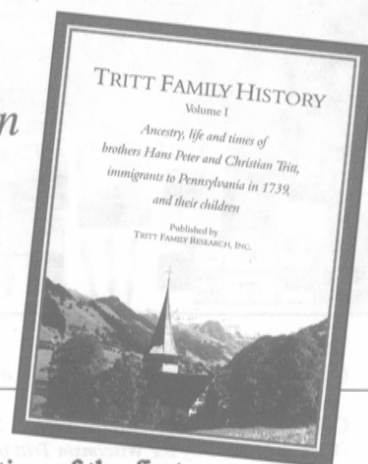
Now comes a solicitation from a "publisher" in Denver, Colorado, offering to sell you "The Year 2000 Tritt Family Yearbook". This yearbook claims to celebrate the "last 2000 years of Tritt History" for \$39.85. Wow!, wouldn't that be something, a history older than the New Testament, all for under \$40! The alarming claims of this is that it is a "complete revision of the classic Tritt Family History". Our examination of this yearbook shows it to be no more than birth and death records which may be obtained free from the Social Security Administration, who lived the longest, the usual bit of addresses and phone numbers long out-of-date, and some scattered census records. This definitely is not a genealogy book!



TRITT FAMILY HISTORY — Volume I

*Ancestry, Life and Times of
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