

TRITTS IN THE CIVIL WAR

Richard L. Tritt, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania

As our country commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, TFR thought that it would be appropriate to feature an article about Tritts we know who participated in the war, both for the North and South. Undoubtedly, this list will be incomplete, since it is based only on what information we have been able to gather. The list is also limited to those who spelled their name TRITT and not other variations. We also did not include soldiers whose mothers' maiden names were Tritt. We invite readers to submit to us any additional Civil War soldiers with the Tritt surname that are not included in this article or any corrections to the information that is given.



Peter Tritt House near Newville, PA, c. 1930

This stone farmhouse was built around 1790 near Newville by Peter Tritt (son of the immigrant Hans Peter Tritt) who was born in York County and settled in Cumberland County after his service in the Revolutionary War. It remained in the family for several generations. During the Civil War it was inhabited by his son, Major Samuel Tritt. During the Invasion of the Cumberland Valley in June 1863, Southern Army wagons came to the house in search of food for their men. The family had anticipated their arrival and dug a large opening in the ground and buried several wooden boxes, one filled with cured meats and the other with their best bedding, clothing and other valuables. The boxes were covered with earth, making it look like a garden patch planted with young beet plants. Two men from the family had taken the family horses to Harrisburg because

it was fortified by Union troops. One horse was left at home because it was too old to work, but the family loved it and the children liked to ride it. When the Southern soldiers came to the farm, the horse was hidden in a cornfield, but the soldiers found it and brought it to the house. The children were all crying because they thought their pet was going to be taken away. Their grandfather, Samuel Tritt, pleaded for the children, telling the soldiers the horse was not good for travel or hard work. His wife had dressed a wound on the leg of one of the officers of the supply wagons and had been kind to them all. So the officer in charge said, "We'll not take the horse; we will leave it for the children."

This poignant story was passed down through the family of Martha B. Munn, who was a granddaughter of Major Samuel Tritt. She and her family were living on her grandfather's farm when the Southern soldiers made their foraging visit.

The Tritt Civil War soldiers in this article are grouped by North and South, and then by the state for which they served. Each state list is organized alphabetically by first name, except for the two families in the Virginia listing. For some soldiers, the information is incomplete. There must be many known stories associated with these men. We encourage our readers to share them with us.

NORTHERN STATES

PENNSYLVANIA

Henry Tritt served as a Private in Company G of the 47th Pennsylvania Infantry. He enrolled at age 18 on June 30, 1863, at Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, and was mustered in on July 9, 1863, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He was sick for a time at a hospital in Greencastle, Pennsylvania. He was mustered out with the Company on August 14, 1863. This was an

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

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emergency regiment formed during the summer of 1863 that was mustered out soon after the Battle of Gettysburg.

John Tritt served in Captain William Gracey's Independent Cavalry Company of Pennsylvania. He enrolled at Oakville, Pennsylvania, on September 12, 1862, at the age of 23. He was discharged on September 24, 1862.

John Tritt served in Company E of the 46th Pennsylvania Infantry, also known as the "Reading Rifles" from Berks County, Pennsylvania. He enrolled on August 14, 1861, at the age of 19. He was mustered in on September 4, 1861. He re-enlisted on January 12, 1864, and was discharged on July 16, 1865. John was a boatman from Reading, Pennsylvania. He was 5 feet, 6 inches tall, of light complexion, and dark haired with blue eyes.

John B. Tritt served in the First Battalion of the 187th Pennsylvania Regiment. The company nickname was "Pope's Fencibles." He enrolled at Newville, Pennsylvania and was mustered in on June 29, 1863, for a six month enlistment.

John L. Tritt was a Private in Company K of the 201st Pennsylvania Regiment. He was mustered in on August 20, 1864, and discharged on June 21, 1865. The 201st was recruited from Cumberland, Franklin and Lebanon Counties.

John S. Tritt served in Company F of the 158th Pennsylvania Regiment. This company was nicknamed the "Oakville Guards." He was enrolled at Carlisle on October 15, 1862, at age 31, and mustered in on November 1, 1862, at Camp McClure. The Regiment served first in North Carolina and afterward it served with General Meade in the Army of the Potomac until Lee was driven into Virginia. John was discharged on May 16, 1863, on a Surgical Certificate.

Samuel A. Tritt enrolled in Company C of the 158th Pennsylvania at Carlisle on October 16, 1862, at the age of 28. His company was also known as the "Cumberland Guards." He was mustered in on November 1, 1862, and discharged by special order on November 20, 1862.

William Henry Jarring Tritt was in Company D of the 130th Pennsylvania Regiment. The company nickname was the "Shippensburg Guards." He enrolled at Shippensburg on August 4, 1862, and was mustered in at Harrisburg on August 10, 1862, at age 20. The 130th Pennsylvania served at Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. He was mustered out with the company on May 21, 1863. He enlisted again, serving with the 201st Pennsylvania Regiment in Company K as a Corporal from August 20, 1864, to June 21, 1865. After the war, he moved to Los Angeles, California.

William M. Tritt of Newville, Pennsylvania, was a member of Company F of the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He enrolled on

September 15, 1862, and was mustered in on September 23, 1862, at age 24. The 17th Pennsylvania served in Devin's (Iron) Brigade, with Hooker at Chancellorsville, and with Buford at Gettysburg. The 17th served with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley at the end of the war. William received a disability discharge on April 11, 1864.

OHIO

Ezra Tritt entered service as a Private at the age of 23 on August 8, 1862. He was appointed to Full 1st Sergeant of Company G, 95th Regiment, Ohio Infantry, on August 19, 1862. He was discharged on October 14, 1862, at Columbus, Ohio, on a surgeon's certificate of disability.

Jacob A. Tritt was a Private in Company B of the Ohio 67th Infantry Regiment. He entered service at age 18 on February 6, 1864. He was mustered out with his company on December 7, 1865, at City Point, Virginia.

John H. Tritt of Middletown Township, Columbiana County, Ohio, served in Company I of the 42nd Regiment, Ohio Infantry. He entered service at age 40 on September 21, 1861. He died of disease on April 14, 1862, at Louisville, Kentucky.

Peter Tritt, was a Private in Company I of the 115th Regiment, Ohio Infantry. He entered service at the age of 33 on August 22, 1862. He served for three years and was mustered out with the Company on June 22, 1865, at Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

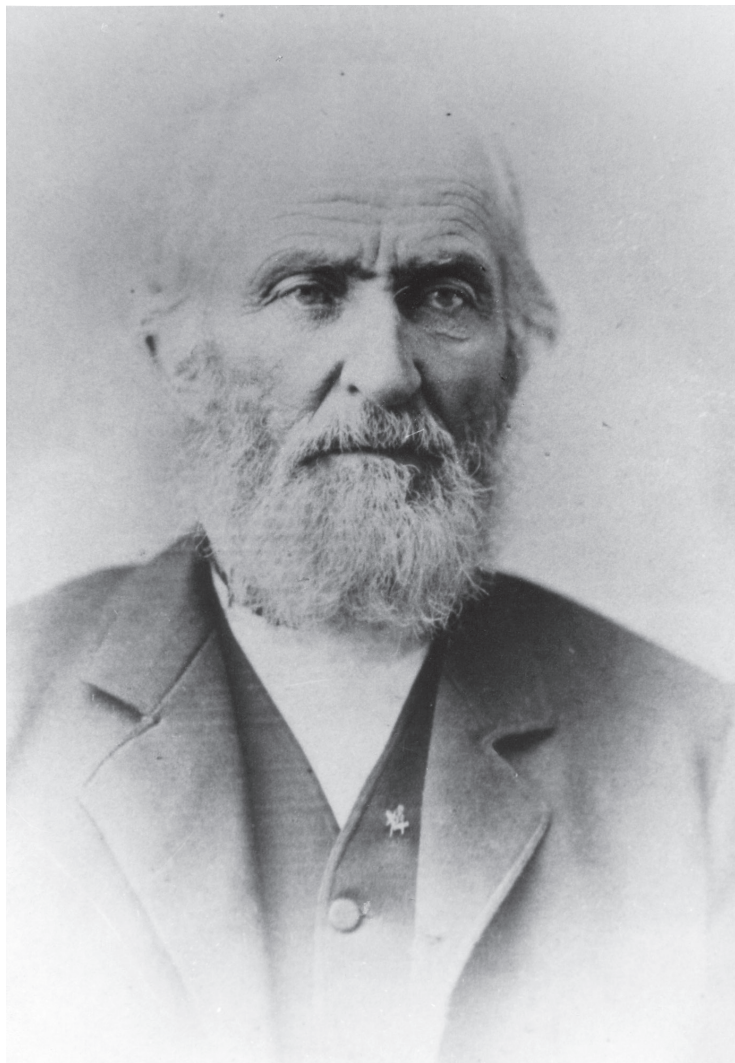
Robert Tritt was a Private in Company K of the 173rd Regiment, Ohio Infantry. He entered service on August 31, 1864, at age 39. He was mustered out with the Company on June 26, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee.

William H. Tritt of Ohio served in Company C of the 11th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered in at age 22 on July 1, 1861, at Camp Dennison, Ohio, for 3 years. He was a Corporal and served until mustered out on June 21, 1864, because of a gunshot wound to his right shoulder that he received on May 14, 1864, at Burnt Hickory, Georgia.

William M. Tritt was a Private in Company K of the 104th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered in on August 11, 1862, at Massillon, Ohio, and was discharged with his company at Greensboro, North Carolina, on June 17, 1865. During his service he served as a teamster but was often ill and was hospitalized a number of times. He applied for an Invalid Pension in 1880 because he was totally disabled from a chronic condition that developed from exposure to inclement weather and hard service while he was serving in Kentucky in 1863.

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WISCONSIN



William Lloyd Tritt (1819-1909)

William Lloyd Tritt of Winnebago County, Wisconsin, served his country faithfully in the Civil War. He enlisted on August 14, 1862, in Company F of the 21st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. Among the battles in which he participated were Perryville, Hoover's Gap, Nashville, Murfreesboro and Chattanooga. At Chattanooga he was taken prisoner and confined for 17 months in the prisons of Richmond, Andersonville, Florence and Goldsborough. He was one of the few who survived the terrible treatment and starvation. After his release he remained in the hospital in St. Louis for some time. He was honorably discharged on June 14, 1865. During his imprisonment, he kept a diary hidden in his boot that encompassed the year 1864. This tiny book was passed down through his family and first published by Tritt Family Research in 1987 and is still available. (See order form elsewhere herein) William Tritt died on August 5, 1909, at the age of 90. He established the Tritt family in Wisconsin where a number of his descendants remain today.

KANSAS

Clark Tritt served in Company F of the 12th Kansas Volunteer Infantry. He was also a veteran of the Mexican War (Battle of Veracruz) and was severely wounded fighting Indians in 1851. He was a pensioner due to his injuries. In 1971, Estil Tritt of New Blaine, Arkansas, owned the cane used by Clark. It is handmade and the handle is made from a deer horn. Estil said Clark possibly had some toes amputated.

Felix M. Tritt was a Private in Company E of the 5th Regiment, Kansas Cavalry, from September 1, 1861, to September 8, 1864, and again from October 1, 1864, to December 6, 1865, in Company E, 16th Regiment, Kansas Cavalry. His pension papers describe him as 5 feet, 8 inches tall, light complexion and hair, and gray eyes. He was disabled by a rupture (hernia) and had heart disease.

Francis Marion Tritt enlisted at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 16, 1863, and was discharged October 19, 1865. He served as a Private in Company I, 15th Regiment, Kansas Cavalry. He applied for his pension in 1912.

MISSOURI

Burguoine Green Tritt was born in Lee County, Virginia, but his family moved to Vigo City, Indiana, when he was young. On September 20, 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Company H of the 1st Engineers Regiment, Missouri. He served in several battles and was mustered out at Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1864. He then returned to his farm in Indiana.

SOUTHERN STATES



The Samuel Tritt home in Woodway, Lee County, VA

VIRGINIA

A number of Tritts from Lee County, Virginia, served in the Confederate Army. Many served in the 64th Virginia Mounted Infantry Regiment. This regiment and its precursor unit, the 21st Virginia Infantry Battalion, were recruited in the autumn of 1861 in Lee, Scott, Wise and Buchanan Counties. The 64th served as

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an infantry regiment, a cavalry regiment, and a mounted infantry (dragoon) unit. Apparently this unit was organized primarily to guard the mountain passes into Lee County from the North because the men were promised that they would serve only in their home area. The men zealously guarded this right to remain in their home area throughout the war. Protecting their homes and feeding their families was their top priority and they thought nothing of leaving their unit to go home for spring planting or fall harvesting.

The 64th Virginia Mounted Infantry was formally created on December 14, 1862, by the consolidation of the 21st and 29th Battalions of Virginia Infantry. The Regiment was reorganized September 1, 1863, at Cumberland Gap and after that date it was also called the 64th Virginia Cavalry.

Samuel M. Tritt, Sr. and his wife, Mary "Polly" Thompson Tritt, of Lee County, Virginia, saw all four of their sons go off to war. Their sons who served were:

Alexander L. Tritt enlisted at Camp Lane on September 16, 1861. He was a Private in Company A of the 64th Virginia Infantry Regiment. He was captured at the surrender of Cumberland Gap on September 9, 1863, and sent to prison at Camp Douglas in Chicago, Illinois. Alexander died there from pneumonia on April 2, 1865, just a few days before the end of the war. He is one of about 6,000 Confederate soldiers buried at Oak Wood Cemetery, Chicago.

William Thorp Tritt enlisted August 13, 1862. He was a 2nd Lieutenant, serving in Company G of the 64th Virginia. He was also captured at the surrender of Cumberland Gap on September 9, 1863. He escaped by stealing a Yankee soldier's horse. This soldier tracked William to his home in Lee County and demanded that his horse be returned. William was arrested and sent to Louisville Military Prison on September 23, 1863. On October 15, he was transferred to Johnson's Island, Ohio, where he remained until being released on June 12, 1864. William was plagued by health problems related to the war for the remainder of his life. (William Tritt's granddaughter was Lorene Tritt Wagner, of Johnson City, Tennessee. She attended several Tritt Family Research meetings and provided much of the information that we have about the Virginia Tritts.)

James Everett Tritt enlisted August 13, 1862, and served as a Private in Company G of the 64th Virginia. At some point in time, James grew weary of the fighting and decided to go home, which he did.

Samuel M. Tritt, Jr. enlisted April 1, 1864, at the age of 16. He served as a Private in Company F of the 64th Regiment, Virginia Cavalry. At the war's end, he surrendered and was paroled at Cumberland Gap on April 28, 1865. Since his horse had been

confiscated, Samuel walked the fifty-some miles to his home in eastern Lee County. He drew a Confederate Pension of \$30 annually. (Samuel was the great-grandfather of Carline L. Agee of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who provided much of the information about the Virginia Civil War Tritts.)

Jacob E. Tritt, Sr., the younger brother of Samuel Tritt, Sr., also sent four of his sons off to war. For the most part, they also served in the 64th Regiment, Virginia Infantry. His sons were:

John Tritt enlisted on August 13, 1862, and served as a Private in Company I of the 64th Mounted Infantry. He was paroled at Cumberland Gap on April 28, 1865. He had also served in Company A of the 94th Virginia Militia.

Isaac Tritt of Lee County, Virginia, enlisted September 1, 1862, at the age of 36. He served as a Private in Company I of the 64th Infantry Regiment. He was later commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in Company C of the 29th Virginia Infantry Battalion.

William R. Tritt served as a Private in Company A of the 94th Virginia Militia Infantry Regiment.

Jacob E. Tritt, Jr. enlisted on August 13, 1862. He served as a Private in Company G of the 64th Cavalry. He was taken prisoner at the surrender of Cumberland Gap on September 9, 1863, and sent to Camp Douglas in Chicago where he was held until his death from smallpox on February 18, 1865. He had also served in the 94th Virginia Militia, Company A, and the 21st Virginia Infantry Battalion.

We know of three other Tritts from Virginia who served. We do not know how they are related to the Tritts listed above. They are:

Alexander Tritt enlisted in Company I of the 65th Virginia Regiment. He was taken prisoner at Cumberland Gap and sent to Camp Douglas in Chicago on September 24, 1863. He was released on June 15, 1865, after taking the Oath of Allegiance.

James Tritt enlisted on August 13, 1862. He served in Company I of the 64th Regiment, Virginia Infantry. He deserted before June 30, 1864.

Zion Tritt enlisted October 1, 1863, and served as a Private in the 64th Cavalry, Company I. He deserted on October 18, 1863.

NORTH CAROLINA

A. W. Tritt of Macon County, North Carolina, enlisted as a Private in Company A, North Carolina 7th Cavalry Battalion,

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on March 9, 1863, and transferred into Company E, 65th Infantry Regiment. He was mustered out on August 3, 1863.

Archibald C. Tritt served in Company F of the Thomas Legion Infantry of North Carolina. He enlisted in 1864.

Elcany Tritt of Alexander County, North Carolina, served in Company G of the 37th North Carolina Infantry Regiment. He enlisted on November 20, 1861, at age 24. He was promoted to Full Corporal on June 4, 1863. His rank was reduced to Private on January 1, 1864.

George W. Tritt of Alexander County, North Carolina, enlisted at age 23 as a Private in Company G, North Carolina 37th Infantry Regiment on November 20, 1861. He was promoted to Full Sergeant on January 1, 1864, but died on January 20, 1864.

Henry F. Tritt of Alexander County, North Carolina, enlisted as a Private at the age of 34 in Company G, North Carolina 37th Infantry Regiment on November 20, 1861. He was mustered out on July 21, 1862.

Henry T. Tritt of Caldwell County, North Carolina, enlisted at age 16 on April 28, 1864. He was a Private in Company E of the North Carolina 58th Infantry Regiment.

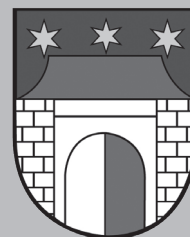
Lafayette Tritt was a Private in Company I of the North Carolina 62nd Infantry Regiment. He was captured and sent to Camp Douglas in Chicago where he died May 23, 1864.

William L. Tritt of Iredell County, North Carolina, enlisted as a Private on September 5, 1862, in Company G of the 37th Infantry Regiment of North Carolina. He was promoted to Full Corporal on January 15, 1864.

TENNESSEE

William H. Tritt enlisted as a Private in Company A of the 2nd Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry. His dates of service are unknown.

We honor all those Tritts who served in this epic struggle; and we are thankful that our country was reunited and lives on as the United States of America. ■



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PREVIEW OF VOLUME IV

Judy Tritt, Canton, Ohio

The focus of Volume IV of Tritt Family History will be the family of Joseph Tritt (1786-1873) and his wife, Catherine Rho(a)des (1789-1869). Joseph was a son of Johann Peter Tritt (1755-1839) and his wife, Elizabeth Lefever, and grandson of Hans Peter Tritt, Jr., one of the two brothers who, in 1739, were the first Tritts to immigrate to America. Joseph and Catherine came to the Stark/Summit County, Ohio area about 1814/15. They were the parents of Elizabeth Tritt Kepler (1811-1886), George (1813-1871), Juliann Tritt Buchtel (1815-1902), Samuel (1817-1891), Joseph (1819-1886), Catherine Ann Tritt Henney (1819-aft. 1880), Mary Tritt Boettler (1821-1881), Sarah Tritt Workinger (1823-1843), Rachel Tritt Workinger (1827-1887), Peter (1829-1910) and Jacob (1831-1832).

We would very much like to include in this history copies of any legal records, Bible entries, pictures, family records and family stories related to this extensive family. If you have any materials you would like to share to be included in this volume, please notify and/or send to Judy Tritt, 1422 Miles Avenue SW, Canton, OH 44710 or to Tritt Family Research, c/o Connie Tritt, 7 Ironstone Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015, telephone 717-258-4176. ■

SYNOPSIS OF AUGUST 2012 MEETING

Connie Tritt, Secretary, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

The 35th annual meeting of Tritt Family Research was held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 16 through 18, 2012. Those in attendance were:

Gladys Cramer of Shippensburg, PA
Barbara and Bill Holloman of Silver Spring, MD
Jeanette Miller of Shippensburg, PA
Karen Scheffler of Montgomery, VT
Ernest and Doris Trait of Long Beach, CA
Donald Tritt of Granville, OH
Dwight Tritt of Boiling Springs, PA
Judy Tritt of Canton, OH
Leonard and Connie Tritt of Carlisle, PA
Richard and Nancy Tritt of Boiling Springs, PA
Jane and Eldridge Ward (and Aleena Grace) of Delta, PA
Perry Woolsey of Alpine, UT

The main focus of the meeting was in proofreading and finalizing articles and layout for Volume III of *Tritt Family History*. We also had a moment of remembrance for persons active in the life of Tritt Family Research over the years who have died, some very recently. Those persons are Marilyn Tritt, Harold Hegyessy, Richard Miller, Bill Naiva, Mercedes Woolsey, Dave Tritt, Selden and Emma Tritt, Wayne and Esther Tritt, and Marian Orso.

It was mentioned that the Dritt Cemetery is now part of a York County park; and the park system is in full charge of maintenance, relieving TFR of this responsibility. The old wood fence around the cemetery is gone and will be replaced by the County in the near future. Boxwoods have been planted at the entrance of the cemetery by Barbara Bair, York County Treasurer, and her husband, and are cuttings from boxwoods at George Washington's Mt. Vernon home.

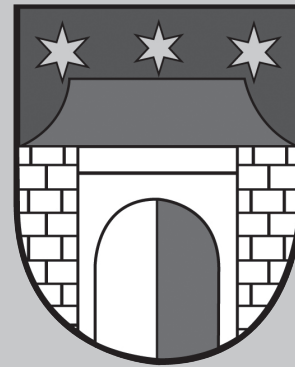
Jane Ward submitted an application to have Henry Treat be accepted to the DAR, which would allow any woman who can prove her lineage through Henry to become a member of the DAR.

And we have to thank Dave and Robyn Tritt Wampler for so generously opening their home to us for our, what has become, traditional Friday evening dinner to which Dave and Robyn provide all the food and do all the cooking. We are very grateful to them for doing this each year, allowing everyone the opportunity to relax and talk among friends.

The 36th annual meeting of Tritt Family Research will be held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 15 to 17, 2013. ■

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Tritt Family Research has long been blessed with voluntary donations that have covered our expenses. We hope you will remember this organization with future donations. All of us are well aware of these hard economic times and higher prices for everything, which have also affected Tritt Family Research. Your continued support and that of new donors is essential to maintain this newsletter, our website, and future volumes of Tritt Family History. Whatever you can contribute will help our cause. Send your contribution to our Treasurer, Dwight A. Tritt, 7 Southern Cross Drive, Boiling Springs, PA 17007-9789. We are grateful for your support.



NEXT MEETING OF TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH

AUGUST 15 – 17, 2013

IN CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA

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THE BERKS COUNTY REPORT

As the usual expectation of Berks County weather in August is hot and humid, we were welcomed this year with pleasant temperatures and humidity that was well within tolerable limits. The sun was shining, but not with the 'vengeance' that it can have. All in all, a beautiful day for the 60th Trate/Trait Reunion held in the social hall of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Geigertown.

I am told that this location as a church dates from 1773 and rates as the third oldest United Methodist Church in the nation. That can be very meaningful in our celebration of our ancestry.

Most of the faithful were in attendance with the delicious Pennsylvania Dutch home cooking of the local families. That is an item I personally look forward to on these trips.

I have a count of about 40 guests attending this year. There is a gradual shrinkage in the roster as it ages. This brings forth the reason we must encourage our younger generation to attend as their own families develop. We must continue the interest in our heritage and ancestry.

Brian Pfennig returned to the fold this year, a welcome sight as he was involved in research several years ago and disappeared into the college world. He now has a family and his 12 year old daughter, Rachel, has already made her mark doing a study on her ancestry. With the permission of Tritt Family Research to use the Tritt family crest, she won an 'A' grade for her school project. In the process, however, she lost her work to her teacher who wants to hold and use it as an example to others of what can be accomplished.



Rachel Pfennig

Sandy Naiva arrived in the company of her son Scott and his wife Melissa, who are first time visitors to our area. He and Melissa added much to our celebration. This being the first time for me to "travel-with-computer", I discovered it wasn't that difficult with security. The benefit was having Melissa dutifully in-putting data directly into the genealogy program as we sat and talked with some of you. It was great for clarifying and adding new information that seems to 'get lost' in transmission. A wonderful help to me.

Our visitors seemed to have brought a new sensitivity to the group as they cleaned up on the guessing game prizes. Brian Pfennig knows how to bake a cake, 'cause he pinned that one down. Marlene Smith was another cake winner. Sandy Naiva got more 'nuts' than she needs; but son Scott cleaned up with whole wheat crackers, (which will be fed to his daughter), M&M's (which he will also lose to his daughter), and a jar of metal parts just don't eat those all at once, Scott. Linda Baum has good reason with the seasoning; Dot Trate will be chewing and coloring a long time on the jar of bubble gum and box of crayons to go with it.

'Twas a good time for all. ■

ATTEND THE 2013 TFR SUMMER ANNUAL MEETING

Tritt Family Research holds a summer annual meeting each year. There are several main objectives for this meeting. At this meeting our official business is conducted to attend to matters that have arisen in the past year and plan for those anticipated in the coming year. 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 is 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!

Whether you've been to previous annual meeting(s) or not, know that 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 15 to 17, 2013, and join us at next year's meeting in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Come meet your extended family. ■

THE LONG LASTING IMMIGRANT BROTHER, CHRISTIAN TRITT (1719-1801)

With the publication of Volume III, Tritt Family Research will have reached a significant milestone. This volume will give an account of the descendants of the long-obscure Christian Tritt (Treat/Trait) immigrant to Philadelphia in 1739.

Our Volume I presented years of research regarding the background, life and times of the two earliest (1739) known Tritt immigrant brothers and their ancestors. Volume II dealt with one descendant branch of the oldest brother Hans Peter Tritt, Jr. (abt. 1715-1768). Information regarding Christian (abt. 1719-1801), the younger immigrant brother, has been extra difficult to uncover and document due to the use of differing surnames by his descendants, namely TREAT, TRAIT, TRATE & TRITT.

Principal credit for Volume III goes to Ernest Trait (Long Beach, CA), Jane Ward (Delta, PA) and Karen Trate Scheffler (Montgomery, VT). Ernie's forty-plus years of research on the TREATs and TRAITs of Berks County, PA led to the discovery that his great-grandfather Philip (1830-1883), who carried the surname TREAT throughout his lifetime, was born a TRITT. Documentation for this link prompted Ernie, in 1988, to

contact Tritt Family Research. Jane Ward (who serves as Editor of Volume III) learned from her many and diverse involvements in family research that her great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth TRITT (1786-1849), descended from the immigrant Christian line. Karen Scheffler, following up on earlier research by her father, Joseph Eugene Trate, had established that her great-grandfather was Isaac TRATE (1845- abt. 1920). In time, Ernie, Jane and Karen, working independently, found their way to Tritt Family Research and, by use of our extensive database, managed by Judy Tritt of Canton, OH, could establish their direct descentance from the immigrant brother Christian. Once Ernie, Jane and Karen became a team, they organized the assistance of other members of Tritt Family Research and pursued additional research needed to fill out the story of Christian's descendants.

It is with great joy and a sense of accomplishment to announce that Volume III will soon be published. With this publication you will have an account of the two 1739 immigrant brothers, a major milestone in the ongoing research efforts to tell the Tritt family story. ■

Karl Perry Woolsey, Alpine, Utah

IMPRESSIONS

As I write this, I am back in Alpine and it has been a few days since I came home from the 2012 TFR meeting in Pennsylvania. I can't get the feelings out of my head that I felt while I was back there. I arrived at about 5:30 P.M. and checked in to the motel; and then I began to think, "What am I doing here?". I had a bite to eat and began to worry. It was my wife Mercedes who was the Tritt. I'm just an interloper. How will they feel about me? I walked out into the breakfast area and sat down for a few minutes. I saw Jane Ward enter the conference room and decided to follow her in after a short pause. The worry was over. . . I was greeted like a long lost cousin!

I need to back up a little and let you know what has been going on at our house for the last nine years. The last time we were at this meeting was August 2003. In January 2004, Mercedes was diagnosed with breast cancer and went through chemotherapy and thirty-five radiation treatments. In December 2005, Mercedes sent off the family names for Volume II and a week later had a stroke which took almost all of her speech. As a result, her health was not good enough since our last visit in

2003 for us to make the trip to Carlisle again; but Mercedes wanted to come in the worst way. She did miss her Tritt cousins! Due to complications from these health issues, Mercedes passed away on December 2, 2010. I do miss her so much.

It was so good to see all of Mercedes' cousins again: Leonard, Connie, Donald, Richard, Nancy, Barbara, Judy, Gladys, Jeanette, Ernie, Doris and Jane. I met new cousins as well, Dwight Tritt and Karen Scheffler. One face I did miss was dear, friendly, Wayne Tritt. I always have enjoyed Mercedes' family so much and love their reunions. Well, I was put to work right away and hope I was able to help in some small way. Robyn's dinner was wonderful as well as the talks at the grocery store and the late night ice cream.

It has been so good for me to get out of the house and visit with the Tritt cousins. I need to thank Ernie and Doris Trait who got me to the Trait reunion on Sunday and then pointed me on to Philadelphia - but that is another story. I always have a great time with MY Tritt cousins. Thank you for treating me like family! ■

FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking Account Balance August 1, 2011	\$7,246.41	Total Value of Financial Holdings	
Income	<u>2,107.50</u>	Checkbook balance	\$ 3,840.75
	\$9,353.91	Certificate of Deposit	<u>10,001.77</u>
Expenses	<u>5,513.16</u>	TOTAL	\$13,842.52

Checking Account Balance July 31, 2012

\$3,840.75

INCOME

Total patron donor contributions
for Volume III

\$4,800.00

Book Sales Volume I	\$205.00
Book Sales Volume II	145.00
Patron Donor Fund for Volume III	600.00
Silent Auction at 2011 Meeting	23.00
Donations (General)	935.00
Donations (in Memory of Wayne Tritt)	100.00
Donations (Postage)	19.00
Sales Civil War Diary	15.00
Sales Cookbooks	7.50
Sales Notepaper	20.00
Sales Postcards	6.00
Sales St. Stephan Book	5.00
Sales Tritt Family Tree	10.00
Sales 1906 Family Tree	13.00
Sales Car Sticker	1.00
Sales Bumper Stickers	<u>3.00</u>

TOTAL

\$2,107.50

EXPENSES

Actual

Paid

Administration	\$15.00	\$0.00*
Meeting - Day's Inn		
meeting accommodations	123.00	123.00
Newsletter -		
Printing	701.72	701.72
Mailing	244.52	244.52
Add Patron Donor Funds		
to Certificate of Deposit	4,200.00	4,200.00
Website (Wide Open Communications) -		
Web hosting	173.92	173.92
Annual fee for search engine	40.00	0.00**
Merchandise Mailing Costs	17.82	6.56**
Print Family Trees	<u>63.44</u>	<u>63.44</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$5,579.42

\$5,513.16

TOTAL BILLS

\$1,379.42

\$1,313.16

* Paid by Dwight Tritt

** Paid by Leonard and Connie Tritt

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Original Value -	\$5,000
Added Volume III Patron Donor Funds -	\$4,200
Current Value (as of 7/31/12)	\$10,001.77

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THE MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM

The Mason-Dixon Trail System is a 193-mile hiking trail connecting the Appalachian Trail with the Brandywine Trail in south-central and southeastern Pennsylvania. Along the way, it also traverses portions of Maryland and Delaware. The trail is marked with blue blazes on posts and trees along its route. From the Appalachian Trail at Whiskey Springs, near Mount Holly Springs, Pennsylvania, the Mason-Dixon Trail extends generally southeast to Wrightsville, York County, Pennsylvania, then south along and above the Susquehanna River to Havre de Grace, Maryland. There the trail crosses the river on a highway bridge to Perryville, Maryland, and extends northeast, passing near Elkton, Maryland and into Delaware, skirting Newark, Delaware before re-entering Pennsylvania and joining the Brandywine Trail near Chadds Ford.

Most of the route of the Mason-Dixon Trail is through wooded and rural areas. In Pennsylvania it passes through Gifford Pinchot State Park, and passes by Long Level, an old canal lock, and three dams. In Maryland it goes through the Elk Neck State Forest, then into Delaware's Iron Hill Park and White Clay Creek Preserve. From Wrightsville, Pennsylvania through Maryland and Delaware, to Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, the trail offers hiking and many views along creeks and rivers. There is much to see along the entire route: flora, fauna, scenic overlooks, geologic, and historic and prehistoric features and locales.

So, why might all this be of interest to Tritt Family Research? Because the Mason-Dixon Trail now also passes through Native Lands County Park, the York County (PA) park established a few years ago on land once owned by Jacob Dritt, eldest son of Hans Peter Tritt, who immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1739 with his brother, Christian. Jacob once owned the large stone house, likely built before 1750 and long known as 'the Dritt Mansion', along the river below this elevated county park. He also once owned much of the land now part of the park. Also, the Dritt cemetery is situated in this park. The park takes its name because, located within its boundaries, was the site of the last village of the Susquehannock Indians before they were vanquished by other tribes, European diseases, and white settlers around 1675. Archeologists have determined that native American Indians lived in this area and immediately across the Susquehanna River for hundreds of years.

For more information on the Mason-Dixon Trail System, visit their website Mason-Dixontrail.org. If you would like to visit the Dritt Mansion, which is now the offices of the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area, located at 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368, contact them for arrangements at telephone 717-252-0229 or through their website susquehannaheritage.org. Maps of the Mason-Dixon Trail are available for purchase there. ■

A STORY FROM THE PAST

Editor's Note: The following story is taken from Issue 12, January 1992, of Tritt Family Newsletter. It is an appropriate addition to the lead article of this Issue 32 of Tritt Family Newsletter.

The following letter was written in 1929 by Martha B. Munn, a great-granddaughter of Peter Tritt (son of the immigrant Hans Peter Tritt). It describes her life and episodes during the Civil War at the Tritt farm near Newville, Pennsylvania. The letter was written to her granddaughter, Martha Jane (Breitenwischer) Harwood (b. 1915). It was sent to TFR by Mrs. Peter C. Morrison of California. Martha B. Munn was her great-grandmother.

In the account, Martha refers to:

Her father, James H. Heck (1833-1902)

Her mother, Mary Jane (Tritt) Heck (1840-1907)

Her grandfather, Major Samuel Tritt (1803-1873) who was born on the Tritt farm, inherited it, and lived there all his life

Her grandmother, Julia Ann (Heagy) Tritt (1822-1875)

Her brother, James Oscar Heck (1861-1894)

Los Angeles, California
March 1929

To my dear Granddaughter Martha Jane:

You have asked me to tell you some things I remember about the Civil War. I also would like you to know the story I have, as a sort of family history and because it may be you can tell it to

children of your own and then again to grandchildren away in the future. My! How long ahead that seems, doesn't it? But when one looks backward it is not long. Well, I will begin right here.

When I was a very little girl, in the early summer after I had been three in February, my father who had not been well for a year or more with chills and fever, or ague as they called it then, was told by his doctor the best thing he knew to tell him to do was to get out on a farm for the summer. My mother's father lived on a farm in the beautiful Cumberland Valley in Cumberland County near Newville, Pennsylvania. It was a happy thought of my mother to propose a visit back to her childhood home. She had not been there since she came away a bride more than four years before to South Bend, Indiana, where my father had a home ready for her and himself. My father could help on the farm when able, she said, and so it was arranged that way. We all should go, my father, mother, brother Oscar, and myself. I have heard my mother tell of seeing many, many wounded soldiers being brought home on the trains, lying on cots and otherwise.

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Now it wasn't long after we arrived at Grandfather's home until the Army wagons were going through that part of the country gathering food for the Southern Army, particularly smoked meats, ham, etc. All the farmer folk in those days had smoke houses where they let their cured meats hang the year around after they had killed, prepared and smoked it. Also the Army needed blankets and took anything the soldiers could make use of, and always horses. I was too young to remember many of the incidences that occurred around this time, but I have heard about the happenings many times, and, with what was so impressed on my mind, it all seems vivid.

I remember we children, (for I had uncles and an aunt that were also only children), called the Army wagons Gypsy wagons, for they were covered wagons much like the Gypsy wagons, and we were afraid of being stolen away when we would hear the wheels rumbling down over the house, my grandmother (step-grandmother) said, "Look around and take what you want," but before they came, some of the men of the farm had dug a large opening in the ground and put several wooded boxes down and the folks filled one with cured meats and the others with the best bed clothes and what they thought would be taken of the most valuable articles of clothing. The boxes were covered with earth now, making it look like a little garden patch, setting it out with young beet plants. The army men did not find the hidden boxes. An uncle, with my father, (who was much better by this time), had taken the horses, along with the neighbors' on the same errand to Harrisburg, the Capital of Pennsylvania, because that city was fortified by Union Soldiers. One horse the home men did not take with them to Harrisburg because it was too old to work, but the family all thought lots of it for what it had been and it was a delight to the children. This horse was so gentle they could climb on its back and take little rides, as many as could stick on. The folks at my grandfather's decided to take it to the cornfield and hide it where there was a hollow and stake it there. The men of the Army wagons found the horse and brought it to the farm. The children were all crying in fear of its being taken wanting so much to keep it for it was a family pet. Then Grandfather pleaded for the children telling the men it was not a horse for travel or hard work. My grandmother had dressed a wound on the leg or arm of one of the officers of the supply wagons and had been kind to them all, not opposing their spying around, so he said, "We'll not take the horse; we will leave it for the children." I remember riding on that horse with the other children feeling elated over such a wonderful experience.

It was known that the Southern Army was making for Harrisburg. The Battle of Gettysburg stopped them reaching there. Grandfather's home was twenty miles northeast of Gettysburg and about twenty miles southeast of Harrisburg. We could hear the cannons booming during that terrible time in the early days of July, 1863. We children were told often to listen to the noise

of the cannons or the big guns, and as everyone was concerned and anxious, we little folks sensed something of alarm.

This is my story as I have kept it through the years. I remember President Lincoln's second Presidential Campaign through the many big parades and demonstrations throughout the fall of 1864. I do not recall one instance about President Johnson. I think this was because there was no election campaign for him as President. He as Vice President became President at the death of President Lincoln. Next came Grant and Colfax. All very vivid to me. Each Party had demonstrations given to display the feeling of their Party. Parades, speeches, pole-raising with streamers, and flags hoisted high. Each party tried to outdo the other in raising the highest pole and displaying the finest floats. In my early days, election fall was always an exciting time with so many rallies through the fall until election was over. Yes, rallies are what these events were always called and they were quite wonderful too, in the way they were gotten up. Even young boys were drilled to represent some military affairs or maneuverings and sometimes the young ladies also.

Your grandmother, Mattie B. Munn ■

STATUS OF VOLUME III

Jane Ward, Volume III Editor, Delta, Pennsylvania

We are off and running on the production of Volume III of *Tritt Family History*. Our very talented editor from Volume II, Melissa Clayton, has been unable to continue as the main editor, so I have stepped in to try to keep things moving. At the August meeting of Tritt Family Research, completed articles were proofread. Last year most of the main section had been completed and proofed; but there were family biographies and stories that needed completion. Now all of the articles have been completed, proofed, and pictures selected and prepared for printing. I hope to publish the volume in 2013.

At the meeting, it was decided to use a different publisher than before, one that will do page layouts. Creative Continuum has been recommended as a very competent publisher in putting together a professional publication. At this point, most of the book has been laid out for final editing. I am awaiting the final genealogy files for section 2 from Ernie Trait and Karen Scheffler and hope that Brent Clayton will be able to fully complete that section for us.

We have added to this volume a new section which includes stories actually written or orally given by a family member about interesting events in their lives. Some of these are a World War II account, a story about a skunk, and life events from some of the "good old days". ■

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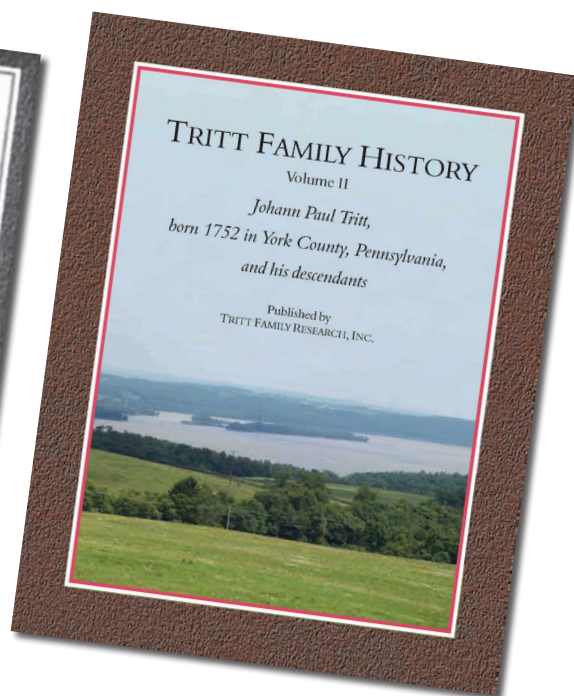
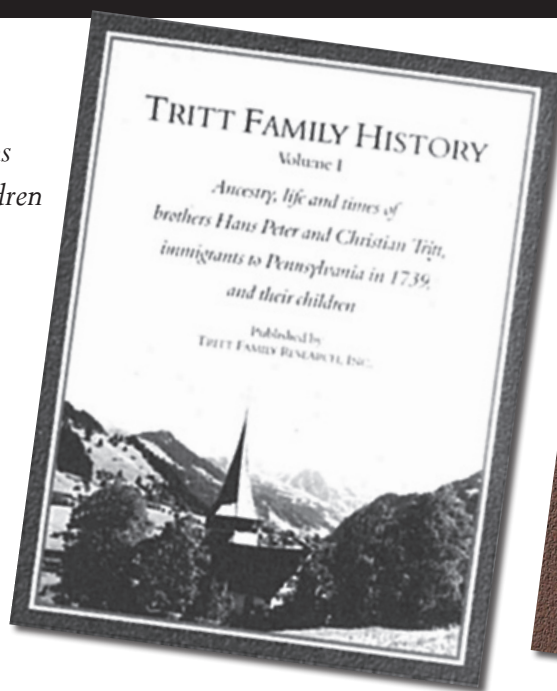
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