

# THE JACOB DRITT POWDER HORN

Christian B. Keller, PhD., Carlisle, Pennsylvania

*This article is dedicated to the memory of Wayne Tritt, whose research and dedication, in part, allowed me to recognize the historical significance of the Jacob Dritt horn.*

General Jacob Dritt is probably one of the best documented of all the Tritt/Dritt early ancestors. Volume I of *Tritt Family History* includes a sizeable chapter devoted solely to this seminal figure in our family's history, and, thanks to the research of Richard and Wayne Tritt, among others, our knowledge of Jacob seems to increase by the year. Pennsylvania state and York County archival records have helped us piece together the history of his life and exploits to the point that we know a great deal about him, the house he bought, and the local area in which he lived.

What has remained somewhat fuzzy up to this point is Jacob's role in the Revolutionary War. We know he served as captain in a battalion raised in York County in the summer of 1776 to answer George Washington's request for a "Flying Camp" of Militia. Flying Camps, organized throughout the war especially in the middle colonies, were like emergency militia units, raised by the states in response to a specific appeal for troops, and could be quickly dispatched to points of military crisis. Most of the Pennsylvania portion of this particular Flying Camp was captured in November 1776 at Fort Washington on the Hudson River (a post that guarded the approaches to New York City). Immediately imprisoned by the British, Jacob was fortunate to survive his captivity and was successfully exchanged. At this point his story becomes difficult to trace and our research leaves much open to conjecture. When exactly was he exchanged, and where did he go afterwards? What did he do for the rest of the war?

These are difficult questions to answer conclusively without meticulous research in state and local archives and the National Archives. Yet we have two general sets of clues, one group emanating from the powder horn itself and the other from some cursory

research online. First, we know that subsequent Pennsylvania- and Maryland-based Flying Camps were created in the later years of the Revolutionary War. We also know that a "German Battalion," composed exclusively of German-speaking Marylanders and Pennsylvanians (four companies of each), was raised to be part of the original 1776 Flying Camp and existed as an autonomous unit under various larger commands until January 1781. Lastly, we know that Jacob was appointed after the war as a Major General of Pennsylvania Militia, a very significant and honorable post during a time in American history when militia membership was considered part of a man's civic duty. One would not rise to this post without some sort of substantial prior military service as well as an impeccable standing in local society.

The second group of clues are literally on the powder horn itself. The horn, which I discovered and bought in a Gettysburg antique shop in the fall of 2010, is clearly inscribed with the words, "Jacob Dritt—his horn." It also has various other etchings, presumably of a city (New York? Philadelphia? York?), a church, a Pennsylvania German "Distelfink" bird, and the words "Brandywine, Valley Forge, and Yorktown." Are we to believe that Jacob participated in these famous campaigns, so integral to American



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





Christian Keller (r) shows Richard Tritt the powder horn

victory in the War for Independence? Other decorated powder horns from the era also bear the names of the battles their owners fought in and most have been historically verified, so it is fair to presume that Jacob (or whoever inscribed the horn) was not attempting deliberate falsehood. Yet, based on the work conducted for Volume I of *Tritt Family History*, it is almost certain Jacob was released from captivity by the British sometime in

1777. The intriguing question is **when**, and upon that date, and further historical research, hinges our future understanding of Jacob Dritt's significance in the Revolutionary War. The battle of Brandywine occurred on September 11, 1777, the ordeal at Valley Forge lasted from the late fall of 1777 to the spring of 1778, and the Yorktown campaign was fought from late September through mid-October of 1781. It is therefore entirely possible, depending on Jacob's date of release and his physical condition, that he participated in the campaigns listed on the horn. The German Battalion definitely served in all three campaigns (at Yorktown it was formally absorbed into another unit but its constituent soldiers remained) and other Pennsylvania-based Flying Camps were present at two of them. Knowing that Jacob originally enlisted in the York County battalion of the first Flying Camp, it is likely he would have re-enlisted in a similar unit later on in the war rather than join a regular contingent of the Continental Army. However, regardless of the unit he fought under, that he continued to serve the cause of American independence is highly probable. How could he have achieved the lofty position he held in the postwar militia if he had only served for a very brief period in 1776 that ended in capture?

It appears likely that Jacob Dritt did indeed participate in these three climactic campaigns of the Revolutionary War, but further hard evidence drawn from the historical record is necessary to confirm this thesis. If proven true, then our ancestor was truly one of the leading early citizens not only of Pennsylvania west of the Susquehanna River, but also of the early United States overall. ■

## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tritt Family Research holds a summer annual meeting each year. There are several main objectives for this meeting. It is where/when most of the official business of the organization is conducted. Part of the annual meeting is committed to preparations for upcoming volumes of *Tritt Family History*. There are many aspects, not only genealogy, to publishing these volumes; and much time and effort are involved. Before a volume may be sent to the printer, there is much collaboration and corroboration on genealogical information to assure utmost accuracy. Another important objective of our meetings is to get together as family. All present, new and old, are welcomed as family because, well, we ARE family!

So, whether you've been to previous TFR annual meeting(s) or not, know each of you reading this is invited and encouraged to attend. You need not be a genealogist, for there are many other tasks to be done; there is something you can do for Tritt Family Research. Mark your calendar for August 16 – 18, 2012, and join us in Carlisle, PA next year. Come meet your extended family. ■

## 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.

# DESCENDANTS OF JACOB DRITT DISCOVERED

TFR was contacted on July 15, 2011, by Jaime Dritt of Blairstown, New Jersey. She had recently become interested in tracing her family's heritage and contacted us after finding our website on line. Her aunt had been contacted in 1978 by a Tritt family member who told her that the Dritt family was related to the Tritt family. Her aunt contacted TFR in 1981 and again in 2002, but we were not able to connect her to the family line with the information that we had at that time.

Jaime was able to trace her line back to her great-great-grandfather, John Burke Dritt. He was born in York County, Pennsylvania, and died in Tipton, Missouri, on May 7, 1884, at the age of 70 years and 24 days. This would make his birth date approximately April 14, 1814. Jaime and her aunt suspected that John Burke might have been a son of Jacob Dritt who resided at the Dritt Mansion (Pleasant Garden) along the Susquehanna River, south of Wrightsville, Pennsylvania. They were almost correct.

Using our current records related to the Jacob Dritt line, we were able to connect John Burke Dritt to the Jacob Dritt line. Jacob Dritt (1746-1817) and his wife Mary Elizabeth Beyer had eleven children. Their eighth child was John Dritt (c. 1786-1822). John was married to (1) Mary Levergood and (2) Mary Lab. He had six children. His second child was "Johanes Dritt" who was born April 14, 1814, according to the church record of his birth and baptism. Since the name Johanes is German for John, and the birth date and place are identical, it is obvious that John Burke Dritt is the same person as Johanes Dritt. By making this connection, Jaime and her family are documented direct descendants of General Jacob Dritt.

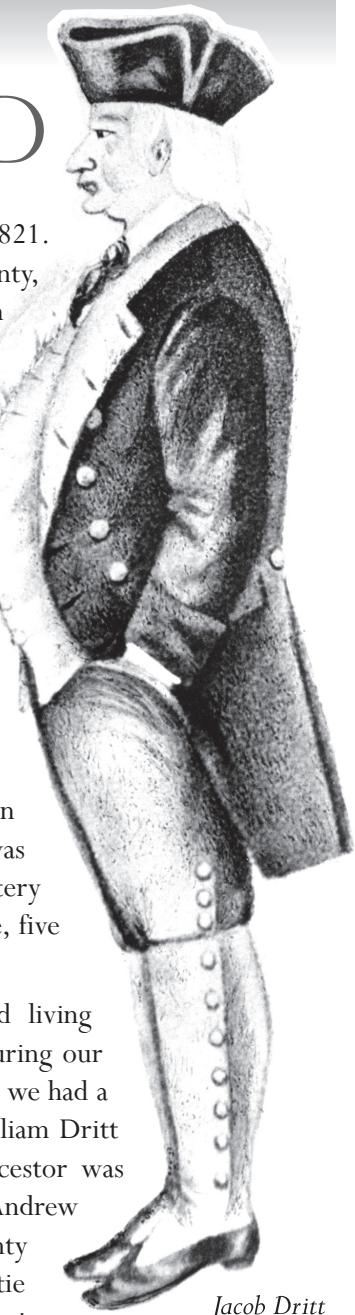
TFR has a file on John Dritt, the father of John Burke Dritt. The file includes a number of legal papers related to the settlement of his estate. He died young and without a will, apparently unexpectedly. He left a widow and five minor children to survive him. His wife delivered a sixth child after his death. The children were assigned guardians by the court since a widow would not be able to care for the children entirely by herself. This may explain why Jaime's family did not have much information about John Burke. He was only eight years old when his father died.

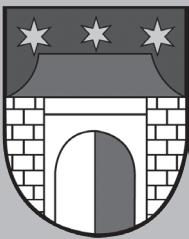
John Burke Dritt (1814-1884) was born in York County, Pennsylvania. In 1839, he married Sarah Priestly, who was born

in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1821. They moved to Moniteau County, Missouri, by covered wagon in 1839, and took up a claim of land about nine miles south of Tipton. There they built a log house at first and then added a two-story frame house later. On their land they farmed and raised stock until 1864, when the family moved to Tipton, where they occupied a new home they had recently built. John served as Justice of the Peace for the Tipton area. He was elected mayor of Tipton in 1883. He died in 1884 and was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Tipton. He left behind his wife, five sons and three daughters.

Jaime Dritt's family is the third living Dritt line that we have located during our years of research. For many years we had a member of our group named William Dritt from Tennessee. His earliest ancestor was named Andrew Dritt. We found Andrew mentioned in Lancaster County records but were never able to tie him to the Jacob Dritt line. There is also the Tilley family line in California that is related to Jacob Dritt through a female line, back several generations. Jaime's line is the first we have located with a documented direct male line back to Jacob Dritt. This line is alive and well since Jaime's brother Christopher and wife Amy had a son, Shiloh Wolfgang Dritt, on May 28, 2010.

We appreciate that Jaime has sent us a great deal of information about her family line, much of which was gathered by her aunt, Barbara Dritt Gold of Windsor, Missouri. The TFR family looks forward to meeting Jaime and her relatives in the future to share information and discover more about the Dritt family. ■





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## SYNOPSIS OF JULY 2011 MEETING

Connie Tritt, *Secretary, Carlisle, Pennsylvania*

The 34<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Tritt Family Research was held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on July 28 through 30, 2011. Those in attendance were:

Brent, Melissa, Will, Emmaline, Alex and Richard Clayton of Wynantskill, NY

Gladys Cramer of Shippensburg, PA

Jeanette Miller of Shippensburg, PA

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Eldridge and Jane Ward of Delta, PA

The meeting on Friday dealt with continuing preparations and proofreading of Volume III of *Tritt Family History* and preparing for Volume IV. Jane Ward gave a presentation on DNA testing to trace back to your ancestors. She referred us to [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) for more information on how this works and the cost. Following this presentation, we went to the Cumberland County Historical Society for a tour of an exhibit and Tritt archive items, hosted by Richard Tritt. In the evening we were hosted at the home of Dave and Robyn Wampler for a barbecue.

Thanks to Dian Sheldon from Wisconsin, we are in possession of a genealogical history of that branch of Tritts. We also discussed, with sadness, the need to cancel the planned trip to Switzerland scheduled for August due to lack of participation. We lost two Tritt family members who had been active in the organization. Mercedes Woolsey of Utah died on December 2, 2010; and Fred Tritt of New Zealand died on October 14, 2010. Both had taken TFR trips to Switzerland in the past; and Mercedes, along with her husband, Perry, had attended numerous TFR meetings.

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Tritt Family Research will be held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 16 to 18, 2012. ■

## SOUTH CAROLINA COOKBOOK

Tritt Family Research has come into possession of a cookbook compiled by the family of Lander and Elsie Tritt of South Carolina. The cookbook has photographs of the family and a variety of recipes sure to whet your appetite and please the palate should you choose to prepare one of them. The cookbook has 138 pages and sells for \$20. If interested in purchasing one, send your check or money order to:

**Maraline Tritt Clark  
1911 Lakeview Drive  
Rock Hill, SC 29732-1032**

Any questions, call Maraline at 803-329-1257 or 803-517-8710. ■

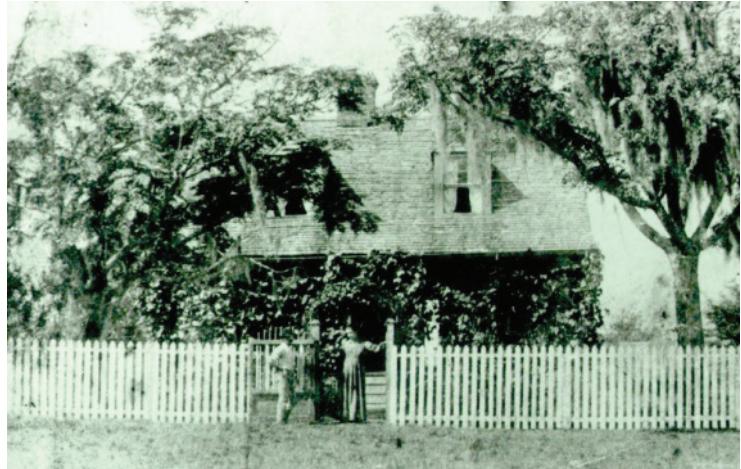
# REUNION OF ANNA ELIZABETH TRITT HAYES DESCENDANTS

Judy Henry, Porter, Texas

During the "Louisiana Rose Cousin" Reunion last Spring, March 31-April 2, 2011, ninety plus descendants of Pennsylvania born, Anna Elizabeth Tritt Hayes, visited her former home near New Iberia, Louisiana, as well as other sites of historic interest to the family.

The group consisted of descendants of Elizabeth's youngest daughter, Mary "Polly", who, in 1817, married Louisiana newcomer, Edmund Rose of Halifax County, North Carolina. Polly and Edmund lived on the Hayes plantation with their three sons, William, David, and Edmund II. After Edmund died in 1820, Mary Hayes Rose raised her boys in the midst of a large clan of Hayes cousins. They eventually farmed the plantation of Hayes and Rose with their uncle, John Hayes. Also in the neighborhood were Elizabeth's other children, Mikel, Elizabeth and David. David was the grandfather of three lovely young ladies who became the brides of their three Rose cousins. Every descendant attending traces their ancestry back to Elizabeth Tritt Hayes in two lines of their family tree.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Hans Peter Tritt, Jr., who, in 1739, came to America with his brother, Christian, and his first wife, Catherine, early residents of Lancaster and York Counties,



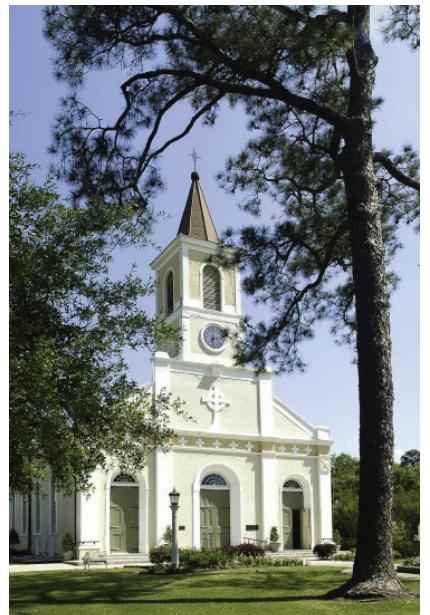
*The Hayes home as it appeared about 1900 when the Avery family occupied it.*



*Rose Bower Plantation site in Abbeville.*

Pennsylvania. Elizabeth married Melchior Hays/Hass/Hoose in 1774. Their eldest son, John, was born in Pennsylvania in 1776 but, by 1781, the family is found in the records of Spanish Louisiana.

Her husband, known in Louisiana records as Malachy Hayes, left Elizabeth and her young children in Louisiana about 1785, when he returned to Pennsylvania to conduct some family business. He never returned to Louisiana and Elizabeth located, with her five young children, on the wilderness of Petite Anse Island, one of five salt domes along the Louisiana Gulf Coast. Memoirs of her son John reveal that they first lived in a primitive home of palmetto leaves. They later created a one room mud hut. As their fortunes improved, the home was expanded to a two-room raised Louisiana cottage. Elizabeth and her children occupied and later acquired the north half of what is now Avery Island of Tabasco fame, and lived there from 1790 to 1865. A family who later owned the Hayes' house developed Tabasco sauce and it is still manufactured on Avery Island. The "Witness Tree" in the Avery Island Jungle Garden is the one surviving marker of Elizabeth's land grant survey. ■



*St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church in St. Martinville.*



*At Avery Island: Elizabeth Tritt Hayes Survey Tree*

# MARY ROGERS DONATION TO TFR ARCHIVES/COLLECTION

*Mary Rogers of Manitou Springs, Colorado and edited by Richard Tritt, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania*

On June 9, 2011, Mary Rogers of Manitou Springs, Colorado, presented several items to TFR to be placed in the Tritt Family Archives/Collection at the Cumberland County Historical Society, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The donation included a handleless cup and saucer, a small china pitcher, and several photographs, related to Christian Tritt of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and a line of his descendants.

Christian Tritt, son of Peter and Elizabeth Lefever Tritt, was born July 25, 1796, at the family farm in West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Christian was raised on the farm, learning farming skills from his father, along with his seven brothers. His father eventually bought a farm for each of his sons. Peter bought a farm of 114 acres in Dickinson Township (Penn Township after 1860) from John Gring on March 27, 1812, for \$3,824. This was to be Christian's farm.

When Christian came of age, he settled on his father's farm in Dickinson Township where he made his home and raised his family. He married Lydia Stough in November of 1820. She was born October 5, 1803, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Stough. Christian and Lydia had seven sons and seven daughters. Two children died very young. Peter Tritt sold the farm to his son Christian on January 4, 1837, for \$2,295.

The oldest item in the Mary Rogers gift is a beautiful lusterware cup and saucer that was part of a larger set that was a gift to Christian Tritt and his wife Lydia Jane Stough when they were married in 1820. Mary Rogers is a descendant of their daughter Sarah Agnes Tritt (1845-1923), who married George Abraham Myers (1843-1930). The cup and saucer were passed down through a number of generations to Mary Rogers, who felt that they should be preserved for the greater Tritt family as part of the Tritt Family Collection.



*Lusterware cup and saucer, wedding gift to Christian Tritt and Lydia Stough in 1820.*

Mary Rogers' great-grandmother, Elizabeth Jacobs Koons, married Frank Raymond Myers on January 14, 1892. They left Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, with their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Myers, on a wagon train to Kansas, perhaps to homestead. Mary Rogers' grandmother told her that she fell out of the wagon and had a very bad head



*Carte-de-visite photo of George Myers, his wife Sarah Agnes Tritt Myers and their two young sons Mark and Ollie. Photographed by S. B. Smith of Newville, PA c. 1867.*

injury. This may have been the source of some problems in her grandmother's later years.

Frank and Elizabeth Myers owned a house at 701 North Olive Street in Wellington, Kansas, and a grocery store next door. It was called the College Grocery. Frank Raymond Myers died in 1922 and his wife, known as Dee Dee to her grandchildren, kept the store running. Mary Rogers remembers going to the store as a child to get things that her family needed. She loved to get a dill pickle out of the big wooden barrel. It was a small store but had what the people in the neighborhood needed.

Frank and Elizabeth had one child, Mary Elizabeth Myers (1896-1968). She first married Ralph Branch who died in World War I. In 1920 she married Leslie Earl Edmonds and they had two children. Their son Charles Myers Edmonds had infantile paralysis as a young boy. He went on to be very involved in the beginning of FM radio in Colorado, as well as a town and state

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# BERKS COUNTY, PA BRANCH

This report of the Berks County branch of the TRITT/TREAT/TRATE/TRAIT family clan may follow the familiar format of weather, place and activity, but there is something different this year. We've changed location.

As agreed upon, the weather was questionable at best. That said, and with the aforementioned change of location, it was an unknown factor as to the turn-out of the faithful for our little gathering this year. As could be estimated at last count, approximately 29 to 30 folks had come to enjoy the festivities and fellowship.

It had been a very hectic year for secretary Louise Strunk since both her parents came into failing health at almost the same time. This would be a full bill for most anyone. Adding to this, looking after two small grandchildren and arranging for the relocation of the reunion gathering was a bit of an overload to say the least. Being the effervescent person she is with energy to spare, she seems to have survived the ordeal with the prize of a simple head cold as reward. Thank you very much...eh??!

Parents Earl and Dorothy Kratz seem to be doing well after the stabilizing influences of medical services. Earl is doing well at the very nice Zerbe Sisters nursing facility near Morgantown. Doris and I had a good visit with him before we left the area and he was most conversant.

Dorothy did attend the meeting enjoying the attention of those gathered observing the 60th anniversary of this group function. Dorothy also happens to be, to the best of my knowledge, the last remaining member of direct contact with the founding committee of the Trate/Trait Reunion. She was very influential in keeping it going through the years. A grand reason for celebration!

As always, the food is mostly of home-cooked variety and very tasty. A very good and tender ham was provided by Tom Trate this year, while the anniversary cake was supplied by Marlene Oatman.

The new location was a very bright and secure social hall of St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 1136 Geigertown Road, about a mile out of Geigertown. It is the church home of the Strunks and possibly some others of the clan who live in the area. The social hall is fully equipped with kitchen facilities, clean tables and chairs AND fine air-conditioning. A large parking lot gave plenty of running room for dodging rain drops. The questionable weather did hold off until departure time, but it was beginning to let loose of its restraints by then. Otherwise it was a very nice late summer day.

I'm not sure the reason, but President Gerald Trate's guessing



Dorothy Kratz

objects seem to be more difficult each year. I would hate to admit to it just being that I am older. A more talented application of objects and packaging is much more appealing as a valid excuse.

We did have a relative newcomer there, a young man of the Byler clan, who has been working on that family tree. The connection is through the eldest daughter of William Nelson Trate (Trait), that of Alice Daisey Trate (Trate), who married Chester Blaine Arthur Byler on 4 March 1905. Alice, then, is the great-great-grandmother of Connor Kauffman, this young man. We welcome him and his interest in his family history as a needed resource for continuation of our never-ending task. ■

**ST. STEPHAN**  
 —————  
**BERNER OBERLAND**



## MERCEDES WOOSLEY

Shortly after last year's newsletter was sent, we learned we'd lost another long-time part of Tritt Family Research. Mercedes (Hegyessy) Woolsey of Alpine, Utah, left this life on December 2, 2010. Mercedes, a cousin of Harold Hegyessy, who was one of the founders of Tritt Family

Research, had suffered a series of illnesses in her last years. She and her husband, Perry, were on the 1997 Tritt Family Research tour to Switzerland. Mercedes smiled or laughed the whole time and was so happy to be in the Obersimmental of Switzerland from where her ancestors came. Later, as *Tritt Family History, Volume II* was being assembled, Mercedes compiled the genealogical research data appearing in *Volume II*, which

encompasses nearly 2,000 descendants of Johann Paul Tritt (b. 1752). Mercedes was one of those descendants. She also made the earliest embroidered patches of the Tritt family coat of arms sold by TFR.

Though it's nearly a year since Mercedes has left us, we extend sympathy to Perry and his family. All who knew her regret her loss from our midst, but are glad to have known her and are grateful for her part in Tritt Family Research.

We have also learned of the death of Fred Tritt of New Zealand on October 14, 2010. Fred and his wife, Lorna, were on the Tritt Remigration tour of 1989. A retired educator, Fred is survived by Lorna, now 96, and several sons. One of those sons is Graham Tritt, who lives near Bern, Switzerland, and has come to be known by those on subsequent TFR trips to Switzerland. Our sympathies to Lorna, Graham and their entire family. ■

JUNE 28, 1922 - AUGUST 29, 2011

Donald Tritt, Granville, Ohio



## WM. WAYNE TRITT

I write this note in sorrow, but more to celebrate the life of a remarkable man. Wm. Wayne Tritt, a founding member of Tritt Family Research, died August 29, 2011 at the age of 89. Members of the extended Tritt family likely have come into contact with Wayne through his

correspondence with you involving our modest sale of Tritt-related items and by his gentle appeal for donations to support the research efforts of Tritt Family Research. Wayne was one of those who, in 1977, sat around a kitchen table in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania and discussed how to begin a family genealogical organization – one dedicated to researching and publishing an authenticated history of the Tritt family from as early a time as records exist. Throughout the 34 years since that time, Wayne has been a steadfast volunteer worker, serving as Treasurer, participating in every annual meeting and always ready to take on one more task for the benefit of Tritt Family Research. Wayne was a participant in the 1989 Remigration Tour when we retraced the route our ancestors took as they migrated from the Obersimmental region of Switzerland in the late 1600's to Diedendorf, Alsace and then to Philadelphia in 1739. By virtue

of his knowledge of early Tritt homesites in Pennsylvania and his drafting skills, Wayne created endpapers for Volumes I and II of *Tritt Family History*, an embellishment highly praised by historical societies receiving our publications.

Wayne was a gentle man, ever attentive to others and always ready to voice his appreciation for the work of others. Always pleasant and positive in outlook, Wayne was the Patriarch who greatly valued seeing the cooperative ways the family worked together to produce our publications. He aided, enjoyed, and often remarked on the warm feelings of family present during our gatherings. Wayne will be greatly missed. However, as is true for persons such as Wayne, he remains vivid as a model of how to live a quality life in service to others. Tritt Family Research is pleased to benefit from the legacy of Wayne in another way. Wayne's son, Leonard, a long time participant, is now the President of Tritt Family Research. Working with his wife, Connie, our longtime secretary, Leonard is well positioned to guide Tritt Family Research in its commitment to continued research, publication and the fostering of connections between the worldwide family of Tritt/Tritten. Should you be so inclined and wish to honor Wayne, I know he would be pleased for your consideration of a donation to support the ongoing work of Tritt Family Research. ■

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Dwight A. Tritt, Treasurer, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania

## Checking Account Balance August 1, 2010

\$3,910.24

## INCOME

4,718.50

\$8,628.74

## EXPENSES

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 Newsletter -  
 Printing  
 Mailing  
 Printing Hans Peter Tritt Family Trees  
 Website (Wide Open Communications) -  
 Web hosting  
 Updates to website  
 Annual fee for search engines

\$ 126.00

662.00

216.08

**\*62.54**

199.50

178.75

**\*\* 40.00****\$1,382.33**

## Total Expenses

\* Paid by Wayne Tritt

\*\* Paid by Leonard and Connie Tritt

Certificate of Deposit at Orrstown Bank, current value \$ 5,745.31

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Checkbook balance

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Certificate of Deposit

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TOTAL

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## TRITT FAMILY HISTORY, VOL. IV

*Judy Tritt, Canton, Ohio*

Volume IV of Tritt Family History will contain material on the family of Joseph Tritt (1786-1873) and his wife, Catherine Rhodes (1789-1869). Joseph and Catherine settled in Ohio in what is now Green Township, Summit County. My late husband David and I have researched this family for more than thirty years. David is descended from Joseph's son Samuel (1817-1891). A cousin, Carol Cozad, also a descendent of Joseph and Catherine through their daughter Juliann Tritt Buchtel (1815-1902), has also researched this family line for many years. The other children of Joseph and Catherine are Elizabeth Tritt Kepler (1811-1886), George (1813-1871), 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 would appreciate copies of any legal records, family records, Bible entries, pictures and family stories related to this extensive family. Please notify and send any materials to Judy Tritt, 1422 Miles Avenue SW, Canton, OH 44710-1248, telephone 330-477-1907 or to Tritt Family Research, 7 Ironstone Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015-9705, telephone 717-258-4176. ■

## THANK YOU, BETTY!

Thank you to Betty Tritt Smeltz of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who recently donated her copy of *The History of the Slaymaker Family, Revised 1969* to Tritt Family Research archives. The Slaymakers were early Pennsylvania colonists and became influential citizens of early Chester and Lancaster Counties. For many years, family members operated the Slaymaker Lock Company in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Mathias Slaymaker came to America about 1710. One of his granddaughters was Elizabeth Lefever/LeFevre who married Peter Tritt, a son of Hans Peter Tritt, one of the first Tritt immigrants in 1739. Peter and Elizabeth are the progenitors of one of the largest branches of the Tritt family tree.

The Slaymaker book includes four generations of Tritt lineage, although a few errors have been found. But the book also includes genealogy of many other families related to the Slaymakers. Mrs. Smeltz's generosity assures this reference will be permanently available to researchers. The Tritt Family Research archives are housed at the Hamilton Library of the Cumberland County Historical Society in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. ■

## MARY ROGERS DONATION

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politician. His sister, Mary Elizabeth Edmonds, married Robert Bruce McWilliams, and then Mary McWilliams (Rogers), our donor, came along.

Mary Elizabeth Edmonds (grandmother of Mary Rogers) and her husband Leslie Earl were divorced. She went with her two children to Chicago to get a degree in Social Work. She first worked with the Red Cross in several places in Kansas. Later she relocated to Manitou Springs, Colorado, where she became the Red Cross director at Camp Carson, which is now Fort Carson, in El Paso, Colorado. This is still a major Army base. She next went to work for a non-profit, a Community Chest (later United Fund) agency. She was the executive director of Family Counseling Services. She retired after 18 years with the agency. During her professional career she did many things to better the lives of others in the Colorado Springs area.

Mary Rogers remembers living with her mother and grandmother in Manitou Springs. During the winter they would go back to Kansas to bring her great-grandmother (Elizabeth Jacobs Koon Myers) to Colorado for the winter. She wanted to be in Kansas in the summer because many of her friends still lived or visited there. Mary remembers that a framed Tritt Family Tree hung in the middle bedroom of her great-grandmother's house. She was fascinated to see so many names on the tree because her immediate family was very small. Later the tree was moved to her mother's house. Now it is hanging in Mary's youngest daughter's house. Mary does not remember the cup and saucer being in her great-grandmother's house. It must have been out of sight or packed away. She did not know about it until her mother died in 2002. She found it with a slip of paper inside the cup that read "CHRISTIAN & Lydia Tritt 1820."

The second object that Mary Rogers donated is a small china pitcher that was given to her grandmother, Mary E. Edmonds, by her grandmother's grandmother, Sarah Agnes (Tritt) Myers. A note inside the pitcher reads "given to Mary Myers Edmonds by her grandmother Mrs. Geo (Sarah) Myers when she was a little girl." Two photos were also included with the donation: a carte-de-visite photo of George Abraham and Agnes (Tritt) Myers with their two sons, Frank and Ollie, taken in Newville, Pennsylvania, by S. B. Smith; and an oval mounted photo of Frank Raymond Myers, his wife Elizabeth Jacobs Koons Myers and their daughter Mary Elizabeth Myers (Edmonds), taken in Wellington, Kansas. We are so grateful to Mary Rogers for her generosity and foresight, to see that these items will be preserved and available to future generations as part of the Tritt Family Archives/Collection. ■

# WASHINGTON BORO

Washington Boro, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is celebrating a birthday this year - 200 years old. This is significant to Tritts because most of Washington Boro, once known as Washington, was founded by Jacob Tritt/Dritt. This is the same Jacob Dritt you've heard of many times previously associated with the Dritt Mansion, Dritt Cemetery, although he is not buried in the cemetery, and now his powder horn.

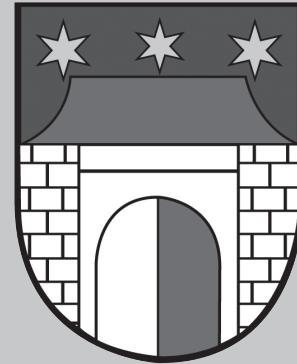
Jacob Dritt was the eldest son of Hans Peter Tritt, one of the two brothers who immigrated to America in 1739. He served in the Revolutionary War and was a captain in late 1776, when he and his men were assigned to defend Fort Washington, along the Harlem Creek near/in present-day New York City. British General Howe's troops overtook Fort Washington and Jacob and his men became prisoners of war for the next two years.

After the war, Jacob went home to Windsor Township, York County, Pennsylvania. He lived on the west bank of the Susquehanna River. Always an enterprising man in business and real estate, he purchased over 100 acres across the river in Manor Township, Lancaster County. In 1807 he attempted to sell by lottery 300 lots out of this acreage, and named his proposed village "Woodstock." The lottery failed; the formation of Woodstock failed. Undeterred, in 1811, Jacob set up a new lottery sale for mostly the same land, subdividing it into 122 lots, and this time naming the village "Washington." This venture succeeded and Washington soon became an established village. Coincidentally, and also in 1811, Joseph Charles sold lots from a 100+ acre tract that he owned that was adjacent to and north of Washington. His village was called "Charlestown." The two villages were initially separate and independent, but in 1827 were merged and incorporated as "Washington Boro." Dritt's village name "Washington" prevailed. The borough became a viable small town, with many tradesmen, fishermen, lumbermen, and some tobacco growers living there. Wikipedia says official status as a borough was dissolved in 1973, but the community is still named Washington Boro and its citizens are justly proud of it.

Why would Jacob Dritt have chosen the name "Woodstock" for his ill-fated village? It may be because of the church his father, Hans Peter Tritt, attended with his family, i.e., the Canadocly Union Church. The Tritts were German Reformed, but the pastor of the Lutherans at Canadocly at the time was Rev. Henry Muhlenberg. Rev. Muhlenberg had a son, Peter, born in 1746, the same year that Jacob Tritt/Dritt was born. Peter Muhlenberg and Jacob would have grown up together. In adult life, Peter Muhlenberg also became a pastor, eventually serving in Shenandoah County, Virginia, in the town of Woodstock.

Why would Jacob have named his successful village "Washington"? Remember where he was serving in the army when he was captured. Fort Washington. Who was Jacob's general while he was in the army? George Washington. Who by this time had been U.S. President and was a most respected American? George Washington. We can't know for sure what Jacob Dritt was thinking, but it makes one wonder.

We thank Mr. Glenn Henry, a resident of Washington Boro, for sharing some of the above information. On behalf of the Washington Boro Society for Susquehanna River Heritage, Mr. Henry has made several presentations locally of his research on the history of his community. ■



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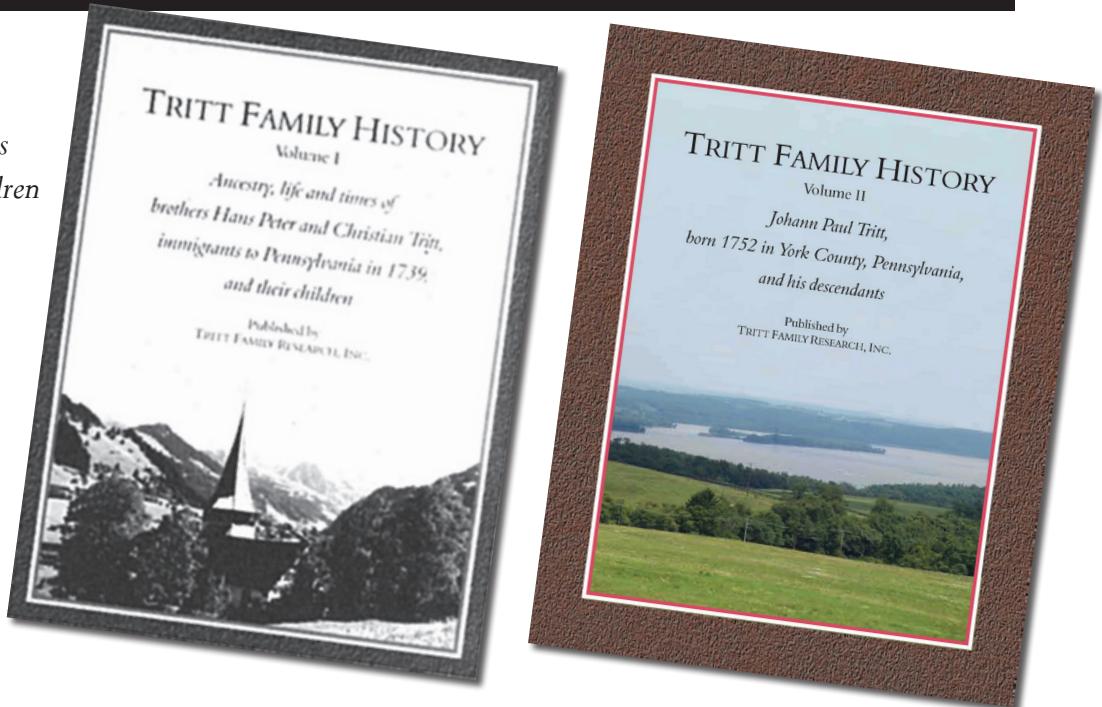
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<b>HUSBAND</b>		James Calvin Cramer			
Born	17 Nov. 1857	Place	Cumberland County, PA.		
Chr.		Place			
Marr.	1 Jan. 1885	Place	Memorial Lutheran Church, Shippensburg, PA. by Rev. B.F. Allman		
Died	14 Sept. 1935	Place	Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA.		
Bur.	18 Sept. 1935	Place	Spring Hill Cemetery, Shippensburg, PA.		
FATHER	Peter Cramer	HUSBAND'S MOTHER	Mutilda Cunkle / Kunkle / Cunkle		
HUSBANDS	OTHER WIVES		None		
<b>WIFE</b>	Louisa Adeline Miller				
Born	19 April 1861	Place	Cumberland County, PA.		
Chr.		Place			
Died	26 Dec. 1930	Place	Shippensburg, Cumberland County, PA.		
WIFE'S FATHER	John Miller	WIFE'S MOTHER	Jemima Hoch		
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS	None				
<b>CHILDREN</b>		WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED
SEX	LIST EACH CHILD (whether living or dead) IN ORDER OF BIRTH	DAY MONTH YEAR	TOWN COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY TO WHOM	DAY MONTH	YEAR
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M	Harry Albert Cramer	28 Aug. 1886	Shippensburg, Cumberland, PA.	NOT Married	17 Aug. 1911
M	William Arthur Cramer	29 Jan. 1890	Shippensburg, "Red Barn Farm" PA.	Amanda Raifsnider	14 Oct. 1972
M	Clarence Edgar Cramer	1 Jan. 1895	Shippensburg, PA.	SARA Helen OCKER	29 Aug. 1988
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**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

1. Copies of death certificates for James Calvin Cramer and Louisa Adeline Miller from Pa. State vital records.
2. Cramer family Bible in possession of Jeanette C. Miller
3. Memorial Lutheran Church records - Shippensburg, Pa.

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**HUSBAND**

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER WIVES

HUSBAND'S  
MOTHER

**WIFE**

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

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