

HISTORY OF THE DRITT CEMETERY



The Dritt Cemetery is located in a cluster of trees on the knob of a high hill behind the Pleasant Garden Mansion overlooking the Susquehanna River. It is in the same area as, and perhaps within, Native American burial grounds. The cemetery was created by Jacob Dritt for family burials when he lived in the stone mansion from about 1783 until his death in 1817. By 1798, he owned the "Pleasant Garden" tract and seven additional properties that amounted to 576 acres. The cemetery was used for burials of parts of four generations of the Dritt family. Thirteen stones are set in two rows facing the river.

The first known burial in the cemetery was Peter Dritt, the eldest son of Jacob Dritt. On March 16, 1798, Peter drowned in the Susquehanna River near the family home when his canoe was overturned by a strong wind, and he was swept down river. The remains of his body were not found until August and were not interred "near to the dwelling house of Capt. Jacob Dritt" until November 10, 1798. This information comes from newspaper accounts of the time. The assumption is that he was buried in the cemetery, but a marker for Peter has never been found.

Ironically, Jacob Dritt himself is not buried in the Dritt Cemetery. He suffered a fate similar to that of his son, Peter. On December 19, 1817, he was returning home from the Lancaster County side of the river when his boat was hit by a huge chunk of ice and capsized. Jacob and his companion, Griffith, both drowned and their bodies were swept downstream.

Richard Tritt, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania

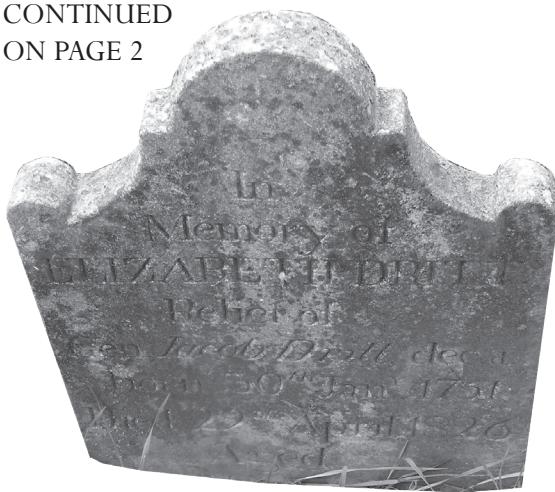
They were not found until the following April on the eastern shore of Maryland, where they were interred. Jacob's body was identified by a pair of silver sleeve buttons and his boots that the family recognized.

The earliest marked grave in the cemetery is that of Margaret Bonham, who died in 1824 at the age of 30 years. She was a daughter of Jacob Dritt and his wife, Elizabeth. She was married to Samuel C. Bonham. After the death of Jacob Dritt, the mansion house and two tracts of land had been sold to his daughter, Margaret Bonham. The Bonhams lived in the mansion with Jacob's widow, Elizabeth, who had inherited the use of part of the mansion until her death.

Elizabeth Dritt, the widow of Jacob Dritt, died on April 29, 1826, at the age of 75 years. She was buried in the Dritt Cemetery near her daughter, Margaret. Elizabeth's stone is the only one which has remained standing in its original location up to the present time. The two early stones of Elizabeth and Margaret are the only ones located on the south side of the cemetery. There are five upright field stones nearby that may be markers for other early unidentified graves.

The gravestones on the north side of the cemetery are related to Christian Dritt, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Dritt. When his father died, Christian

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



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Dritt owned a neighboring tract of land and continued to use the cemetery for burials of his family. Christian, his wife Frances, and three of their children are buried there. Christian died in 1854 and his wife, Frances, preceded him, dying in 1843. Two of their children never married and are buried next to them. They are Elizabeth Dritt, who died in 1875, and Emanuel Dritt, who died in 1879. The four stones for the parents and their aforementioned children are side by side in the back row. They are similar in size and each stone features a different motif – a rose, a weeping willow, clasped hands, and an open book.



Seven stones are located in the front row on the north side of the cemetery. These include Jacob Dritt, a married son of Christian and Frances Dritt, and five of their children. Jacob Dritt died in 1853 and his wife, Catharine, in 1865. They had seven children, but tragically only one lived to marry and have children. Five of the seven children died young and are buried with their parents. Sarah Ann Dritt died in 1835 at the age of seventeen days, Henry Harrison Dritt died in 1845 at the age of six years, Jacob Marion Dritt died in 1848 at the age of almost two years, Emma Cathian Dritt died in 1855 at the age of one year, and Anna Maria Dritt died in 1860 at the age of twenty-two years.

The Dritt Cemetery was on land owned by the Dritts for many years. It was last owned by Samuel Bonham and then sold out of the family in 1851 to Jacob Detweiler. The Dritt branch of the family died out or moved away from the area, and the cemetery became abandoned and neglected for many years.

When this writer learned of the cemetery in the early 1960s, the cemetery was overgrown, all the stones but one were knocked over, and some were broken. Cattle from the surrounding pasture wandered over the grounds and groundhog holes riddled the earth. Since the 1960s, a few family members have worked at the cemetery annually to keep the vegetation under control

and the grounds presentable. In 1981, Lauxmont Farms, the owner of the land, erected an attractive wooden fence around the cemetery. Shortly afterwards, family members began basic maintenance and unearthed and organized all the known gravestones, and a search was made for additional buried stones. Some stone bases were located and matched with their markers. In the summer of 1997, Tritt Family Research purchased and erected an engraved granite marker at the entrance to the cemetery that identifies the cemetery and indicates that TFR is the caretaker of the site.

A plan was drawn in the 1980s to show the approximate original locations of the thirteen tombstones, many with matching footstones. The intention was to eventually reset the stones and maintain the grounds on a more frequent basis. Since the site was privately owned, difficult to access, and manpower and resources were limited, the plan was never carried out. After the recent developments and purchase of the cemetery by York County as part of the land for the new Native Lands County Park, this project will become a reality. ■



PRESERVED

Long-time readers of the Tritt Family Research newsletter know of our concern for the preservation of the Dritt cemetery, located on a hilltop behind the 'Dritt Mansion' in Lower Windsor Township, York County, Pennsylvania. Jacob Tritt (1746-1817) was the eldest child of Hans Peter Tritt Jr., who, in 1739 with his brother Christian, were the first Tritt(en) immigrants to America. For unknown reasons, Jacob used the surname 'Dritt' in adulthood. Though he is not buried in this cemetery, his wife and some of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are. The burials for which we have found headstones occurred between 1824 and 1879.

For much of his adult life, Jacob Dritt owned the land behind his house, where the cemetery came to be. After he died in 1817, the Dritt house and some of the land became property of his youngest daughter, Margaret, wife of Samuel Bonham. Coincidentally, Margaret died at age 30 in 1824 and is the first documented burial in the cemetery, followed by her mother, Elizabeth, in 1826. Although 1879 was the last Dritt burial in the cemetery, the land was sold out of the Bonham family in 1856. Eventually it became the property of Lauxmont Farms, a horse enterprise that filed for bankruptcy protection in the latter 1900s. That is when Tritt Family Research became very concerned about the future of the Dritt cemetery, for Lauxmont Farms proposed to develop the land that includes the cemetery.

Archeologists for many years knew the historic significance of the land that includes the cemetery as it is the location of the last encampment of Susquehannock Indians in the 1670s and also includes a large burial ground for their people. In fact, the palisaded camp was located within about 150 yards of where the Dritt cemetery came to be and the Indian burial ground is even nearer. (The cemetery may be within the burial grounds.) The increasing pressure for development of this sacred land, even to the point of a plat plan dubbed "Lakeside East", led to great concern among historians, archeologists, and American Indians.

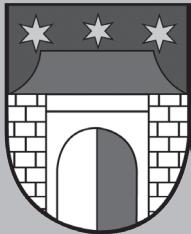
Eventually convinced of the historic significance of the land, York County attempted to purchase it for a public park, but could not come to terms with the owners of Lauxmont Farms. So, several years ago, county commissioners acted to take the land by eminent domain. This led to two county commissioners being voted out of office, but, as we understand it, legal implications obligated the county to purchase the land. Hence, earlier this year (2009), York County became owner of 187 acres that includes the Dritt cemetery. The land now forms the bulk



of Native Lands County Park, a passive park with walking trails to the various historic points in the park, including the Dritt cemetery.

For the last 25 years or so, some of Tritt Family Research have maintained the Dritt cemetery to control weeds, brush, and trees; but, due to distance and time constraints, were unable to maintain it as a traditional groomed cemetery would be. In the summer of 2009, we learned of the Lancaster-York Native Heritage Advisory Council, whose members voluntarily tasked to bring the Dritt cemetery to a groomed appearance and maintain it as such until the York County Department of Parks and Recreation takes over maintenance. Richard, Wayne, and Leonard Tritt have recently worked with the Native Heritage Council to reposition and reset some of the gravestones in the cemetery.

The future of the Dritt cemetery has been a concern of Tritt Family Research for over 25 years. Now the cemetery, being part of a larger historic site, is preserved, protected, and will be fully maintained in perpetuity. We are extremely grateful to York County government for its commitment in this preservation and to the Native Heritage Council for its dedication and hard work in the transition from our limited cemetery care to full county care. With all this and the prior preservation and donation to the public of the nearby Jacob Dritt house (Pleasant Garden) by John and Kathryn Zimmerman, the history and legacy of Jacob Tritt/Dritt in Lower Windsor Township are now permanently preserved. ■



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NEW OFFICERS

August 2009

An election of officers was held at the August 2009 meeting of Tritt Family Research. Those elected to an office and those holding an appointed position are, as follows:

The newly elected officers of TFR are:

President	Leonard W. Tritt
First Vice President	Richard L. Tritt
Second Vice President	Jane S. Ward
Secretary	Connie J. Tritt
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The appointed officers of TFR are:

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Donald G. Tritt, our past president and now President Emeritus, held this position since the inception of Tritt Family Research in 1977. Donald is the grandson of Swiss immigrants who arrived in Columbus, Ohio, in the mid-1800's. He has an intense interest in the land of his ancestors and has read widely Swiss history and culture as well as having traveled extensively in Switzerland and written two books about Switzerland. He earned a B.S. degree from Ohio State University and, following a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Chicago, joined the faculty of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where he is now retired since 1995. His wife of 45 years, Marilyn, died in 1995. They have three children and five grandchildren. He has been married to Doris since 2004. Donald has led TFR well the past 32 years, and his strong leadership will be missed. But, he plans to stay active in TFR.



Leonard W. Tritt, our newly-elected president, has been an active member of Tritt Family Research since the early 1980's, when his father, Wayne Tritt, former Treasurer of TFR, got him and his wife involved in the organization. Leonard is a native of the Carlisle, Pennsylvania, area having graduated from Cumberland Valley High School in 1965 and from Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, with a B.S. degree in Agronomy in 1969. Upon graduation from college, he became employed with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Department of Health as a soil scientist. This position later led to his promotion to the newly created Department of Environmental Protection in the hazardous waste management program. He is now retired from this position since June 2003. For hobbies, Leonard enjoys farming and trains. He has also traveled twice to Switzerland and enjoys the land of his ancestors very much. He, along with his father and, at times, others, have been the caretakers of the Dritt Cemetery in York County. He is married to Connie, secretary of TFR, and they have two children, Jill and Randy, and two granddaughters, Carlee and Sydney. ■

LIBRARIES HOLDING VOLUME I OF TRITT FAMILY HISTORY

At the 2009 meeting of Tritt Family Research, it was agreed that a list of national and international libraries which have a copy of Volume I of *Tritt Family History* should be compiled. That list of libraries follows:

California

- 1) California State Library (Sutro Library), Sacramento, CA
- 2) Glendora Public Library, Glendora, CA
- 3) Orange County Genealogical Society, Huntington Beach, CA (also has Vol. II)

District of Columbia

- 4) National Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D.C.

Indiana

- 5) Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, IN
- 6) Vigo County Public Library, Terre Haute, IN

Massachusetts

- 7) New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, MA

New York

- 8) New York Public Library, New York, NY

Ohio

- 9) Ohio Genealogical Society, Mansfield, OH
- 10) State Library of Ohio (Columbus Metropolitan Library), Columbus, OH

Pennsylvania

- 11) Berks County Historical Society, Reading, PA
- 12) Blair County Genealogical Society (Hoenstine Rental Library), Hollidaysburg, PA
- 13) Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, PA
- 14) Cumberland County Historical Society (Hamilton Library), Carlisle, PA
- 15) Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 16) Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, PA
- 17) Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, PA
- 18) Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area, Pleasant Garden, Wrightsville, PA
- 19) Newville Historical Society, Newville, PA
- 20) Reading Public Library, Reading, PA
- 21) Shippensburg Historical Society, Shippensburg, PA
- 22) State Library of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA
- 23) York County Historical Society, York, PA

Texas

- 24) Dallas Public Library, Dallas, TX

Utah

- 25) Brigham Young Library (Howard B. Lee Library), Provo, UT

Wisconsin

- 26) Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison, WI

Switzerland

- 27) Swiss National Library, Bern, Switzerland
- 28) Genealogie Zentrum Worb, Worb, Switzerland ■



FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

After about 32 years as President of Tritt Family Research, Dr. Donald G. Tritt of Granville, OH, has stepped down. Stating at the TFR Annual Meeting in August 2009 that he felt it time for a change, and desiring to relinquish some of his many responsibilities, Don then presented a new slate of officers for the organization, including me, Leonard W. Tritt, as President. Meeting attendees then voted to close nominations and suddenly I am the new President.

Don had previously discussed with me the possibility of my presidency. I told him I could never 'fill his shoes' and felt inadequate to even try. He replied not to think of it that way, for even he couldn't have done all that TFR has accomplished were it not for the work and dedication of numerous people who have, and continue to do, their part in making the organization and its endeavors a success. He is correct on that point.

Nevertheless, I am fully convinced that the existence, survival, and success of Tritt Family Research is highly attributable to Don. He was the catalyst, the spark for it all. He initiated the meeting around a kitchen table in 1977 that established the organization, organized and spearheaded most of its many works and activities for the next 32 years, and gave much time and other resources to assure that we met our goals. At the annual meeting, members unanimously agreed on Don's importance to Tritt Family Research to the extent that he was officially named President Emeritus. Tritt, Trait, Trate, Treat, Dritt, Tritten, and related family members around the world owe Don honor and gratitude.

As I become President, I thank all who support me and hope all that Tritt Family Research has become and accomplished will not diminish. Know I will give my best; I hope it is adequate. I am confident that our other officers, Richard L. Tritt and Jane S. Ward (First and Second Vice Presidents, respectively), Secretary and wife, Connie J. Tritt, and Treasurer Dwight ('Ike') Tritt, and the numerous others actively involved in our organization, are fully dedicated to its cause.

Leonard W. Tritt ■

IN MEMORIAM

DAVID A. TRITT

1940-2009



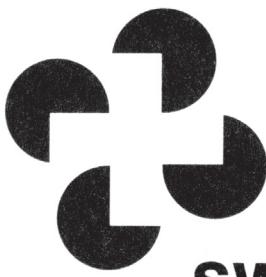
Tritt Family Research has again suffered the loss of a very active member. David Tritt, husband of Judy Tritt, both deeply involved in the work of Tritt Family Research, died on October 20, 2009, at the age of 69, from severe complications of diabetes. Dave grew up and still lived in Canton, Ohio, and when his health allowed, dutifully attended the annual meetings of TFR. He and Judy were a team in every respect: where he was, she was, and together they maintained the very large database containing Tritt family genealogical records. Their work with this database is critical to what has been and what is anticipated to be accomplished by our organization.

Dave was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and retired from Timken Steel, where he helped make steel used in the manufacture of Timken roller bearings. He liked to work at mechanical things. But he also was a computer aficionado and genealogist, recently determining the specifications for a new computer he and Judy bought primarily to handle all the TFR data, and for years doing genealogic research on his Tritt lineage. Dave had a sharp mind and used it well.

Probably most of all, Dave was an ardent family man. His wife and family were the center of his life. As mentioned above, Dave and Judy did everything together, but their children, Edie and Tim, were never far away, and those five grandchildren - Dave really loved his grandchildren. They were the light of his life. And Dave was a man his children and grandchildren could look up to.

We lament the loss of Dave from our organization and our lives. We are thankful for the dedication he showed TFR for over 20 years. But mostly at this time we extend our sympathy to Judy and her children and grandchildren, encouraging them to follow where Dave was leading them while he was able. Rest in peace, Dave. We will miss you and your smile. ■

Due to insufficient information, we regret to announce postponement of a Tritt family trip to Switzerland in 2010. However, we will continue attempts to develop plans for a family trip in 2011. We will be pleased to add your name to those who have previously registered their interest. ■



swiss center of north america

The Swiss Center of North America, the only national Swiss cultural center in America, recently launched their new website at www.theswisscenter.org. The Swiss Center is located in New Glarus, Wisconsin. The website is for those of Swiss descent or those who love all-things Swiss. It's a rich source of information to connect you to your Swiss roots. From this website you can launch into Swiss business, the Swiss lifestyle and Swiss genealogy. Subscribe to their newsletter or look at featured events to discover what's happening that you may wish to attend. The Swiss Center encourages your participation to their interactive site to help build a strong web community filled with information, stories and a Swiss recipe. And remember this interesting fact: To the Swiss, August 1 is what July 4 is to Americans. On that date, in 1291, the three cantons of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden agreed to an historic alliance leading to the twenty-six cantons of the Switzerland we know today. ■

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 accept this 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. ■

NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE!

After an absence of five years, we again have a supply of beautiful Tritt/Tritten coat-of-arms shoulder patches. They are professionally made in the size and shape of the original patch, but the colors are more brilliant. These can be purchased for \$6.00 each.

Also for sale, for the first time, are two different self-stick bumper stickers highlighting St. Stephan, Switzerland. These stickers, pictured below, measure 2" x 6" and are available for \$1.00 each. St. Stephan is significant, as it, and nearby Lenk, Switzerland, are the original home to ancestors of many Tritt/Tritten descendants around the world.

To purchase any of these new items, see the order form on the back page of the newsletter. ■



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NEXT MEETING OF TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH

AUGUST 12 – 14, 2010

IN CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA

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WITH TRITT'S INCLUDED!

It is Sunday morning, August 16, 2009, and yet again, as we traveled the Pennsylvania countryside, I marvel at the lush green local beauty ... if it weren't so darned hot and humid. August can be devastating when you are not used to the weather conditions. It really is a lovely state with rolling hills, some high, some low; and the mostly clean white and red farm buildings patterning the landscape. This year it seemed to be mostly corn forming an impressive patchwork on the vistas we could see. Nevertheless, a beauty quite it's own, very different from what we can see in our part of the country, California. Of course, that state also has a beauty all it's own as well, you understand. We can't have everything in one place, I guess.

We arrived early this year at Harmony United Methodist Church to find Herb Strunk hard at work seeing that things were set up properly for the arrival of all our guests. It seemed fortunate that Herb had gotten there early because he caught the Pastor about to lock up and leave. That would have necessitated a time consuming chase-down to retrieve the key for the hall.

Something did look different though. There was a brand new parking lot in front and to the side of our hall without a speck of dirt on it. I didn't see even a tire track. The driveway is paved all the way around the building now. We were honored to be the first users thereof.

Guests began arriving and the food table began to fill with that wonderful home-cooked country stuff. Many of those flavors are another facet lost living in that foreign place called California. We come east as much for the food as for seeing all the relatives.

The turnout for this function was good again allowing that there were more than 30 in attendance when all was said and done. Though not to the standard of a few years earlier, it was still a good showing. Some folks appeared that have not been present in the recent past such as Ruby Smith, there under the watchful eye of her son Eddie. Though wheelchair bound, she had a lot of attention and seemed to be enjoying the whole affair.

Hazel and Ken Johnson were present this year after having been absent the last two years. Ken brought along some very recent photos of Charlie Woodrow Trate's old house. The new owner has done some updating and, if it were not for the before-and-after photos, it would be hard to believe it to be the same place. It has been tastefully done and brings the old home into the modern world with water service and indoor plumbing.

Some other faces I know arrived on schedule; but, knowing I can't name everyone, I'll say the faithful turned out for a total 35 in attendance this day.

Of course, Association President Gerry Trate had made his "Shaky-Feely" guessing games available on arrival and folks gathered around that ever popular table. I know not the winners but it is always a surprise as to what it IS as well as to whom the prize goes. There are some really wild guesses, as you can imagine.

I was told that Cheryl Schmidt was a relative new-comer to the

reunion. I checked it out with what information I have and find that she is a great-granddaughter of William Nelson Trate and Elizabeth Glass through Alice Daisey Trait (Trate) and Chester Blaine Byler. Her Mom is Martha Jane Byler and Pop is Charles Frances Schmidt. Let me know if any of this is incorrect.

I also understand her cousin Jeannie Byler Shirk was with her, of whom I know nothing. In fact, most all the Byler family descendants are empty in my data base, so there is a lot of information you folks can give me that is needed.

On that score I must apologize for not knowing more of you distant cousins better. I recognize names and I should be spending more time visiting with each of you who faithfully come to these gatherings as a way of renewing the relationship and learning what's happening in the lives of those around us. So, please forgive me when I'm not sure of the name that goes with the face.

With the short business meeting we find that, like everywhere else, expenses are going up. The meeting hall is now going to cost the association \$125, up from \$100 previously. I guess its that nice new paving on the parking lot.

The Tritt Family Research organization met on August 13 through 15 at the Days Inn, Carlisle. The principle focus of this year's meeting was the organization of Volume III of our Tritt Family History publication coming up. Those in attendance had a very favorable impression of the material that has been gathered on Trate/Trait, Treat and other descendants from 1739 immigrant, Christian Tritt. The feeling was that we have enough information so that we can go forth with plans to complete the process and publish in 2011.

That said, it has always been my own view that there is still an abundance of material that still needs the efforts of a researcher to dig it out. Hopefully, more can be acquired before the deadline approaches. Some of that needed material is personal stories and knowledge that I have been asking for since last year. These little personal insights are what can bring life to a volume like this. Don't worry about how it is put together as the editor will review the construction and make it flow if necessary. Just get the facts or information down and to me or Dorothy Trate and we will handle the rest.

Remember that we are all of this particular line of descent and all of what information that I have will be included. Hopefully it will be correct and up to date. If there have been changes or additions, I need to know soon. So, please, put your mind and fingers to work either writing or dialing the telephone.

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CATHERINE TRITT KLINE

I have been asked to report on the status of my research on Catharine Treat/Tritt. Research of this kind is a painstaking and, sometimes, a rather frustrating proposition. Since the meeting in August, I have been following several avenues of research.

From a land deed found in the Berks County, Pennsylvania, courthouse dated 1806 [see *Tritt Family Newsletter-July 1998*], we know that Henry Treat had a daughter, Catharine, who was married to Daniel Kline (as nearly as can be made out from the writing). We have not been able to find a baptismal record for Catharine or for her sister, Elizabeth. Neither can we find a record of either Catharine's or Elizabeth's marriage. Elizabeth's family has been discovered and researched in depth, but Catharine is still a mystery. From the obituary of Isaac Treat in 1844, we find that he was survived by one brother, Abraham, and two sisters. Anna Maria had not been listed with the other children on the deed of 1806, so is presumed to have died before 1806. This leaves his remaining sisters, Elizabeth and Catharine, still living in 1844.

With that information, I knew that Catharine was living during the 1840 census and proceeded to search for Daniel Kline with a wife born about 1780. There were a number of individuals who came up, but most were older. One in particular was a couple

found in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. In researching further in the census of 1850, where all members of the family were listed for the first time, I found that this Daniel's wife was named Catharine. I eliminated several Klines in York County, Pennsylvania, by looking at land deeds and wills.

From there I was doing research at the York County Heritage Trust when I came across a note from a researcher trying to find the family of a Henry T. Kline whose parents were Daniel and Catharine Kline living in Cumberland County, adjacent to York County. When I saw the "Henry T." it set a bell ringing for me, as Elizabeth named her youngest son Henry T. Williams after her father, Henry Treat. I was able to make contact with this researcher, Dr. Kline, who is a medical doctor in Florida. We have been corresponding via internet and he has a lot of information about the Klines, but is unable to go back beyond this. We are still trying to establish whether this is Catharine Treat's family. The big question is, what does the "T" in Henry T. Kline's name stand for? If I can find that it is Treat or Tritt, we have our match.

Stand by for Volume III to find out if I can ever make that match. Both Dr. Kline and I would be very happy indeed! ■

PROGRESS ON VOLUME III

Jane S. Williams Ward, Delta, Pennsylvania

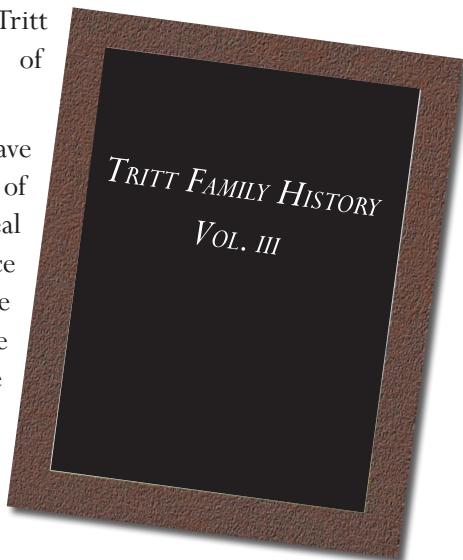
At the 2009 meeting of Tritt Family research, we made a significant change in the content of *Tritt Family History Volume III*. It had originally been set to include Henry Treat/Tritt, the son of the 1739 immigrant, Christian Tritt, and his family. It was the unanimous decision of the group that we should make this volume a story of the whole family of Christian Tritt. This expands the volume to include what is known about the daughters of Christian, while still concentrating on the family and life of Henry Treat/Tritt. Daughters are, of course, much more difficult to trace, but Ernie Trait has enough material on them to give at least an introduction to their families.

A majority of the book is already written. We have stories of all of Henry's children except Catharine Tritt Kline, on which I am working. Ernie is writing the chapter on Christian's daughters, Karen Scheffler is expanding on some of Ernie's research on John Trate, and Jeanette Miller is researching churches in Berks and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania, that are connected to this wing of the family.

The completed parts include chapters on weaving and weavers in the family, some Tritt family clergy, Holtzschwamm Church

in Paradise Township, York County, Pennsylvania, history of Paradise Township, as well as individual chapters on most of Henry's children. We have collected a number of good pictures of people and places and are particularly excited about using some color pages in this volume to give an idea of the vibrant colors in some of the family's woven coverlets. In addition, Wayne and Leonard Tritt have submitted some of their excellent maps.

We are so blessed to have in this family a group of people with a great deal of talent and experience who are willing to share their many talents in the production of Volume III. ■



TRITT FAMILY HISTORY - VOL. IV

Volume IV of *Tritt Family History* will contain material on the family and the large number of descendants of Joseph Tritt (1786-1873) and his wife, Catherine Rhodes (1789-1869). Joseph was the fifth child of Johann Peter Tritt (1755-1839) and Elizabeth LeFevre (1762-1835). Joseph 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.

Children of Joseph and Catherine 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 Wentz (1836-1918).

We seek family records, Bible entries, pictures, copies of pictures and family stories related to this extensive family. Please notify and send any materials to Judy Tritt, 1422 Miles Avenue, S.W., Canton, Ohio 44710-1248, telephone 330-477-1907 or to Tritt Family Research, 7 Ironstone Drive, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17015-9705, telephone 717-258-4176.

A subgroup of those in attendance at the August 2009 annual meeting in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, have pledged to help Judy prepare written drafts for Volume IV. Following this, and recognizing the large amount of work required to put finishing touches on Volume IV, we invite you to help bring it to fruition. You do not have to be a genealogist; there are many tasks in writing and publishing our books that do not require that. This is expected to be a large volume, so we can use your help. ■

SYNOPSIS OF AUGUST 2009 MEETING

Connie Tritt, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

The 32nd annual meeting of Tritt Family Research was held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 13 through 15, 2009. Those in attendance were:

Brent and Melissa Clayton of Wynantskill, NY
 Gladys Cramer of Shippensburg, PA
 Barbara Holloman of Silver Spring, MD
 Debbie Marrow of Ellicott City, MD
 Jeanette Miller of Shippensburg, PA
 Karen Scheffler of Montgomery, VT
 Ernie and Doris Trait of Long Beach, CA
 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 (and Jared) of Delta, PA

The meeting on Friday dealt with discussions and preparation for Volume III of *Tritt Family History*. Everything is coming together for this publication with an anticipated 2011 publication date.

Don Tritt has donated three new sale items to TFR. One is the professionally-made Tritten coat-of-arms patch, which sells for \$6, and two styles of St. Stephan bumper stickers selling for

\$1 each. Look for an announcement concerning these items elsewhere in the newsletter and on the sale items page on the back of the newsletter.

Saturday morning we held our business meeting at which it was announced that York County has purchased the land surrounding the Dritt Cemetery for a county park, thus preserving it, and the cemetery, perpetually. Articles concerning this news begin on page one of the newsletter.

We also held an election of officers. TFR officers are:

President	Leonard W. Tritt
First Vice President	Richard L. Tritt
Second Vice President	Jane S. Ward
Secretary	Connie J. Tritt
Treasurer	Dwight A. Tritt

Donald G. Tritt was elected President Emeritus.

Our 33rd annual meeting of Tritt Family Research will be held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 12 through 14, 2010. ■

TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 14, 2008 - August 10, 2009

Dwight A. Tritt, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania

Checking Account Balance

August 14, 2008	\$2,800.49
INCOME	\$1,484.50
	\$4,284.99
	\$1,127.01
	\$3,157.98

INCOME:

Book Sales Volume I	\$ 125.00
Book Sales Volume II	125.00
Donations	1,128.00
Sales Coat of Arms	4.00
Sales Civil War Diary	30.00
Sales Cookbook	15.00
Sales Map	6.00
Sales Luggage Tags	4.00
Sales Newsletter	22.50
Sales Pen	8.00
Sales Postcards	3.00
Sales Tritt Family Tree	10.00
Sales Car Sticker	2.00
Sales Bumper Stickers	<u>2.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,484.50

EXPENSES:

Meeting	\$ 157.50
Newsletter - Printing	577.17
Newsletter - Mailing	192.84
Website - Web hosting	199.50
Website - Annual fee for search engine	0.00
Website - Updates	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,127.01

Certificate of Deposit – current value

Total Value of Financial Holdings:	\$5,538.99
Checkbook balance	\$3,157.98
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,538.99
Total	\$8,696.97

Donations to Tritt Family Research

in the past year included:

Judy Bryson, Mexico, Missouri
Michael A. Buchtel, Medina, Ohio
Brent and Melissa Clayton, Wynantskill, New York
Gladys Cramer, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
Barbara Holloman, Silver Spring, Maryland
Beverly (Mrs. H.F.) Hupp, Webster City, Iowa
Patty Wright Kitchen, Kearney, Missouri
Carolyn Manwaring, Pleasant Grove, Utah
Jeannette Miller, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
Karen Scheffler, Montgomery, Vermont
Gary and Carol Sliffe, Beach City, Ohio
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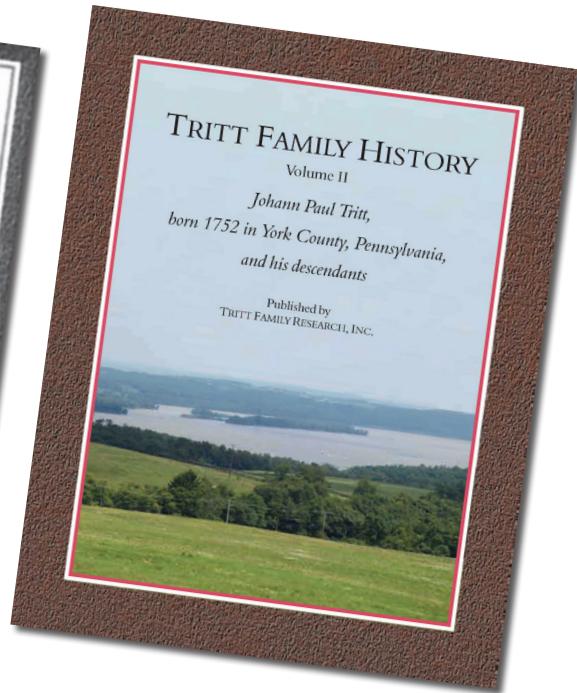
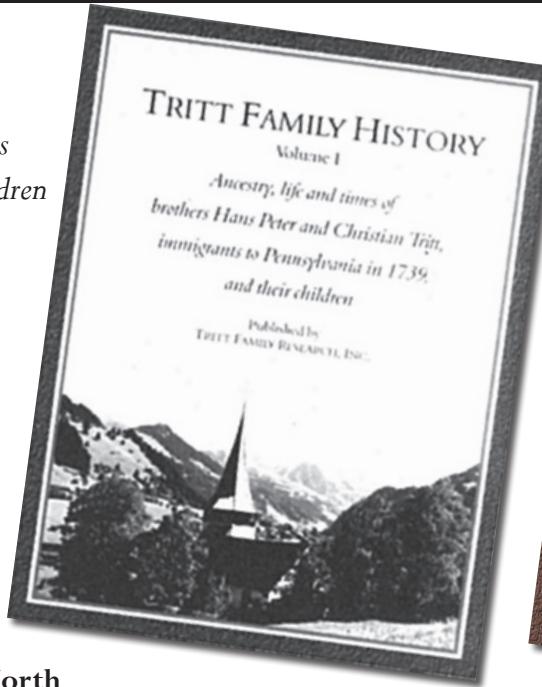
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Mail the completed form to Connie J. Tritt, Secretary, Tritt Family Research, 7 Ironstone Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015-9705. Thanks for your help. **Remember** – we can't be sure that accurate information about you will appear in our publications if you don't provide it.

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Name of my father -

Date and place of birth -

Date and place of death -

Date and place of marriage -

Name of my mother -

Date and place of birth -

Date and place of death -

Your name -

Date and place of birth -

Date and place of marriage -

Name of spouse -

Date and place of birth -

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Your children –

(Please list children and for each person include date and place of birth and death, name of spouse, and date and place of marriage)

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

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APPEAL FOR PATRON DONOR

Research and writing is nearly completed for *Tritt Family History, Volume III, Christian Tritt, Immigrant to Pennsylvania in 1739, and His Son Henry Tritt/Treat, Born 1742, and Their Descendants*. A final draft is expected for approval at the 2010 annual meeting of Tritt Family Research, with publication planned in 2011. Christian Tritt (1719-1801) was the younger of the two brothers (Hans Peter Tritt, Jr. [1715-1768] was the other) who immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1739, the first Tritt[en]s to arrive in America. Many in succeeding generations of Christian took the name of Treat, Trait, Treet, Trate, or similar. This volume will list descendants of Christian Tritt known to TFR up to the present.

Now the second major task begins, that of acquiring funds to publish Volume III. Tritt Family Research is committed to another top-rate, high quality publication. Anyone who has seen Volume I or II can attest to the fine content and exquisite quality of those books. To publish Volume III will likely require \$10,000 or more.

As with our previous volumes, Tritt Family Research is appealing for Patron Donors for Volume III. There are three classes of Patron Donor: Gold (a \$500 donation), Silver (a \$300 donation), and Bronze (a \$100 donation). Gold Patrons will receive five (5) copies of the published volume; Silver, three (3) copies; and Bronze, one (1) copy. Extra copies make nice gifts for your children, parents, or other family members. Patron Donors will also have their names printed in a list of Patron Donors within the book.

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