

# THE WISCONSIN TRITTS



William Tritt, Sr. and his four sons. Front row, left to right are Zenas Christman Tritt, William Tritt, Sr., and William Tritt, Jr. Back row are Euclid Tritt and Hiram Tritt.

What is known about William Lloyd Tritt, Sr.'s origins appears in a biography published in *The History of Winnebago County, Wisconsin*, published in 1908. His biography states that he was the only son of a Christian Tritt, who was a native of Germany. Christian married Elizabeth Vanderbilt and their son was born June 15, 1819, in Newville, Pennsylvania. This information appears to be valid, but no documentation of his birth has been found in Pennsylvania and no Christian Tritt has been located near Newville, Pennsylvania, who could have been his father. The biography goes on to say young William was moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1822. His father Christian died in 1834 when William was only fifteen years old. William married Julissa Hubbard (1826-1917) at Deerfield Ohio on July 2, 1842. They had three children in Ohio and seven more in Wisconsin, where the family moved about 1850. William fought in the Civil War, was captured and held in southern prisons for seventeen months, and kept a diary that Tritt Family Research published in 1987. He died on August 5, 1909, at the age of 90. He established the Tritt family in Wisconsin where a number of his descendants remain today.

Tritt Family Research would love to solve the mystery of William Lloyd Tritt Sr.'s origins. It seems that somewhere, someone must have the information that will connect him to another Tritt family line. There are a large number of Tritts in Wisconsin and we would love to know just how we are all related.

Grace Lange-Christensen, a descendant of Wisconsin's William Lloyd Tritt, Senior, wrote the following article. She lives in Rancho Santa Margarita, Orange County, California. She has had an interest in her family's Wisconsin roots and has done quite a lot of research. She had the occasion to visit for the first time the Lake Poygan area of Wisconsin on April 4, 2007. TFR has been trying for many years to connect the Wisconsin Tritts to one of the known family lines, most likely the immigrants Hans Peter Tritt or Christian Tritt of Pennsylvania.

This article is written in the form of excerpts from the journal that Grace kept of her Wisconsin visit. The ellipses are indicated with four dots. We hope that you enjoy this interesting, well written and entertaining family adventure. Thank you, Grace, for sharing this with the TFR family. We have been frustrated for years by the unsolved mystery of the Wisconsin Tritts and would like to prove that they

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are our bona fide cousins. We hope this article will generate an answer to this perplexing mystery.

— Richard Tritt, TFR Vice-President

## WISCONSIN'S TRITT ROAD

*Excerpts from the journal of Grace Christensen, great-great-granddaughter of Wisconsin's William Lloyd Garrison Tritt:*

At the end of a long day of travel across the state, my husband, Carl, and I followed Highway 21 into the small town of Omro, Wisconsin. We parked along the highway that also serves as the town's main street and walked across to check out a tiny curio shop called, rather presumptuously I thought, "The Art Gallery." I had traveled from southern California to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for business, but had squeezed out one day in which to "feel" my way toward an understanding of my Wisconsin Tritt roots. William Lloyd Garrison Tritt's brief biography in a small booklet I'd acquired (also containing a transcript of his Civil War diary) had pointed me toward Wisconsin's Lake Poygan area. Omro appeared to be the main rural business center in that area. When we entered the shop a friendly woman clerk graciously greeted us. I told her that I was looking for my great-great-grandfather's homestead and asked if she knew of any Tritts in the area. She, being new to the town, said she did not, but she suggested that we be in the adjacent Main Street Café at 6 a.m. the next morning, that a group of the "good old boys" congregated at a table there to "chew the fat" every morning at that early hour and that "they know everybody." Following are a few journal excerpts of the next wonder-filled hours with the Tritts.

April 4, 2007. It snowed last night.... [At 6 a.m. in the Main Street Café] after ordering a cup of coffee and sitting with Carl for a short while, I scraped my chair back and, rising, said to him, "Well, wish me luck. Here goes nothing." I walked over to five hardy looking men in overalls, plaid flannel shirts and bulky, thrown open jackets who were lazing around a nearby table. They immediately put down their coffee mugs, stopped talking and looked at me as if I had a lizard on my head. I said, "Excuse me. Can a woman break in to ask a question?" They sat dumbfounded. I continued, "I'm Grace Christensen and I'm here in Omro looking for the homestead of my great-great-grandfather, William Lloyd Garrison Tritt." Well, I had said the magic word. They all agreed "There's lots of Tritts 'round here. In fact, [pointing across the room]

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



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there's one right there. Hey, Gordon, she's looking..." Gordon a man of about 45 was heading out of the cafe door, but he good naturally hollered "I'll be right back." and he was....

Gordon threw a document that looked like a deed on the table. "Here's the record of the Tritt property," he said. Well you could have pushed me over with a feather. I couldn't believe this was happening but I tried to keep my senses about me. This was too easy. What's going on here? I felt like I could just stand up in the middle of the room, shout Tritt, and they would come out of the woodwork. I was literally overwhelmed. What should I ask? Of all these Tritts, who's related to whom? How do they relate to my great-great-grandfather? Is there a William Lloyd Garrison Tritt homestead? Where is it? The questions tumbled over in my mind. We're talking seven generations ago here....

*[With Gordon's permission and direction, Carl hurried up Main Street to a convenience store and had the deed Xeroxed. Meanwhile I made a connection with Sheridan Tritt, a descendent of Leon Tritt, who was Wm. Lloyd Garrison's grandson. Sheridan said he'd take us to see the third house built in 1904 on the homesteaded land of William Lloyd Garrison Tritt as well as to his second, hand-hewn home. William LG Tritt's first home, a log cabin, has been dismantled. Of course Sheridan, this taciturn gentleman, didn't readily disclose all of this, he just said, "Follow me." I had to identify and fit the pieces together later.]*

We followed Sheridan in his vintage Ford Explorer toward the location of the Tritt homestead. Crossing the Fox River we took a northern route out of Omro toward Poygan Lake. The route was somewhat familiar to me from my study of the maps I had, in preparation, downloaded from Map Quest. Our last turning was at the corner of County Road F (aka Church Road) and Tritt Road. Then it was up a small rise and into the farmyard of a neat, putty colored, wooden framed home with dark shutters and white trim.... Certainly this couldn't be the old original home! It wasn't, but it was the one that great-great-grandfather and grandmother Tritt moved into in 1904 after turning their earlier, hand-hewn and sawed board, small home over to another family member. The 1904 home has kept its integrity but has been greatly altered. *[I took pictures of the altered home and the still functioning, original 1904 barn and have since obtained from family members a picture of the configuration of the home in the early 1900s with Wm. Lloyd Garrison Tritt standing and his wife, Julissa, seated on a stool in their front yard.]....*

Feeling great appreciation for his kindness, we dutifully followed Sheridan as he unbended out of his Explorer, walked up to the back door and with just a cursory knock unlatched the door and walked right in.... Mrs. Carolyn Tritt rushed forward wiping her hands on a dish towel as if she had expected us. She warmly welcomed us and led us to an old oak breakfast table where her husband, Harland, was seated.... I didn't know where to begin. I would guess that I introduced myself and thanked them for letting us intrude. Anyway things seemed to get underway.... Harland proudly showed us Wm. Lloyd Garrison Tritt's pocket watch, a very heavy piece with a case of either silver plate or nickel. Harland has hung it in a display case of domed glass. You see, Wm. Lloyd Garrison's oldest son was also named William L. Tritt, one of Wm. Junior's sons was named Leon. Leon and his young bride, Josie, "worked for" their grandfather, William Lloyd Garrison, Senior. Harland is a descendent of Leon. Hence the turnip of a watch in Harland's glass dome.



*1904 home of William Lloyd Garrison and Julissa Tritt, taken in the early 1900s. William is standing and his wife, Julissa, is seated on a stool on the front yard. This is now the home of Harland and Carolyn Tritt.*

.....Carolyn said, "If you don't mind I'll finish with my dishes" and proceeded to do just that. Then, picking up a walk-about phone she called someone and shouted into the phone, "Get on up here, Bob, and bring that box of stuff you've got with you. Some lady is here wanting to find out about the Tritt family!" In very short order Bob Tritt arrived with his wife, Fern.... Bob brought copies of William Lloyd Garrison Tritt's Certificate of Service in the Civil War as well as the Certificate of Service of one of his four sons, Zenas [*my great-grandfather, by the way*] who also served the Union during the Civil War. In William Lloyd Garrison Tritt's case the service was in Company F of the Twenty-First Wisconsin Infantry, and in Zenas Tritt's case Company A of the Thirty-Seventh Wisconsin Infantry, both from Poygan, Wisconsin. *[I learned that Poygan is a legal geographical entity but currently not centered by any kind of settlement.]* William's involvement ceased with the 21st Wisconsin Infantry's advance on Chattanooga, Chickamauga, on September 20, 1863, when he was taken prisoner by the Confederate Army.

Bob also had the original records of the requests that Zenas Tritt had made as well as the requests that his mother, William Lloyd Garrison's elderly widow, had made to the War Department of the U.S. government. These handwritten pleas were seeking compensation for Zenas' service and the "head wound" he suffered in the Civil War. I saw the record of his medical evaluation examination drawn up by some U.S. official that stated that no reason could be ascertained for his symptoms of dizzy spells, and he was awarded an Invalid Pension. The bright red stamp, "Invalid Pension," blazed across the repeated written requests for an increase could be read as the adjective, in-val'-id, or the noun, in'-va-lid. It is not known for sure which meaning is implied, but the medical examiner's conclusion that "no reason could be ascertained" *seems* to point to in-val'-id. According to the records Bob Tritt has in his keeping, in 1912, Zenas Tritt received \$16 a month from the U.S. government; in 1916, he received \$20 a month; he died of the flu in 1918 but his pension continued to be received by someone, probably his wife, Hannah, who lived until 1947. In 1921, she was receiving \$24 a month. So many questions. So few answers.

*[A side note is that these hand-written requests show Zenas to be living in Hill City, Graham County, Kansas, from 1882-1890 (8 years, after which for*

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## SYNOPSIS OF AUGUST MEETING

The 30th annual meeting of Tritt Family Research was held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 16 through 18, 2007. Those in attendance were:

Brent, Melissa, Will and Emmaline Clayton of Bellefonte, PA  
Brian, Audrey and Greta Clayton of Lock Haven, PA  
Gladys Cramer of Shippensburg, PA  
Barbara Holloman of Silver Spring, MD  
Jeanette Miller of Shippensburg, PA  
Sandy Naiva of Manchester, NJ  
Edie and Nathan Richeson of Canton, OH  
Karen Scheffler of Montgomery, VT  
Ernie and Doris Trait of Long Beach, CA  
David and Judy Tritt of Canton, OH  
Donald Tritt of Granville, OH  
Dwight Tritt of Boiling Springs, PA  
Leonard and Connie Tritt of Carlisle, PA  
Richard and Nancy Tritt of Boiling Springs, PA  
Wayne Tritt of Carlisle, PA  
Eldridge and Jane Ward of Frederick, MD

Thursday evening, we recognized Richard Tritt and Melissa Clayton for their work in publishing Volumes I and II, respectively, of *Tritt Family History*.

We welcomed two new faces to our annual meeting. Karen Scheffler joined us for a few hours on Friday; and Dwight Tritt attended the business meeting on Saturday. It was a pleasure to get to know Karen and we hope that next year she will be able to return and stay for the entire weekend. Dwight is the new treasurer for TFR, so he will also become an integral part of our meetings; and we look forward to working with him in his newly appointed capacity. It was also good to see Dave and Judy Tritt after several years of absence due to ongoing health problems. They brought along their daughter, Edie, and grandson, Nathan; and it was good to see them again, too.

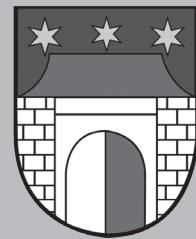
The majority of the meeting on Friday was a discussion of the upcoming publication of Volume III of *Tritt Family History*. Ernie Trait and Jane Ward are the coordinators for this volume which has a target date of completion in or around 2010.

Friday evening, Dave and Robyn Wampler hosted the group at their home for a dinner and gathering. This has become a tradition and one each of us appreciates very much. Good food and good company made for a terrific evening. Thank you to Dave and Robyn!

Among other things discussed at the business meeting on Saturday, one of the main points was the need to add shipping and handling charges to sale items due to the increase in postage rates and shipping envelopes. These rates will be \$2 for all orders \$10 and less; \$3 for all orders above \$11. The \$4 shipping and handling charge will remain the same for Volumes I and II of *Tritt Family History*; and \$2 per book if ordering more than one book.

Our 31<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of Tritt Family Research will be held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 14 through 16, 2008. ■

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# JOHN ZIMMERMAN AND THE DRITT MANSION

*Leonard Tritt, Carlisle, Pennsylvania*

In recent years, these pages have mentioned John Zimmerman as the owner and restorer of the "Dritt Mansion" in Lower Windsor Township, York County, Pennsylvania. From May 1783, this large stone house along the Susquehanna River was, for more than 40 years, owned by Jacob Dritt (Tritt) or his heirs. (Why Jacob Tritt used the name Dritt is unknown.) Jacob was the eldest son of Hans Peter Tritt, one of the two original Tritten brothers who arrived in Philadelphia in 1739. But, who is this modern-day owner of the property?

John Zimmerman was born in York, Pennsylvania. Though his family lived in York, as he was growing up, he spent summers at the home of family friends along the Susquehanna River at Long Level, in Lower Windsor Township, near the Dritt Mansion; and he called York "home" for 25 years.

John joined the Army during World War II and was discharged in 1946. In 1947, he married Kathryn Wolf and they settled in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for several years, until they moved to Kathryn's hometown of Mt. Wolf, York County, Pennsylvania. The Wolf family operated a building supplies business there, Wolf Supply. John joined that company, which, under his and a brother-in-law's guidance and eventually that of some of their children, grew to a regional chain of building supplies outlets named "The Lumber Yard". The families sold The Lumber Yard to employees in 2006. Until then, it was truly a family business.

His interest in local history led to a long association with Historic York, Inc., of which he is a past-president. This organization has refurbished numerous historic structures in and around York. One of those is the Plough Tavern, an original colonial tavern across the street from where the Continental Congress drafted the Articles of Confederation between September 1777, and June 1778, and not far from where Jacob Dritt and a partner operated a liquor store. John is also a past-president of the York Chamber of Commerce, and has long associations with the York County Historical Society and the York County Heritage Trust.

From the time of his boyhood summers spent at Long Level, John admired the big stone house, often called "the Dritt House", just down the road from where he stayed. As the years passed, it "grew on him" so much that

one day he visited the house's owner, Ken Wallick, expressing his desire to buy the house if Mr. Wallick wanted to sell. John had to wait some years, but Mr. Wallick did sell the house to the Zimmers in 1998.

John and Kathryn both had strong interest in restoring old buildings, so they decided to do so with the Dritt Mansion. But before structural work began, they had the building thoroughly evaluated and examined to enable it to be restored to look as it did when it was built. An extremely productive archeological dig was done, experts in colonial paint, antiques and architecture were retained, a blacksmith to make hardware reproductions was hired, and a construction crew experienced in building restoration was employed. The Zimmers took great pride in the project, which spanned about five years. Their son and three daughters quip that John's time spent on the project "kept him off the streets".

Upon completion of the Dritt Mansion restoration, the Lancaster-York Heritage Region leased part of the house for its administrative office. The Zimmers respected the fine efforts of that organization in promoting the history and heritage of both namesake counties. So, on May 3, 2007, John and Kathryn donated the Dritt Mansion to the Lancaster-York Heritage Region, whose staff and board fully appreciate the history and heritage of their 'new' building and will care for it well. The LYHR subsequently named their facility "The John and Kathryn Zimmerman Center for Heritage at Historic Pleasant Garden". Joseph Cresap, the first owner of the tract on which the house is built and which was granted to him by Lord Baltimore in 1729, named it "Pleasant Garden".

When Tritt Family Research first learned how the Dritt Mansion was part of Tritt history, there was much concern over its future. Our group could not afford to buy, restore and maintain the structure to preserve it. Mr. Wallick, the owner at the time, did not have the wherewithal to preserve it, though he tried. John Zimmerman persevered in a long-time desire to do just what Tritt Family Research hoped for but could not accomplish. We thank and salute John Zimmerman for what he has done. While he didn't restore the house just for us, he knows and appreciates our interest in what he has done there. He has preserved a major artifact of Tritt history. ■

## GETTING READY FOR VOLUME III

My name is Jane Ward and I am working with Ernie Trait to assemble information for Volume III of the Tritt Family History. Ernie and I are responsible for researching the family of Henry Treat. Ernie has extensive records on Henry's son Christian as well as some others. I have been working on children Isaac, Abraham, Elizabeth and recently on Catharine. The female side is much harder to trace, as you can imagine; but I have the advantage of having worked backward from myself to Elizabeth, who married Ezekiel Williams. So, my information on Elizabeth's family is almost as detailed as Ernie's. We would deeply appreciate any information that anyone may have on Catharine (about 1780), who married Daniel Kline, or Jacob Treat/Tritt/Dritt (1772), John (1777), and Samuel (about 1783). We also have birth information on a Maria Dritt, daughter of Henry, but nothing else.

I have been excited to find family contacts through the internet who are connected to our line to include in our volume. One such connection was Karen Scheffler, who was not really sure that her line was connected

*Jane Ward, Frederick, Maryland*

with us. I tried to assure her that she was; but to make sure, she drove down from Vermont for our reunion this year. She was as glad to make the connection with us, as well as we were with her. I have also made contact with some lines of the Williams family. So, this is also an encouragement to join us at our meeting next year.

Currently, we are collecting some biographies about people from this family line. There will be a chapter on weaving and weavers, Lutheran ministers in the family, Paradise Township, York County, East Berlin in Adams County, and Berks County, all in Pennsylvania. If you have pertinent photos of family members from this line, or locales we are researching, please submit them and we will consider using the best selections.

So we are off to a good start with chapter assignments. Anything that you would like to submit to us can be sent to me at [genealjones@aol.com](mailto:genealjones@aol.com) or Jane Ward, 10546-B Old Annapolis Road, Frederick, MD 21701. ■

It was April of this year. In northern Vermont where I live, it always feels like the world is just coming awake in that month.

My house has a room where I work and in it is an old cupboard snuggled in a corner and full of mementos of my mother and father: Letters from 1945, North Africa stamped with the censors approval ... a watch ... a small tube on a chain which, when held up to the light, Isabel and Gene are there smiling on one of the happiest days of their life .... and there are pages and pages of Dad's genealogy research.

Joseph Eugene Trate pursued our family trees in the mid-eighties, writing letters to aunts, researching and becoming a member of the Berks County Genealogical Society. Names generated more letters to people searching their ancestors, too. Dad made a tree with the information he knew was true and wrote questions about what was unclear.

My interest in our family history sparkled later after the turn of this century. We bought a computer in 1999 and I was surfing and searching, sometimes into the wee hours of the night. Dad and I talked a little about what we both found in our respective pursuits. I was beginning to get excited about what I learned through a man named Richard Miller and the tritt.org website I stumbled upon. The folks there had published a book which I purchased and then showed to my sisters and father, exclaiming that quite possibly we shared ancestry with the Tritts. Dad wasn't sure. He wanted to be sure. It was a year or two into the new millennium and he hadn't done any research lately because Mom was slipping from us in her dementia. She was his present concern.

I had corresponded with Richard Miller. I gave him Dad's grandparents Isaac and Mary Trate's information: Birth dates and death dates. It was certain that at some point in the future more volumes of the Tritt family would be forthcoming.

Life went on; our computer died and it wasn't until after Mom and Dad weren't with us anymore and we were getting their house ready for sale that I revisited the notion of finding our roots. Their basement held the treasure: Old pictures and Dad's notes and letters. He was a fine researcher and I was fortunate now to have the treasure in my old cupboard.

It was April of this year. My world was just waking up. I hadn't looked at the family keepsakes for more than a year ... children ... husband ... life .... It wasn't until Kevin, my dear sweet husband, said, "Honey, I think something smells funny down there in the corner." We live in the country and every now and then a mouse drops in to get out of the cold. I was thinking one dropped in and dropped dead in my old cupboard. I pulled everything out and read a letter here, smiled at a picture there. I knew it was time to get this history project going again. I wanted to make up an album with our tree and complete it with as many photos of known ancestors as possible for my sisters, myself and future generations. I organized the notes, letters and pictures according to maternal and paternal sides.

Not too far into this endeavor, I got an email from a 'genealjones'

a/k/a Jane Ward apprising me of the upcoming Tritt reunion in August '07. Serendipitous?

*I knew I had to go.* The question needed attention. Were we part of the Dritt family? The organization would be working on a third volume and the bit of information I sent years before to Richard Miller was to be a part of that new volume. It had been too long and I had no idea how my great-grandfather, Isaac Trate, descended from Christian Tritt. Dad had written his birth and death dates, that he or his folks came from Reading and that he was a lumberman who floated logs down the Susquehanna River. Dad also knew of a Lot Trate. He knew that he was a cousin. Dad wondered if Lot was a brother to Isaac. Ahhh ... wonder, the catalyst of so much that is interesting on earth!

I knew I had to go to Carlisle.

Jane was friendly and assured me that everyone I'd meet at the reunion was, too. I decided to meet with cousins in Milton I was too young to ever remember meeting. They were willing to talk 'family'. I wanted to visit Harmony cemetery and do some research Dad wasn't able to do there. I planned a visit to the Lewisburg courthouse for a look at the census books Dad had wanted to. Maybe I could bring something to the meeting. It might even turn out to be a proof that we weren't connected to the Tritt family tree. I had a small window of opportunity to meet with Jane and the other 'friendly folk' at the Tritt reunion on Thursday evening through to early Friday afternoon before I had to be heading back north.

I climbed those stairs at the Days Inn, Carlisle, to the beginning of an experience I am having difficulty finding the exact words to express it. The center of my immediate attention was a man familiar to me because of some of the pictures in my old cupboard. The man was Ernie Trait. I knew I was on the verge of another world. I couldn't sleep very well that night. I was too excited. Could I trust this nebulous knowing? Tomorrow I would know for sure ... that's right, Dad ... to be sure.

I'm working at my gallery as I write this and I am having a time keeping emotion at bay as I remember that Friday morning meeting. We were gathered in our groups and I surveyed the research done by Richard concerning my great-grandfather, Isaac Trate. There it was in the 1850 census from Berks County, Robeson Township. The children of John Trait, son of Christian Treat (Dritt) who was the son of Henry Dritt who was the son of Christian Tritt, a weaver and brother to Hans Peter Tritt. My great-grandfather was five at the time of the census and the youngest of John and Margaret's eight children. The birth dates matched my records and I was singing inside! I burst into an internal aria when I saw Lot's name and birth date four siblings up from Isaac. Thankfully we have tears to pour out the soul's joy (because you wouldn't want to hear me sing)! It was all I could do!

And now, dear cousins: You are quite the friendly bunch and I look forward to helping with the preservation of our heritage for the family now and the generations to come.

With all my heart, Karen Trate Scheffler ■

It seemed to have the look of a miserable day ahead when we left the hotel in Carlisle, but it really wasn't bad at all. By noon when we arrived at the old Harmony Church fellowship hall, only a light misty rain was falling.

Located two miles north of Morgantown, Pennsylvania, and just off Route 10 to Reading, the church is easy to find, nestled back amongst large old oaks along an old road that I believe at one time connected Elverson with the Morgan's Mill road to Reading. This connection has long since disappeared with the development of the mining operation in place now.

There had been another problem for this day it seems, as, due to a scheduling fluke, there were two picnics scheduled for the same day. But with folks of good nature, things just work their way out and were no problem at all. These old churches in Amish country always have carriage sheds for shelter and that is where our other guests were having their picnic.

Family members began arriving and, amid many hugs and greetings, food miraculously appeared on the long table for the always-great 'pot-luck' lunch. Today, the group was fairly small, about 25-28 folks as compared to the norm of around 50. But there is an advantage to this. With the inclement weather keeping us indoors, we could visit in comfort not being too crowded to move around. We have lots of catching up to do, as always, getting reacquainted with folks we haven't seen for a year, or possibly two, and finding out who has a new baby and who has passed on.

One of the latter is Charles Raymond Treat, a son of Samuel Treat who traveled to Arizona to settle in Phoenix, and who is a son of Philip Treat/Tritt and, for most of us, our most common ancestor. Philip is the one who makes us all cousins. Charles Raymond died December 31, 2006, in San Diego, California, where he had lived most of his life. He and his younger brother Walter had visited with the reunion family several years ago enjoying themselves immensely, but were unable to repeat the trip due to health reasons.

One of our major active cousins is out of action this year due to health reasons so we do wish Dorothy Kratz well and a speedy recovery from recent surgery. Her husband Earle was present, ever on duty for whatever is needed doing, as is her daughter Louise Strunk, our ever-present secretary.

Always a big hit at these gatherings are the guessing games, trying to puzzle out the answer to "What IS this thing?" that is wrapped under the funnies or the classified ads of the newspaper. The shake and feel routine goes on for most of the afternoon until everyone has listed their prognostication as to what shall come forth from the package. It is the rare one to nail it on the head. Then there is also "the beans in the jar" or "objects" to count. Prizes are allowed for the 'near-miss' on this one.

President Gerald Trate held the short meeting to bring everyone up to date on matters of the organization, notes from the year gone by and financial situation as given by Catherine Steffy.

'Yours Truly', having been at the Carlisle, PA meeting with Tritt Family Research, delivered their greetings and expressions of hope for an attendance next year by some of the Berks County kinfolk to visit with them. It would delight TFR to no end to have you come and see for yourselves what has been going on in the family research field. Gerald Trate and brother Tom have expressed interest that they and their wives may make the trip next year. That will be wonderful and I will keep them informed.

As you know, a book, Volume I, has been published covering the ancestors of our line from the earliest data to the colonies. Now a second book, Volume II, was published last fall following one line of one of the children of the immigrant ancestor.

Now, it's our turn. Volume III will be our line of descent encompassing all the data we have gathered, ... and hope to gather, down to the present. That means if I have you in the family tree, you should be named in this book. This is also why we need those stories of the deceased, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, to show future generations what life was like in times past. There are always maybe strange things that some people do that will tickle a funny bone.

Photos are needed as well. We are in an age that has provided technologies that will allow us to reproduce and enhance scenes that were difficult to make in the first place. So dig out those pictures and let us see what we can use to enhance the understanding of our parents' lives.

If you wish anything to be included in this next volume of Tritt Family History, do get it to either of the persons listed below, or at least make contact with them.

The rain had quit by the time our clan ran out of things to say and, so, as the saying goes, "Same Time, Same Place, ...Next Year!" ■

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## NEXT TRITT/TRITTEN REUNION TRIP TO SWITZERLAND

Donald Tritt, Granville, Ohio

Researchers at the 2007 meeting of Tritt Family Research expressed interest in offering a World wide Tritt/Tritten Reunion trip and tour to Switzerland similar to what was conducted in 1989, 1993 and 1997. The date of 2010 was suggested as this gives sufficient advance notice for persons to consider future travel plans.

What is needed from our readers and family members is an indication of your possible interest in such a trip in 2010, likely in the period of middle to late June. The reunion portion of a trip would be for two weeks; optional return dates would be possible for those wishing to remain longer on their own. To keep costs to a minimum, an eventual registration of 15 persons would be required. However, no commitment is required at this point.

So for now, email Connie Tritt ([ctratt@comcast.net](mailto:ctratt@comcast.net)) with a note about your possible interest in a June 2010 Tritt/Tritten Reunion trip to Switzerland. ■

## BIOGRAPHY OF A SWISS-AMERICAN SCIENTIST

During the past year a biography of a Swiss-American scientist was completed by our President, Donald G. Tritt, and is contained in the book *Letters Written from America, 1849-1853*, published by the Swiss American Historical Society.

This biography is about Leo Lesquereux (1806-1889) who arrived in the United States a few months before his forty-second birthday with his wife and five children (the youngest not yet three years old), after an Atlantic voyage of forty-five days on a three-mast sailing vessel, with no assurance of employment, no knowledge at all of the English language, and totally deaf for the last sixteen years. In his lifetime he published more than one hundred twenty scientific papers including twelve volumes on the natural history of the United States. ■

## IN MEMORIUM

With regret, we inform our readers of the passing in May 2007, of Kathryn Zimmerman, wife of John Zimmerman. This fine couple, married 60 years, bought and refurbished the Dritt Mansion, and thereby came to be known and appreciated by Tritt Family Research. Kathryn shared interest in John's endeavors, and this gracious lady was a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She also was past-president of the Junior League of York and the York YWCA. We extend sincere condolences to John and his family in this great loss. ■

## NEW OFFICER

W. Wayne Tritt, Carlisle, PA

## TFR TREASURER



It is a pleasure to introduce our new Tritt Family Research treasurer, Dwight (Ike) Tritt of Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. Ike retired in October 2005 after serving 32 years as a computer specialist at the Naval Support Activity in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Ike and his wife, Patricia, have been married for 35 years and have two grown sons, Kevin and Alan. Ike and Pat are active members of their church and highly respected in the community. Ike was also treasurer of a fire company for many years; Pat is a teacher.

We hope that our many TFR friends and supporters will continue to respond to the efforts to place our family history in print by sending your contributions to Dwight A. Tritt at 7 Southern Cross Drive, Boiling Springs, PA 17007-9789.

Ike is a nephew of, and taking over the position formerly held by, W. Wayne Tritt of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. We are grateful to Ike for his willingness to assume the duties of treasurer. ■

## AGENDA FOR 2008 MEETING OF TFR

Donald Tritt, Granville, Ohio

In addition to our work compiling Tritt family history, each year TFR researchers look forward to annual meetings as a renewal of a special kind of family fellowship. To this fellowship, we invite all who want to join in on efforts to research and tell the story of the Tritt/Tritten family. If you would like to attend the meeting on August 14 to 16, 2008, in Carlisle, PA, email Connie Tritt at [ctratt@comcast.net](mailto:ctratt@comcast.net) with your name and address; and she will see that your name is added to the list to receive the details about the meeting which will be mailed in the spring of 2008.

Under the Editorship of Melissa Clayton, the focus of the 2008 meeting will be to put finishing touches on Volume III and on identifying and preparing materials for the construction of Volume IV. ■

As you may be aware, the cost of publishing the annual newsletter has caused us to cut back on our readership over the past several years which means that we depend on you, our loyal readers of the Tritt news, to support our efforts. Any monetary contribution that you are able to send to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the annual newsletter, would be very much appreciated. All work done by Tritt Family Research members is strictly on a volunteer basis. We receive no compensation for the hours of our time expended on research, updating the website, writing articles for future publications and bringing to you the newsletter you hold in your hand. If you like what you are reading and support our efforts in publishing the newsletter and histories, could you take the time now to send just \$5, or more if you are able, to help in the ever-increasing costs of future publications. Your contributions should be sent to Dwight A. Tritt, 7 Southern Cross Drive, Boiling Springs, PA 17007-9789; and your check made payable to "Tritt Family Research". Thank you for your support.

# NAME INDEX TO VOL. II

Brent Clayton, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania

To better help you determine if your family data is included in Tritt Family History Volume II, we have decided to publish this list of surnames found in its data section. If you have any questions regarding if your family roots are found in Volume II, feel free to contact me via mail or email, W. Brent Clayton, 208 Fieldstone Lane, Bellefonte, PA 16823-7647 or wbc118@psu.edu.

Also, we thought you might be interested to know that Volume II contains data from every state but nine, as well as Australia, Canada, England, Finland, Germany, Guam, Korea, the Netherlands, Russia and Sweden. Of the 700 known descendants of Johann Paul Tritt thought to be alive today, 40% are in Utah, followed by Pennsylvania with 9%, Ohio at 8% and California with 7%.

## Tritt Family History – Volume II

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## WISCONSIN TRITTS: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

8 years his location is unidentified) and to be living in Pence, Scott County, Kansas 1902-10 (another 8 years). I earlier researched that he had first moved, with his wife, Hannah, to Steele City, Nebraska, after the couple left the Lake Poygan area. Another bit of information I ran across indicates that Zenas had moved to Dearborn, Michigan, before his death in the flu epidemic of 1918 - "on a train."]

At some point Bob and Fern remembered that a picture hanging in their garage was of Zenas Tritt, my great-grandfather for Pete's sake! Bob left to go pick it up. He returned with a large, tinted photograph of a 40-something Zenas complete with the original rat-chewed oval frame. [Now, out of its frame I intend to have the damaged photograph restored.]....

According to the collective memory of the gathered Tritts - a young man had dropped by and sat on a kitchen counter stool in the background looking interested - William Lloyd Garrison Tritt had acquired 640 acres (590 acres was reported in the bio included in his printed war journal, Apple Trees Look Gay in Bloom) that were used to support dairy cows. Harland and Carolyn agreed, "As recently as 1951 there were the remains of two cheese factories in the area, one right down at the corner of County Road F and Tritt Road. Euclid H. Tritt [another of Wm. Lloyd Garrison's four sons] had managed that factory when he was 25 years old. It was named The Poygan Cheese Factory." Bob said Euclid's name was pronounced "saw-lid". He was born November 25, 1857. He married Belle Martin, they remembered knowing.

Now, here's a family story! Euclid and Belle had a son named Ray and Ray had a son named Ed. Ed Tritt was a missionary [*denomination unknown*] sent to New Guinea, a country in West Africa. "He was captured and eaten by cannibals." Figuring 20 years to a generation, that would make the incident fall around 1897. Well, it's a good family story and there is probably truth in it.

They also shared the names of William Lloyd Garrison and Julissa Tritt's six daughters:

Frederica (aka Carrie) (1848-1905) married Andrew Nelson. They had a son named William who died, and a daughter named Hattie who married a Seibers, and a daughter named Maude who married a Delwig.

(Ida) Elisa E. (1852-1942) married Adelbert Safford. Ida was the daughter who kept William Lloyd Garrison Tritt's Civil War diary and passed it on to her granddaughter, Helen B. Elmer, with whom she lived the last years of her life, hence it went to Helen Elmer's daughter, Mrs. Wade Dexter, of Lawrence, Kansas, who transcribed it. Mrs. Dexter died in 2007 and the diary is now in the possession of her husband.

Sarah Adelia (aka Allie) (1855-1943) married (1) Frank Potter (2) Frank Gibbs.

Mialma Isabel (1860-1956) married Dexter Hill Luce.

Julissa I. (aka Lizzie) (1862-1958) married Patrick Flanigan.

Florence M. (1866-1967) married George Wilkinson.

[William Lloyd Garrison and Julissa Tritt had four sons. Josephine Steward Tritt, Zenas' daughter, wrote that Hiram F. Tritt was her "favorite uncle." She identified the sons as follows:]

Zenas C. Tritt (1846-1918)

William L. Tritt, Jr. (1849-1927)

Hiram B. Tritt (1854-1936)

Euclid H. Tritt (1857-1945)

Carl snapped some pictures while I was trying to absorb as much as I could and then, I felt that the time had come to bow out with appreciation. I snapped a picture through the slider leading to the porch overlooking their side yard.... and the slanting sweep of the fields beyond which come to a wooden rise in the distance. I was thinking that this is the vista experienced by so many from my bloodline, the Tritt family. And, I was thinking that such woods covered William Lloyd Garrison Tritt's land when he arrived in the 1850s having to clear a patch of land and using those same cleared tree logs to build a shelter. He had a dream of establishing a homeland, and he lived his dream to fruition in spite of the interference of a horrible Civil War and the unspeakable hardships he endured as a prisoner of the Confederacy....

Sheridan said he'd now lead us to the first Tritt house, the one built out of the cleared woods with bare hands and simple tools. The trees were felled just as they had been for the old log house, then the trunks were split into planks that were subsequently planed with an adz. Those planks framed a space I estimated to be about 18' x 13' when I stood in it, now the living room of Bob and Fern Tritt's home. The floor is uneven and the walls are not entirely square. It felt like a good space, a warm space, a healing space.

The much-enhanced old structure stands at the end of a long lane off of County Road F (aka Church Road), and is nearly hidden by huge evergreen trees. It is less than a mile from the 1904 "big house" as the crow flies. The original barn that supported the industry of the farm still stands too....

We had just one more stop for Sheridan to show us, the Oak Hill Cemetery where the Tritt patriarchs are buried. Saying goodbyes to Bob and Fern we again followed the green Explorer back past Tritt Road and on to Oak Hill Road. Again, this small cemetery with many, many headstones bearing the name Tritt lies less than a mile from the Tritt "big house" as the crow flies. A huge rust colored, granite stone, maybe six feet tall including the base and four feet wide, identifies the oldest Tritt section. It is simply carved with the name **Tritt** in huge, dark letters. Much smaller rust granite stones surround it signifying the grave sites of not only William Lloyd Garrison Tritt and Julissa but also of their sons and daughters and many members of their families.... As we were searching for names, who should drive up but Bob. He is a part-time grave digger here at Oak Hill Cemetery and knows where all of the graves are located.... Bob shared with us that he had fairly recently had the low, rust granite marker with only the word "Father" and 1819-1909 inscribed on it augmented with a larger upright white marble slab which states William Lloyd Garrison's Civil War Company and the dates of his service in the Civil War.... I took more pictures.

Here ends the excerpted lines from my journal. I had set two goals for my short journey into the Poygan area of Wisconsin: to locate the William Lloyd Garrison Tritt original homestead and farm fields and see the gravesites of my great-great-grandparents. Thanks to the gracious, welcoming, Wisconsin Tritts, my experience went far beyond those two goals. ■

## LDS INDEXING

Brent Clayton, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania

As we move toward a more internet driven society, there is a greater demand for genealogical records to be available online. The largest collection of genealogical data in the world is held in the Granite Mountain Records Vault near Salt Lake City, Utah, with 2.4 million microfilms from 110 countries and principalities. However, most of this information is not available online. Recently, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has announced the great undertaking of scanning these records into a digital format and making them available through the internet free of charge. Multiple automated scanners are running 24 hours a day, and it is still estimated that this project will take years to finish. Yet, the more difficult task is the indexing of these millions of records. Billions of names, dates and places contained on the records need to be transcribed from these images into an easily searchable electronic database. Imagine being able to view every instance where your surname or ancestor appear in these collections instantly and for free!

Volunteers are sought to help in this great task. The website [www.familysearchindexing.org](http://www.familysearchindexing.org) has been created to facilitate your involvement in transcribing these important records. You do not need to be affiliated with the LDS church in any way to participate. In fact, there are only three things you do need: access to the internet, the ability to read and the ability to type.

Here's how it works. You log on to the website and download the FamilySearchIndexing program. Then you can download records images onto your computer. The program highlights a portion of the image and asks you to enter the name, place, date or other data in a box provided. If you can't read what is written, simply click "unreadable" and a professional will work it out later. All records are transcribed by at least two volunteers. If the information entered from each person does not match, a professional will work that out later, too. When you have completed a page, you click "save and upload" and your work is sent back to Salt Lake City. You can also save your work part way through the page, and if you don't have time to come back to it, the program automatically sends it back after one week for someone else to finish. No questions! No guilt! You provide as much or as little time as you have.

This program is perfect for people who feel intimidated to start doing research, those who claim "My grandfather has finished all of my lines", and all those of us who don't have much time to devote to research right now. You work at your own pace. You are opening doors for researchers worldwide by making records available. Through the indexing process you slowly become intimately familiar with genealogical records and reading old handwriting.

The great day is approaching when all existing family history records will be at our fingertips. I hope many of you will choose to donate some of your time and expertise to help that day come one step sooner.

Caution: Indexing can be addictive! ■

## VOLUME II, TRITT FAMILY HISTORY

Brent Clayton, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania

*Tritt Family History, Volume I* has received high praise as a well documented, well written and artfully presented publication and is regarded as a quality family history. This success is largely due to the fact that it is a readable history rather than a collection of raw genealogical data. Although Volume II contains nearly ten times more data than the original volume, the readable aspect that was so enjoyed in Volume I has been preserved.

The first section of the new book is devoted entirely to the life and times of Johann Paul Tritt, including chapters recounting brief histories of York County, Pennsylvania and Frederick County, Maryland, the counties in which he lived. It also contains a chapter on blacksmithing, one of Johann Paul's professions. This chapter describes a typical late eighteenth and early nineteenth century blacksmith shop, as well as apprenticeships and blast furnaces. A chapter regarding his Revolutionary War service follows the blacksmithing chapter. Johann Paul fought in the Battle of Germantown, where poor weather conditions and fateful decisions turned a likely American victory into another hasty retreat. This battle is largely unknown today, but it served to significantly alter world opinion concerning the colonies' chances against the mighty British.

The third and final section of Volume II is a compilation of family stories of Johann Paul's descendants. These stories, which have been preserved over the years, include the story of Charles William Tritt (1852-1914). He was one of the greatest men in northeastern Indiana during the late nineteenth century. He headed the Tritt Electric Company, the J. Thornburg Garage Company, and one of the top Randolph County manufacturing companies. He was also a beloved public figure widely known for his generous nature and his abstinence of public office.

The volume also includes stories of Joseph Tritt (1847-1907) of Portsmouth, Ohio and his son Bert Francis Tritt (1884-1960) of Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. Bert was a hard working and skilled laborer. However, his lack of formal education kept him from a life of comfort. A miraculous survival of a coal mine collapse left him with health and emotional problems which caused him much sorrow in later years.

Florence Maude Tritt (1864-1956) was one of the earliest genealogical researchers in the Tritt family. Her story takes her from poverty stricken beginnings in Ohio to a whirlwind of travel throughout the Midwest with her husband's successful career in photography, eventually placing her in California. She spent her later years devoted to family, faith and service in rural Utah. Stories of her brother, three of her children and one grandchild follow her account.

The histories, facts and stories in sections one and three of *Tritt Family History, Volume II* serve to enrich and animate the vast genealogical data contained in section two. This balance of readable history with genealogical data follows the tradition of Volume I, and it also sets a valuable precedent and standard for volumes to come. We expect future volumes to have the same enduring quality as Volumes I and II. ■

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dwight A. Tritt, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania

Checking account balance August 16, 2006	\$4,400.75
Total income from all sources	9,839.07
Total expenses	<u>12,840.73</u>
Checking account balance August 17, 2007	\$1,399.09
Certificate of Deposit, Orrstown Bank	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total assets	\$6,399.09

*The following is a list of individuals who made donations to the Tritt Family Research since the publication of our previous newsletter:*

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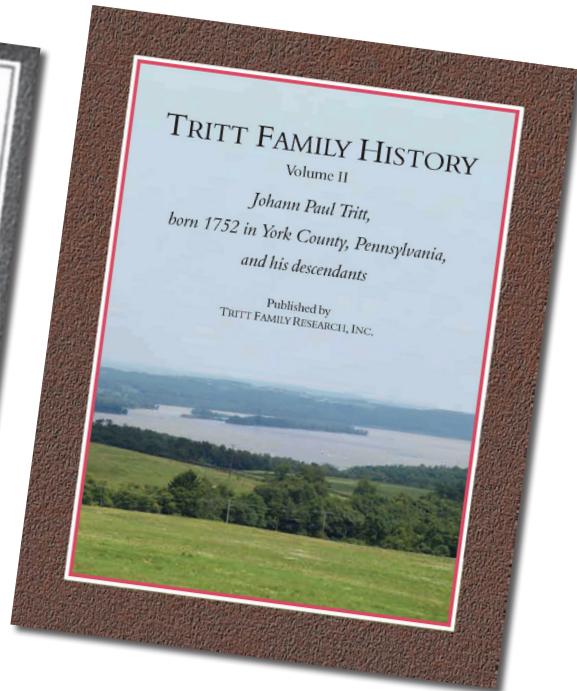
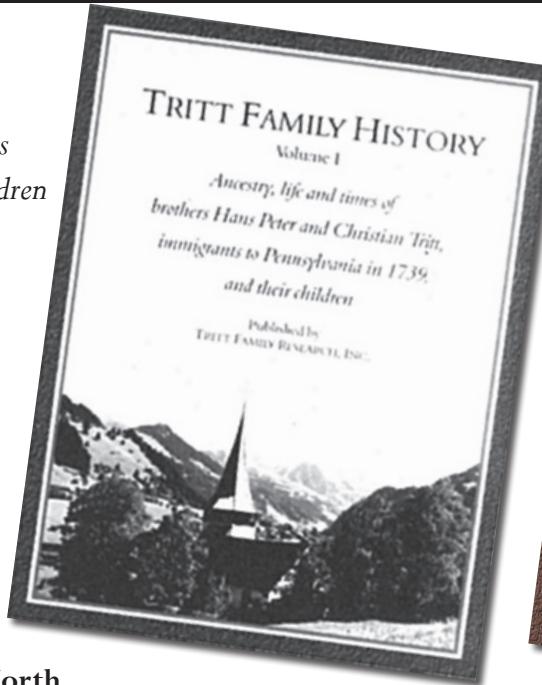
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# URGENT REQUEST

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If possible, provide the names of your Tritt-related grandparents and great grandparents, to help us connect you to a family line. Please include dates of birth and death, if known.

Please provide your mailing or email address so that we can contact you if we have any questions.

# TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH, INC.

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Your Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

If moving, anticipated new address \_\_\_\_\_

***Please check here if you would like to have your name removed from our mailing list.***

Do you know of a family member who does not receive the Newsletter but would like to. If so, please send his/her

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Other Changes: (Births, Deaths, Marriages...) \_\_\_\_\_

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# NEXT MEETING

OF

## TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH

AUGUST 14 – 16, 2008

IN CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA

For information about the meeting, contact:

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