

# VOLUME III OF TRITT FAMILY HISTORY

## INTRODUCTION

*As we near finalization of Volume III of Tritt Family History, and to give you a taste of what this volume is all about, following is the introduction to Volume III of Tritt Family History. This introduction was written by Richard Tritt of Boiling Springs, PA*

What a pleasure it is to provide the introduction to Volume III of *Tritt Family Research* devoted to Christian Tritt, the immigrant. For many years Christian was a rather obscure character, overshadowed by his older brother Hans Peter Tritt. During its early years, the membership of Tritt Family Research was dominated by descendants of Hans Peter Tritt who were busily occupied researching their ancestor. When a newly discovered Tritt was found that could not be connected to the Hans Peter line, the usual explanation was that "He must be related to that brother Christian." Now all that has changed and the story of Christian and his descendants will be revealed in this volume.

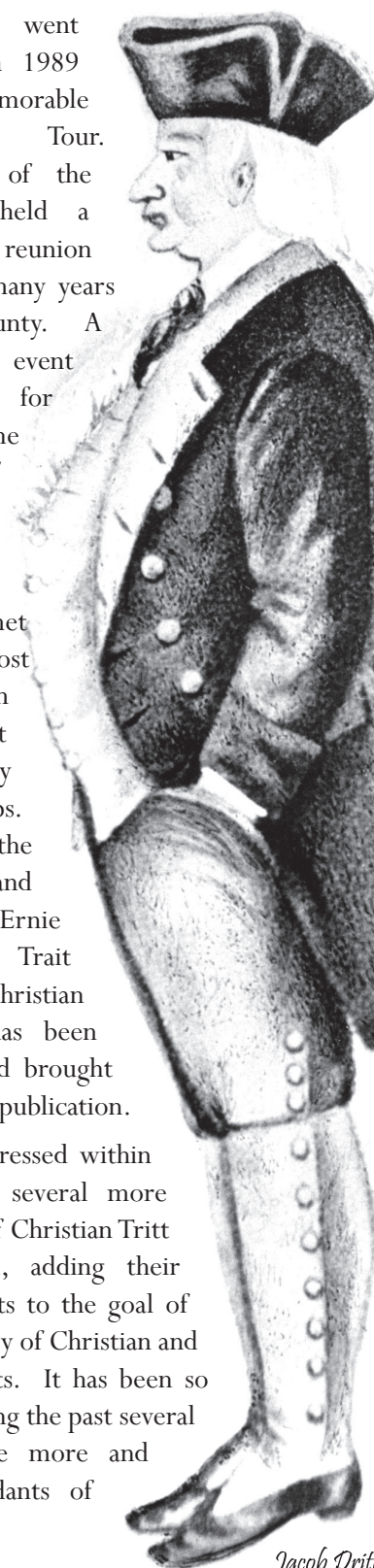
I remember well my first discovery of a Christian Tritt descendant. I was told that a retired pilot and his wife from California would be coming to my home in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. On an August evening of 1988 a large motor home pulled into our driveway and Ernest and Doris Trait descended. Ernie had been researching his family for years, the Traits and Traits from Berks County, Pennsylvania. From time to time he came upon individuals named Tritt but he didn't think they were related to him. As his research led him further back into time, he discovered that on his grandfather's birth certificate, his surname was spelled Tritt. In the meantime over the years I had assembled pieces of the Christian Tritt puzzle and had drawn it out on a large chart. Ernie and I sat down together with the chart, compared our research and within minutes realized that we were related, each of us descending from one of the two immigrant brothers Hans Peter and Christian Tritt.

This first meeting was the beginning of a long friendship with Ernie and Doris Trait. They both became very involved in Tritt Family Research and were for many years the only active descendants of Christian in the organization. They faithfully attended the annual meetings and were part of the

group that went to Europe in 1989 for the memorable Remigration Tour. Ernie's line of the family has held a Trait Family reunion annually for many years in Berks County. A memorable event was when for the first time a group of Hans Peter descendants attended this reunion and met their long lost relatives. From this contact emerged many new friendships. It is due to the dedication and persistence of Ernie and Doris Trait that the Christian Tritt story has been researched and brought to the point of publication.

As work progressed within recent years, several more descendants of Christian Tritt have surfaced, adding their research efforts to the goal of telling the story of Christian and his descendants. It has been so satisfying during the past several years to have more and more descendants of

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*Jacob Tritt*

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

# TRITT FAMILY Newsletter



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# SWISS CENTER OF NORTH AMERICA



This article gives a brief update on the decade-long creation of the Swiss Center of North America, the only national Swiss cultural center in America. Its fundraising in the USA and in Switzerland has yielded \$3 million, part of which has been used to purchase and remodel an existing building of about 7,000 square feet located on four acres of green space on the western edge of America's most authentic Swiss community, New Glarus, Wisconsin. Now completed and ready for occupancy, this building contains offices, meeting and exhibit rooms, archival storage space and a library of about 10,000 volumes making it the most complete library on Swiss history and culture on this side of the Atlantic and the most complete

library anywhere in the field of Swiss American studies. The Swiss Center of North America houses state-of-the-art electronic equipment designed for worldwide networking and for creating and transporting Swiss cultural programs to interested individuals including use by the 300 Swiss clubs scattered around North America. In August 2008, a President/CEO was selected from a pool of 37 candidates and began her leadership in September. Donald G. Tritt, President of our own Tritt Family Research, is one of the founding members of the Swiss Center of North America. ■

## PLANS FOR A 2010 TRITT FAMILY TRIP TO SWITZERLAND

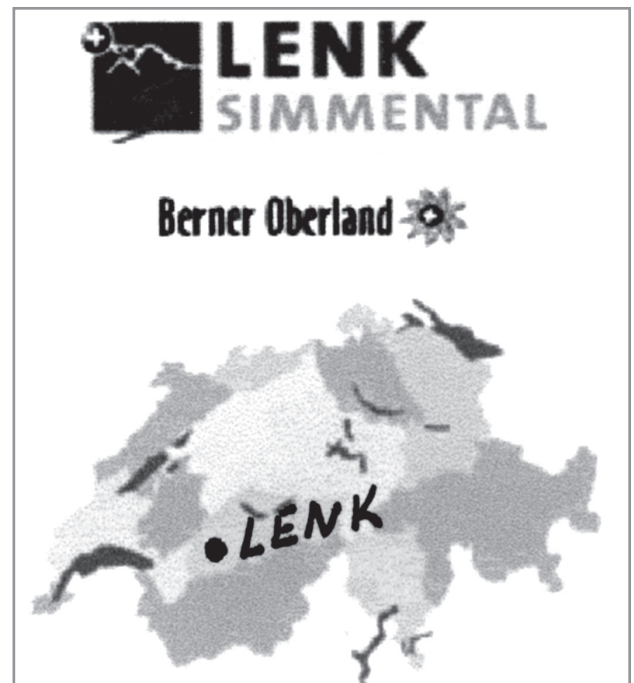
Planning is in the initial stages for a family trip to Switzerland in 2010.

Building on successful, family-oriented trips in 1989, 1993 and 1997, the general plan would be to reside in the Village of Lenk in the Obersimmental, in the area of our ancestral roots, and from here take day trips to nearby family ancestral locations and other places of general interest. Optional return dates would be available for those wishing to remain longer in Europe. It is only every ten years that the Passion Play is performed in Oberammergau, Germany, and this will occur in 2010 between May 15 through October 3. We thought you might like to be reminded of this as you plan for a trip to Europe. For information on how to purchase a package which includes hotel and performance tickets plus some extras, send your inquiry to Passion Play Office 2010, Oberammergau und DER Reisebüro oHG, Eugen-Papst-Strasse 9a, 82487 Oberammergau, Germany, or email them at [info@passionsspiele2010.de](mailto:info@passionsspiele2010.de), or visit them on the web at [www.passionsspiele2010.de](http://www.passionsspiele2010.de).

To secure best pricing, the group would need to be comprised of at least 18 persons. For your interest, we have always welcomed others who quickly become treasured and adopted cousins. At this point, interest has been shown by about ten persons.

The best time for a group trip, and still enjoying good weather, is the last two weeks in August. Please register your interest by contacting Connie J. Tritt, Tritt Family Research Secretary, 7 Ironstone Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015-9705, telephone 717-258-4176 or at [ctritt@comcast.net](mailto:ctritt@comcast.net).

Additional details and final registration information will be given in the 2009 Tritt Family Newsletter. ■



## SYNOPSIS OF AUGUST MEETING

Connie Tritt, Carlisle, PA

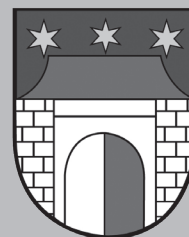
The 31st annual meeting of Tritt Family Research was held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 14 through 16, 2008. Those in attendance were:

Gladys Cramer of Shippensburg, PA  
David and Patti Cramer of Shippensburg, PA  
Barbara Holloman of Silver Spring, MD  
Jeanette Miller of Shippensburg, PA  
Sandy Treat Naiva of Manchester, NJ  
Megan Richeson of Canton, OH  
Karen Scheffler of Montgomery, VT  
Bob and Ann Spann of Nashville, TN  
Ernie and Doris Trait of Long Beach, CA  
David and Judy Tritt of Canton, OH  
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Dwight Tritt of Boiling Springs, PA  
Jacob Tritt of Mechanicsburg, 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

Jacob Tritt came to our meeting for the first time and brings a young face and enthusiasm for the future of TFR. You can read his inspiring insights into TFR in an article in this newsletter. Friday's session consisted of the planning of Volume III of Tritt Family History in the morning, with the final outline of this volume due at the 2009 meeting of TFR, and with a number of the group traveling to the Dritt house in York County for a guided tour in the afternoon. We all reunited in the early evening at the home of Dave and Robyn Wampler for, what has become, our meeting picnic. Good food, wonderful hosts and a great ending to a long day.

Don Tritt has donated some new items to TFR for sale, one being the popular Tritt luggage tags. These can be purchased for \$3 each plus shipping and handling. See the list of items for sale at the end of the newsletter for this item and others. Accomplishments expressed for the past year ranged from becoming, and the anticipation of becoming, grandparents, serious illnesses, vacations taken with family and friends, moving, to Don Tritt's being awarded the Gonzenbach Prize from the Swiss American Historical Society for his biography of the paleobotanist, Leo Lesquereux, in a book of Lesquereux's essays, *Letters Written from America 1849-1853*. This award is given "to a person who has done outstanding and unusual work in promoting the study of Swiss American history or knowledge about Switzerland and Swiss American relations."

Our 32nd annual meeting of Tritt Family Research will be held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 13 through 15, 2009. ■



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# REPORT OF THE TRATE/TRAIT/TREAT FAMILY REUNION ON AUGUST 17, 2008 AT HARMONY UMC

Ernie Trait, Long Beach, California

God was kind to us this year at Harmony Meeting House. It was a beautiful weekend for a family gathering in the country with good food and fellowship. The sky was well done with fluffy little clouds of white cotton wafting by on gentle breezes and temperatures neither too warm nor too cool. A gorgeous day it was.

And so it was for another group from the local church as they had apparently spent too much time enjoying the surroundings and were late vacating the premises. But that is no problem for friends and sociable people.

This author and wife, Doris, as usual, travel from our Carlisle, PA meeting with Tritt Family Research directly to Morgantown, PA and Harmony Church for this outing bringing our share of goodies from that area. On arrival, I thought we were having a wonderful turnout this year as the parking lot was full of autos and lots of folks milling around already. But, alas, it was the combination of the two groups that gave way to the monstrous gathering that looked so wonderful.

Familiar faces greeted us as we pulled in with Ron Kratz's large smile filling our side window. He ushered us into a shady spot under the large oak tree. Though it was a little early, there were many members of the old team in ready attendance greeting each other with hugs and laughter.

This scene is as it should be ... a scene, looking over the limestone hills of Caernarvon Township that shows the glories of nature's world around us as we unite in a scene of brotherly love, of extended family caring and sharing.

As more folks arrive, the food table begins to groan under the load of tasty offerings. Jerry Trate lays out the ever present assortment of sense/feel/mind-testers in his array of guessing games. Truly, very few are ever 'hit-on-the-head', 'dead-center' type guesses. It is sometimes a discussion of what is meant in a given answer before the secret is out. (No fights – so far!)

Our ever dependable Louise Strunk arrives with mother Dorothy Kratz in tow, delivering her to the more accessible kitchen door through which she can maneuver her walker. Dorothy has been doing well at home getting around on her own under the watchful eye of husband Earl; however, it is uneven ground that gives trouble. Earl was present earlier supervising the readiness of Harmony Hall for our gathering.

Most time is spent in 'visiting' with one another and is disturbed little by the call to lunch, as it continues unabated after the blessing is asked by Herb Strunk. But THAT is exactly what these gatherings are all about .... Visiting.

The lunch was delicious as always, lots of great local meats and



*One of the early Trait Family homes (this one belonged to Philip Trait) in Berks County, Pennsylvania.*

home baked dishes of things we in the west can't match, even if our kitchen were handy.

Then there is a call for some exercise ... as in 'water-balloon toss' – and then the more treacherous 'raw-egg toss' ... of which Dorothy Trate won with a less than delicate catch. At least it was only in her hands!

The necessary business meeting to handle the affairs of the association must have taken all of five minutes (I'm being facetious here), but were adequately handled in short order by President Jerry Trate, Secretary Louise Strunk and Treasurer Katherine Steffy. Ronald Kratz gave out some bonus prizes of his handiwork ... for just BEING THERE from near and far.

This author put in a plug for the work of TFR and the upcoming volume expected to be published next year. The need is great to get our stories, pictures and information to the right people as soon as is practical in order to be prepared for inclusion in the book. Remember that this is OUR line of descendants from our immigrant ancestor. Write a short item of what you know or have heard about your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles ... and even cousins. Write of the occupations, where and how they lived and the local interests of the times. It may all be of interest.

Please get any items to any one of these folks:

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## A Common Thread

Why do I have a red beard? From whom did I get my blue eyes? Why am I only 5 feet 7 inches tall? Why does my hair curl when it gets too long; and why is my skin so pale? Why do I tend to be introverted instead of being the sort of person who likes to be in the spotlight? What makes me who I am?

It is quite intriguing to travel around the world. If you look, it isn't hard to notice a great many fascinating insights about culture and heritage. Surely you will catch a glimpse of a nation's values if you spend even a week there. We think we are patriotic here in the United States, but what does it mean to be truly "nationalistic"?

In my studies and in my personal experience, I have noticed a common thread shared by almost every country but our own: the importance of lineage. For example, many people groups tell legends of their forbears and these stories are often passed down through countless generations. Some Middle Eastern

families can allegedly trace their line back to Noah! Various groups actually worship their ancestors. On a more subtle level, however, one might notice people simply doing what their ancestors did, such as a specific trade, craft, hobby or religion.

## Do We Have a Culture?

I will be the first to admit that "United States culture" is a rather loose concept. First of all, we are a relatively young nation. In fact, with the exception of Canada, I can't think of a younger country than our own. Secondly, while the USA certainly has its unique and stark cultural idiosyncrasies, we are essentially a conglomeration of hundreds of cultures. The sad fact of the matter is that many of us have forgotten (or have never been told) of the cultures from which we personally came.

Many United States citizens, when asked if they know anything about their ethnicity, will spit out a generic answer such as: "I'm one-sixteenth Cherokee and the rest of me is Polish ... I think", "I'm mostly German" or "I'm African." You see, I am pleased that most of us seem to know something about our ancestry, but wouldn't we like to know more? Are you really only Cherokee and Polish, or is there more to your blood line? Are you sure that you're mostly German, or do you just assume that because it's what many other US citizens say? That's great that you're African,

but do you know what country in Africa your ancestors came from or even in what region of Africa they dwelt? My Nigerian geography professor could tell me the continent, country, region, language, tribe, culture and family from which he descended.

I recently returned from a very enriching week in Nova Scotia. The name Nova Scotia is Latin for "New Scotland"; and the province is comprised of Scottish, Irish, Acadian (Canadian French), Swiss, Native American and a few other cultural regions. I aimed to catch an introductory glimpse of my late grandmother's Scotch-Irish heritage with hopes of returning to Nova Scotia or going to Scotland and Ireland in the future. My grandfather has done some research into his wife's roots, but what we know of her blood line is very limited.

What is more disappointing is that my mother's side of the family doesn't even know their ethnicity. With a little bit of

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# A PERSONAL EXAMPLE

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Interesting patterns and serendipitous items that one finds while doing genealogy research never cease to amaze me! They often come to our attention without even trying to find them.

While beginning research on Berks County for our upcoming *Tritt Family History, Volume III*, I “happened” to click onto a link from the Berks County homepage. This link described some home pages of various Berks County families. One caught my attention: the Bieber family. Though I am not related to this family, I do recall that, in the past while doing research on my Cramer/Kramer family, somewhere I had seen this name associated with them.

The Bieber family link gave details about several members. Specifically, the one I was most interested in was Lorenz Bieber. He was born in Hirschland, Alsace, 28 October 1717, the son of Theobold Bieber and Sara Ludmann. He and his family arrived in Philadelphia on the ship *Robert and Alice* on 3 September 1739.

That date certainly clicked with me – it was the same date and same ship on which our Tritt ancestors, Hans Peter Tritt and Christian, had arrived! When I checked the passenger list of the ship found on page 25 of our *Tritt Family History, Volume I*, Lorenz Bieber’s name was found there as “Lorentz Beeber”. This certainly confirms an observation about eighteenth century immigrants: they often migrated together in groups with friends and relatives and tended to settle in the same general areas. Our Christian and Hans Peter, as well as Lorenz Bieber, were all originally from the northern Alsace region in France.

According to the Lorenz Bieber family page, the inventory of his estate dated 9 July 1787, listed several bonds and notes. These were names of people listed who owed debts to Lorenz. It was likely that these debts were owed by people with a close

connection to him, possibly even a family connection.

When I read over the list, imagine my surprise when I saw the names of Frederick Kremer (19 pounds plus) and George Kremer (12 pounds) listed! Frederick Kremer was my direct fifth great-grandfather and George was his brother.

With a little additional research in one of Annette Burgert’s books, I found the church connection between my Kremer/Kramer ancestors and Lorenz. Listed in the records of the Moselem Lutheran Church of Richmond Township, Berks County are the baptismal records of his seven children. Child number two, Anna Catharina, b. 4 May 1745, has the sponsors of Gottfried Kramer and Catharina Christina. Gottfried Kramer was another brother of my Frederick and George. Child number five, Anna Maria, b. 15 July 1752, was sponsored by Frederick Kremer and Annamaria. These two were my fifth great-grandparents!

My Kramer/Kremer ancestors lived in and around Richmond and Greenwich Townships in Berks County. The Moselem Church was their church. Though Lorenz traveled to the new world with our Tritt ancestors, he apparently settled in Greenwich Township, Berks County where he was naturalized in 1762.

I have found no evidence which suggests that Lorenz Bieber/Biber and my Kramers were related, only that it appears they lived in the same general area of Berks County, attended the same church and were friends. In this one instance, Lorenz Bieber became a “bridge” connecting my Tritt and Kramer ancestors!

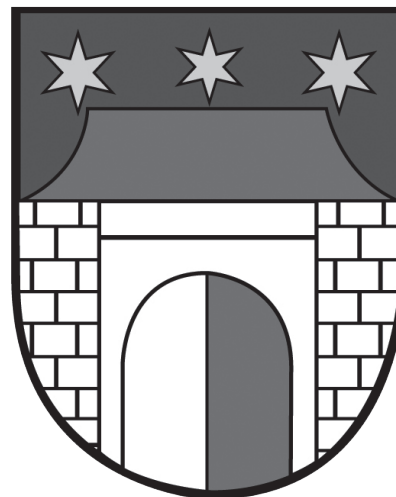
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## TRATE/TRAIT/TREAT REUNION REPORT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

We also had a new cousin come to our gathering for their first time. The family is Cris and Bonnie Bichteman with Kristin tagging along and enjoying it all. Bonnie is the eldest daughter of Mary Seiters Marsh, making her a grandniece of Dorothy Kratz. We welcome their return next year.

Now that we have that figured out, I’ll sign off and look forward to next year. ■





## SPOON COLLECTING



*Picture taken from the Fall 2008 Newsletter, The NSCG Cauldron*

Many people have as a hobby collecting souvenir spoons from around the world. This hobby can be quite interesting and fascinating to see all of the different spoons that are out there. Among several spoon collector chapters around the United States, is the Northeastern Spoon Collectors Guild. This group announced in their Fall 2008 newsletter, *The NSCG Cauldron*, that our own President of Tritt Family Research, Donald G. Tritt, won Best of Show for his display of spoons entitled *Switzerland, Small Size – Big Impact*, at the spoon collectors convention held in San Diego, California, in September of 2008. Congratulations, Don, on this achievement! ■

## THE IMPORTANCE OF MONEY

All of us are quite aware of how important money is to our present-day society and how our problems are multiplied by the lack thereof. Can you imagine going Christmas shopping or to the gas pump without lots of paper money or plastic? Money, or plastic, is so much a part of our lifestyle, and nearly as important, as the air we breathe. And so it is with Tritt Family Research. Over the years, we have been blessed with volunteer donations that have paid for all expenses; and we thank you for all your past gifts. Please consider this article as a gentle reminder that we continue to need your monetary support so that we may continue to provide interesting newsletters, an updated website and future volumes of Tritt Family History. 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. ■

## PROGRESS ON

*Jane Ward, Delta, Pennsylvania*

## VOLUME III

We were pleasantly surprised to find that we have made significant progress in our work on Volume III of *Tritt Family History*. This volume is mainly devoted to the family of Henry Treat, the eldest son of immigrant Christian Tritt. Some of the completed sections include chapters on Paradise Township and Holtzschwamm Church, Weaving and Family Weavers, Isaac Treat, Elizabeth Tritt Williams and Tritt Family Clergymen.

At the August 2008 meeting, further assignments for this book were distributed. Jeanette Miller is working on Berks County, including Plow Church and Schwartzwald Church. Sandy Naiva is working on Elizabeth Morgen, Henry Treat's wife. Ernie Trait has the assignment of Christian #2 and the mystery of when and why he left Berks County. Karen Scheffler has volunteered to work on John Tritt (1777) and his son, John Tritt (1803). I am working on Catherine and Abraham Tritt.

There are also miscellaneous biographies and stories of family members; some are finished, others in the works and more are solicited from those of you who may have information from the Henry Treat line. Please submit what you have to Ernie Trait or Jane Ward. We do need more researchers to work on Samuel and Jacob Treat/Tritt. Although we have some great pictures for the book, I am sure there are many other good ones out there, which we could include.

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*Early Treat family graves at the Plow Church in Berks County, Pennsylvania.*

# DESCENDANTS

During the past year a new family line was discovered thanks to the Tritt Family website. In mid-2007, James Tilley of Berkeley, California, his older brother and two cousins in Wisconsin decided to launch a serious family genealogy study. This had never been done and they had some very confusing and conflicting stories about their great-grandparents. The tie to the Tritt/Dritt family came about when their great-grandfather on the 1880 census was described as a "nephew." It turned out that the real parents of their great-grandfather were Benjamin Tilley and Mary Ella Dosch. This was confirmed by a distant cousin, Dawn Dosch, of Boca Raton, Florida, who is active in the Boca Raton Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) chapter. Mary Ella Dosch was the daughter of Jacob Dritt Dosch who was born in Pennsylvania in 1820 and moved to Wisconsin. Jacob Dritt Dosch was the son of Magdalena (Dritt) Dosch, born 1785, to Captain Jacob Dritt and Elizabeth Beyer of York County, Pennsylvania. Jacob Dritt (1746-1817) was the first child of Hans Peter Tritt, the immigrant. Jacob's biography and the story of his mansion along the Susquehanna River are described in Volume I of *Tritt Family History*.

After James Tilley learned of his connection to the Tritt/Dritt family, he searched online, found the Tritt website and contacted our secretary, Connie Tritt. He and members of his family hope to come east next summer for the annual meeting of Tritt Family Research. James and his relatives continue to trace their family line and have found many other Tilley and Dosch cousins who are descended from Jacob Dritt. Some of them have used their Captain Jacob Dritt connection to qualify for Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and/or SAR membership. The results of the Tilley family findings are on a family tree that is posted online at ancestry.com. Unfortunately, this is only available to those who subscribe to that website.

We look forward to meeting members of this family and exchanging research with them. This new contact is especially exciting because it is our first contact with living documented descendants of the Jacob Dritt line. A book about the Jacob Dritt line is included in TFR's projected publications. ■



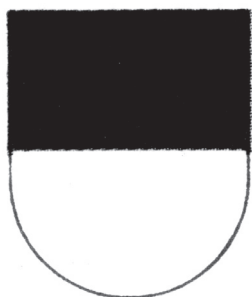
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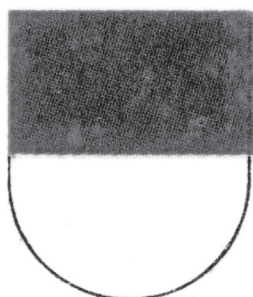
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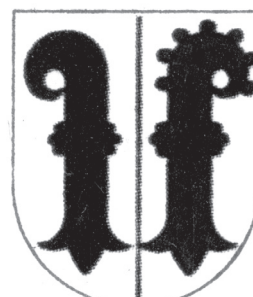
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## KNOW THY LINEAGE: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

research, we found that her maiden name, Coken, derives from the Hebrew word “cohen” which, simply put, means “priest”. Further research has revealed that any Jew with the last name Cohen is considered to be in the line of Levi. Historically speaking, we know that the Levites, being the priests, were a very unique tribe endowed with a great many responsibilities and blessings. That seems quite significant to me! Does my mother’s family celebrate Jewish holidays? No, they don’t. Should they consider themselves Jewish? We can’t answer that because we don’t know what other heritages comprise the Coken line or how much Jewish blood, if any, is running through our veins.

### The Legacy of Tritt Family Research

If you can identify languages, you can sometimes identify a person’s nationality by the language they speak. If you recognize a culture, you may very well be able to identify a person’s ethnicity by the way they live their lives. However, did you ever notice that you can oftentimes identify a person’s ethnicity simply by looking at their physical appearance? The point is that our lineage is undeniably a very important part of who we are. Our lineage is neither something that we should use to excuse our behavior nor is it something of which we should be ashamed. Our lineage gives us a sense of identity. If we know our ancestry, even in this cultural “melting pot” we call the United States of America, we can have a sense that we belong to a specific group of people.

Yet God forbid that we should keep the joy of having an ethnic identity bottled up and kept away from those around us. It is vital that we inspire others to discover their own roots. That is why I thank God for Tritt Family Research and its loyal researchers who, for 32 years, have brought both a sense of unity to the Tritten line and an inspiration to other families to discover their own lineage. Dictionary.com defines legacy as “anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor”. To whom will our heritage be passed if none of us is willing to carry our legacy? Do you know that additions to the Tritt Family Research personnel have been very few and far between and that several members have passed away within the past several years? What happens when those committed to our vision have passed on or are unable to continue? Will TFR simply be no more?

As the old adage goes, “The only way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time.” Researching our family is a daunting and essentially unending task and we would never have the wealth of research we have today if not for those who have given countless hours of their lives for it. However, much of what we know is also comprised of tidbits of information (puzzle pieces, if you will) contributed by folks who don’t necessarily have a lot of time or

any genealogical training. I concede that life calls us to a great many responsibilities; but I encourage us to consider again the element that brings cohesion to countless people groups around this great big ... and yet very small ... world: lineage.

### Definitions of key terms used (from *www.Dictionary.com*):

Culture – “5. the behaviors and beliefs characteristic of a particular social, ethnic, or age group. ... 6. Anthropology. The sum total of ways of living built up by a group of human beings and transmitted from one generation to another”.

Ethnicity – “Identity with or membership in a particular racial, national, or cultural group and observance of that group’s customs, beliefs, and/or language”.

Heritage – “1. practices that are handed down from the past by tradition; ‘a heritage of freedom.’ 2. any attribute or immaterial possession that is inherited from ancestors”.

Lineage – “1. lineal descent from an ancestor; ancestry or extraction: She could trace her lineage to the early Pilgrims. 2. the line of descendants of a particular ancestor; family; race”.

Nationality – “1. the status of belonging to a particular nation, whether by birth or naturalization”.

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## TRITT FAMILY HISTORY

The planning stages of Volume IV of *Tritt Family History* are underway. This volume will contain material on the families of Joseph Tritt (1786-1873) and his wife Catherine Rhodes (1789-1869). Joseph was the fifth child of Peter Tritt and Elizabeth LeFevre. He and Catherine purchased land from his father and settled in what later became Green Township, Summit County, Ohio. Their children numbered twelve, with ten living to have families of their own.

The children are: Elizabeth Tritt Kepler (1811-1886), George (1813-1871), Juliann Tritt Buchtel (1815-1902), Samuel (1817-1891), Joseph (1819-1886), Catherine Ann Hennig (1819-?),

Mary Tritt Boettler (1821-1881), Sarah Tritt Workinger (1823-1843), Rachel Tritt Workinger (1827-1887), Peter (1829-1910), Jacob (1831-1832) and Lucinda Tritt Werntz (1836-1918).

We would love to have copies of any pictures and/or stories that you might like to contribute and perhaps have included in Volume IV of the extended family of Joseph and Catherine Rhodes Tritt. Please forward any materials to Dave and Judy Tritt of 1422 Miles Avenue, S.W., Canton, OH 44710-1248, or to Tritt Family Research, 7 Ironstone Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015-9705. We appreciate your consideration in helping with this future edition. ■

VOL. III INTRODUCTION:  
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Christian attend our annual meeting and become involved in the family organization and its outreach. Many of these descendants have researched and written the stories contained in this volume.

The next part of this introduction will be a brief summary of Christian Tritt's ancestry and his immigration to America. This story is told in much greater detail in Volume I, but will be quickly reviewed as a prelude to the story found in this volume.

The earliest known records of the Tritt/Tritten family are found in the records of two churches in the villages of St. Stephan and Lenk, located in the beautiful Obersimmental Valley, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Christian Tritt's earliest known direct-line ancestor is Jacob Tritten who was born about 1562 in St. Stephan. Descendants of Jacob still live in the same valley today. One son of the fourth generation, named Friedrich Tritten, was born about 23 April 1654. For reasons unknown, he left the home valley with his young wife Christina Gruenenwald to seek a better life in a distant place.

Friedrich and Christina Tritten eventually settled in the ancient village of Diedendorf in the Bas-Rhin District in Alsace, now France. They had two daughters, Christina and Maria, and one son, Hans Peter Tritt (Sr.), born about 1686. Hans Peter worked as a tailor for the owner of the great Chateau Diedendorf. He married Veronica Kern in 1711 and they had four children who were christened in the Diedendorf Parish Church. The fourth and last child was a son, Christian Tritt, who was baptized 1 January 1719. After Hans Peter (Sr.) died about 1720, his widow

Veronica remarried to David Buhler and they had three children. Their merged families, along with many other Diedendorfers, traveled to the "New World" on the ship "Robert and Alice" in 1739.

Young Christian Tritt was twenty years old when he arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 3 September 1739. For a while both Christian and his older brother Hans Peter lived in an area of north central Lancaster County near a Lutheran and Reformed Church called Muddy Creek Church. Both brothers married and had children. Around 1750 Hans Peter moved southwest with his family to York County, along the western bank of the Susquehanna River. Around 1754 Christian Treat (Tritt) moved to Robeson Township, Berks County. In 1768 he moved to Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. It is there that he died sometime in October 1801.

It is not known how much contact the two Tritt brothers had after moving to different areas of Pennsylvania. We do know that eventually all contact between the two lines ended and for generations neither knew of the existence of the other. After so many generations the two family lines have been reunited and as a result this book has evolved. Volume III of *Tritt Family Research* will tell about the life and descendants of the immigrant Christian Tritt (Treat) with a focus on Christian's son Henry Treat (Tritt). ■

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Newsletter - Mailing	175.68
Website - Web hosting	199.50
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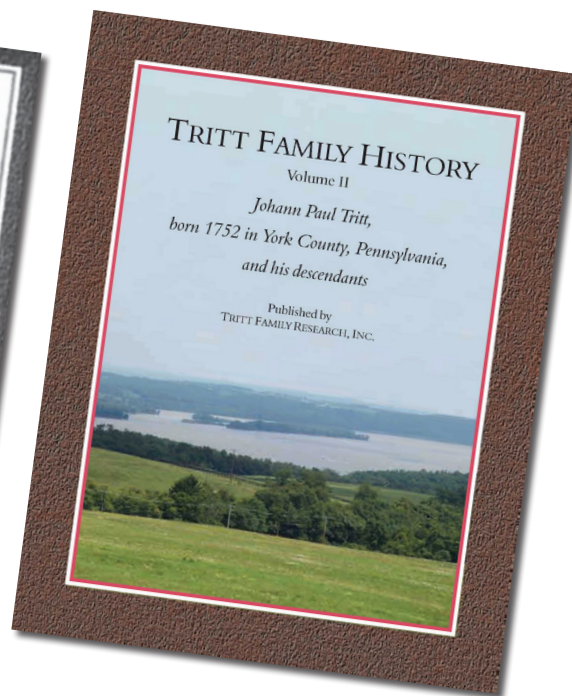
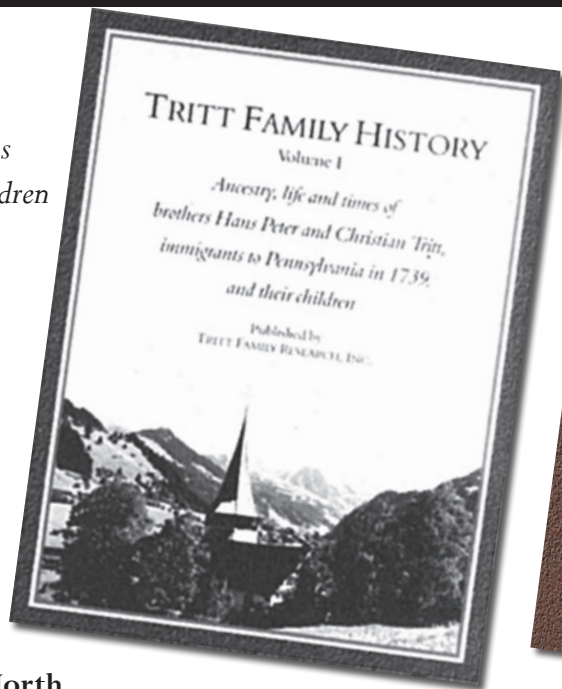
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