

# PRESENTATION GIVEN ON JACOB DRITT'S REVOLUTIONARY WAR EXPERIENCE

*Leonard Tritt, Carlisle, Pennsylvania*

Dr. Christian Keller, an eighth-generation descendant of Hans Peter Tritt(en) (b. 1715), presented a lecture to the Washington Boro [PA] Society for Susquehanna River Heritage on April 20, 2015, regarding the Revolutionary War service of Jacob Dritt. Dr. Keller is a professor of military history at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. A native of Carlisle, Dr. Keller's maternal grandmother was the late Ruth (Tritt) Fehl. Although the Civil War is his main expertise, he takes a personal interest in Jacob Dritt, because Jacob is an ancestor of his. You may recall from the Tritt Family Research Newsletter, Issue No. 31, 2011, an article was featured about Chris Keller and Jacob Dritt's powder horn, which Chris now owns.

It is known that Jacob Dritt was in the Revolutionary War, but many details of his service are unknown or yet undiscovered. General George Washington called up "flying camps" in the summer of 1776 for additional manpower in the fight against the British. Flying camps were informal militia units called up as troops for quick dispatch to points of military crisis. Flying camps subsequently became part of the Continental Army. Within the flying camp of which Jacob Dritt was a member, he was Captain of the Third Company of the First Battalion, under command of Colonel Michael Swope.

By the fall of 1776, Jacob and his compatriots were in New York. They came to be assigned to Fort Washington, a fort built the previous summer at the highest point, near the northern end, of

Manhattan Island as a defense against British ships approaching on the Hudson River. In November 1776 the British, wanting to eliminate this Patriot defense, attacked Fort Washington using mainly Hessian troops which were fighting along with British troops throughout much of the war. Fort Washington was overrun and the Patriot soldiers within, including Jacob Dritt, were captured. Over 2800 prisoners were taken.

It is unknown where or how long Jacob was held as a prisoner of war. Some patriot prisoners were held in churches, warehouses, or other large buildings in New York, others were held in prison ships anchored in the Hudson River. Conditions in which the prisoners were held were very poor, many being squalid and poorly ventilated, overcrowded (some such that prisoners could not lie down), poor and inadequate food and water, rampant disease with no medical care, and other unhealthy circumstances. It is said that only about 800 of those captured at Fort Washington that day survived their imprisonment.

While it is uncertain where and exactly how long Jacob Dritt was a prisoner of war, it is known that he survived his imprisonment and was freed before the end of the war. His powder horn is inscribed with the words "Brandywine, Valley Forge, Yorktown". Does that confirm his Revolutionary War involvement at those locations? It implies that, but does not confirm it. Wikipedia states that the 800 Fort Washington survivors were released in a prisoner exchange 18 months after

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



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their capture. ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Fort\\_Washington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Fort_Washington), Page 5 of 7) That would imply a release in about April 1778. But, again, his actual release date is unknown. If by chance he was released before September 1777, he may have participated in the Battle of Brandywine, which occurred on the 11<sup>th</sup> of that month and/or spent the Winter of September 1777-1778 at Valley Forge. Otherwise, it is doubtful he was involved at either of these locations. If he was released in April 1778, he very well could have participated in the Battle of Yorktown in September and October 1781. If his term of imprisonment was sufficiently short, it seems plausible Jacob may have been involved in all three events of the war that are inscribed on the powder horn.

After the war, it is also known Jacob was made a Major General of the Pennsylvania militia, the formal state militia. To achieve such a high rank therein seems unlikely for a man who was a

captain in a flying camp for a few months before being captured by the enemy, imprisoned for a time, and ending military service. It seems more plausible Jacob Dritt's Revolutionary War service entailed more than his experience at Fort Washington, i.e., he most assuredly had further service in the war after release as a prisoner of war.

Chris Keller believes it is possible, if not likely, that Jacob Dritt was involved in the three Revolutionary War campaigns inscribed on Jacob's powder horn. Further research is needed to confirm that, and it may be that adequate documentation to do so may not exist. But Jacob certainly well represented his country, and his Tritt family, in his service toward independence of our United States of America. Our thanks to Chris Keller for so ably representing Tritt Family Research with his presentation on Jacob Dritt's military service.

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## ANOTHER LOSS FOR TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH

Tritt Family Research lost another of its longtime members on March 4, 2015. Gladys Cramer of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, died at age 94. Born in Shippensburg on August 20, 1920, Gladys had a deep interest in music all her life. At an early age, she learned to play the piano, then the organ. Later in life she operated a music store and gave piano and organ lessons. She served as church organist at no less than five churches over 75 years. Some of those years she was organist at two churches at the same time, when she would play for services at one church, then travel to the other church and play for services there. She continued as a church organist until she was 90.

Matthias John Heller and Helen Maude (Tritt) Heller were Gladys' parents. Helen Tritt was a daughter of David F. Tritt, who was a son of John Tritt, who was a son of Peter Tritt (b. 1755). This Peter Tritt is the progenitor of the many Tritt family lines emanating from Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Hans Peter Tritt, Jr., one of the first two Tritts

known to immigrate to America in 1739. The 1906 family tree available from Tritt Family Research details several generations from Peter Tritt (1755).

Gladys became part of Tritt Family Research in the early 1980s. Usually in the company of her daughter, Jeanette Cramer Miller, who also joined TFR then, Gladys rarely missed a meeting. Although she was not a genealogist, Gladys was always waiting to do whatever she could to assist in the work of the organization. Gladys and Jeanette travelled on the three TFR visits to our ancestral homeland in Switzerland in 1989, 1993, and 1997. When we visited our ancestors' church in St. Stephan, Gladys played the organ for us, sounding as though she'd often played that 100+ year old instrument.

Gladys is survived by her husband, Calvin, Jeanette, and son, David, and his wife, Patti. Gladys lived her long life well, and her passing is a loss to Tritt Family Research as well as to her family.

## SYNOPSIS OF AUGUST 2015 MEETING

Connie Tritt, Secretary, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

The 38<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Tritt Family Research was held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 13 through 15, 2015. Those in attendance were:

Michael Buchtel of Medina, OH  
Carol Merryman of Biglerville, PA  
Jeanette Miller of Shippensburg, PA  
Nancy Noecker of Granville, OH  
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  
Randy Waite of Fairlawn, OH  
Jane Ward of Delta, PA  
Violet Ward of Delta, PA

At the gathering on Thursday evening, we related what had happened in our lives since the meeting a year ago; and welcomed back Michael Buchtel and welcomed Randy Waite into the TFR fold.

The session on Friday dealt with preparation and assigning content and authors for Volumes IV and V of *Tritt Family History*. In the afternoon, a road trip was taken to places associated with the Tritt family in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, lead by Richard and Leonard Tritt.

At 6:00 P.M., we all gathered at the home of Dave and Robyn Tritt Wampler for a picnic supper and a delightful evening of great weather to go along with the delicious food prepared by Robyn and Dave.

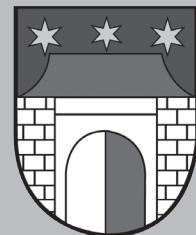
Our annual business meeting was held Saturday morning. We noted the death of a faithful member of TFR, Gladys Cramer, on March 4, 2015. She always had a smile for everyone and will be missed. We also discussed the Dritt Cemetery in York County and the ongoing plans to have the tombstones restored. TFR had expressed its desire to see a marker placed by the cemetery telling visitors about who is buried there. The response from the York County Parks Department was that they are contemplating a program where historical information will be accessed at Native Lands County Park (where the cemetery is located) using QR codes through a smart phone or iPad.

The 39<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Tritt Family Research will be held in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 18 to 20, 2016.

## A WEALTH OF INFORMATION

Leonard Tritt, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Some readers of our Tritt Family Research Newsletter have obtained copies of our published *Tritt Family History*, Volumes I, II, and III. Volume I contains information on the earliest Tritt family history and genealogy known, quite possibly the earliest even obtainable. Volume II regards Paul Tritt, a son of Hans Peter Tritt (b. 1715 and one of the first two Tritts known to have immigrated to America in 1739), and family history and genealogy of Paul's descendants to about 2006. Volume III regards the family history and genealogy of Christian Tritt (b. 1719 and the brother to Hans Peter Tritt [b. 1715]) to about 2013. Much effort made these books possible, and they represent years of research by numerous people. Collectively they provide nearly 500 years of Tritt history and genealogy, and are truly a wealth of information about our family. If you don't have all three volumes, we encourage you to purchase volume(s) you don't yet have. If you don't have any of them, purchase them and see what you're missing. We are quite confident you will be glad to own our *Tritt Family History*, Volumes I, II, and III. Look for ordering information elsewhere in this newsletter or on our website, [www.tritt.org](http://www.tritt.org). Note the special offers for purchase of multiple volumes.



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# TRITT FAMILY ROAD TRIP

On Friday afternoon of the 2015 Tritt Family Research Annual Meeting, attendees went on a road trip to see places associated with the Tritt family in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. The trip was led by Richard and Leonard Tritt, who planned the route and prepared a narration for each car in the caravan. An album with copies of early photos was also provided to see what some of the sites looked like in the past. The tour included sites related to Peter Tritt, the first Tritt in the county, as well as places associated with his son, Christian Tritt, and his descendants.

Leaving Carlisle, the group travelled west on Newville Road (Rte. 641). Their first stop was at the farm of Benjamin Franklin Tritt, a grandson of Peter and Elizabeth Lefever Tritt, the first Tritt residents of Cumberland County (ca. 1781). Benjamin was the son of William K. Tritt, a brother of Christian Tritt.

Shortly before reaching Newville, the tour turned onto Lefever Road, named for the family whose early home is located on it. Peter Tritt married Elizabeth Lefever whose father was George Lefever, a Revolutionary War officer from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. After the war, he and his wife, Anna Barbara Slaymaker, moved to Cumberland County where they built a large limestone house and barn that still stand. Their move to Cumberland County is likely what brought Peter Tritt and his wife to the county. They probably lived with her parents until Peter bought a farm of his own. An early family cemetery is located on the Lefever farm. Once known as the Lefever Cemetery, it is now known as the Seitz Cemetery, named for a family that later owned the farm. George Lefever and his wife are buried there, and a large monument erected by their descendants stands over their graves. Peter and Elizabeth Tritt were originally buried in this cemetery, but their bodies and tombstones were later moved to Newville.



View of the George Lefever house and barn on the Lefever farm on Lefever Road near Newville, September 2014.

In Newville the group visited the Big Spring Presbyterian Church and Cemetery. Along the driveway are the graves of Peter and Elizabeth Lefever Tritt that were moved here from the Lefever Cemetery. They are buried with their son Major Samuel Tritt and his family. Peter Tritt is also listed on the DAR marker located on the church grounds as one of the Revolutionary soldiers who are buried here. Also in this cemetery are the graves of Frances Charlotte McCulloch Tritt, the second wife of Christian Tritt. She is buried with her first husband and several of their children. Her only child with Christian, Lydia Bell Tritt Duncan, is also in this cemetery with her family. Lydia Bell was one of the major compilers of data for the Tritt and McCulloch family trees.

A drive through Newville on Big Spring Avenue passed the home of Lydia Bell Tritt Duncan, mentioned above. On nearby Chestnut Street we saw the home of William Johnston McCulloch and his wife Tabitha Jane Tritt, a daughter of Christian Tritt. Their



Seitz (Lefever) Cemetery located near Newville on the George Lefever farm, September 2014.



View of the original part of the Peter Tritt house on his farm that he purchased in 1790, September 2014.

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marriage was another example of the close tie between these two families. Their home was the site of many family gatherings.

Leaving Newville on the Centerville Road, we turned onto Oak Flat Road. After passing a deer farm, we took a gravel road to the Peter Tritt farm, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. David Hockenberry. Their home is visited so often by Tritt descendants that they have started a Tritt Visitors Guest Book. In 1790, Peter Tritt purchased this farm where he was a wagon maker and farmer. The farm remained in the family for 101 years. The newer part of the native limestone house was built by Peter's son, Major Samuel Tritt, in 1856. A stone under the eaves marks the date and his initials. The farm was raided by the Confederates during the invasion of the Cumberland Valley in 1863. It is always a joy to visit this site that is so beautifully cared for and surrounded by rolling fields of crops and woodland. It is easy to imagine Peter and his family living here in this rural setting.

From the Peter Tritt farm we followed Big Spring Road to see the sites of several grist mills along the Big Spring Creek. This was an area that Peter Tritt would have known well and where he would have taken his crops for processing. The Irvin Mill was the closest to his home and it was owned and operated for a time by the Koons family who were related to the Tritts by marriage.

At the head of the Big Spring Creek we visited the early Scots-Irish settlement now known as Springfield. The village features restored homes as well as log cabins that have been moved here and reconstructed. In Springfield we saw the beautiful brick house where George Myers once lived. He married Sarah Agnes, the youngest daughter of Christian Tritt. Some of this family moved to Iowa and their descendants have been involved with Tritt Family Research.

From Springfield we followed Log Cabin Road to Route 11 and then made our way to Smith Road to see the Christian Tritt farm. Christian Tritt, born in 1796, was a son of Peter and Elizabeth Lefever Tritt. Peter Tritt bought a farm of 114 acres in 1812 where his son Christian made his home. Christian inherited the farm and during his lifetime purchased four farms in this general area for his children.

Several miles from the Christian Tritt farm, we visited Centerville Lutheran Church where Christian and his family were active members. Christian is buried here with his first wife, Lydia Stough. Two of Christian's brothers are here, Peter and William K. Also some of his children and grandchildren are in this old cemetery as well as in a newer upper cemetery on a hill above the church.

The final part of the trip was a visit to the Huntsdale area where Peter N. Tritt and his family lived. Peter N. Tritt was the first



Centerville Lutheran Church and Cemetery, September 2014.

child of Christian Tritt and Lydia Stough. He married Nancy Nickey in 1845 and after farming for 10 years, he established a sawmill on the Yellow Breeches Creek near Huntsdale. He later added a shingle mill, planing mill and sash, door and blind factory. Huntsdale, originally named Milltown, was known for its many water-powered mills. Peter's sawmill stood where a state fish hatchery is now located. We passed by Enck's Mill, a grist mill that was owned by Peter N. Tritt in the 1860s. While in Huntsdale, we visited the graves of Peter N. Tritt and some of his descendants at the Huntsdale Brethren Church Cemetery that is located on a high hill overlooking the Huntsdale area with the South Mountain in the distance.



Enck's Mill near Huntsdale, c. 1908. It was owned and operated by Peter N. Tritt in the 1860s.

This pleasant afternoon excursion gave participants an overview of the scope of the Tritt Family in Cumberland County, from the late 18th century up to the present. Much of what we saw will be featured in the upcoming Tritt Family History volume devoted to Christian Tritt (b. 1796) and his descendants. We are fortunate that so many traces of the Tritt family still remain in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

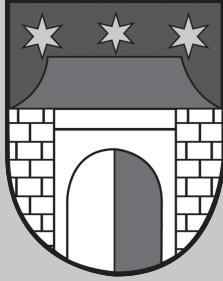
# A TRITT TRIVIA QUIZ

Connie Tritt, Secretary, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

At the opening meeting on August 13, 2015, Leonard Tritt presented a bit of trivia to get everyone thinking about what is in the three volumes of Tritt Family History. The group did quite well. See how many of them you can answer. Answers are documented in one of the three volumes of Tritt Family History.

1. The first documented use of the surname Tritten was when?
2. True or False: Lenk, Switzerland is the earliest documented town in which our ancestors lived?
3. True or False: St. Stephan lies in the Neidersimmental area in Canton Bern?
4. Canton Valais lies 'over the mountain', south of the Obersimmental. Legend says Trittens came to the Simmental from Valais about 1485-1502. They followed an old trade route over the mountain via what passage?
5. True or False: The first known Trittens to immigrate to America were the ancestors of Hans Peter Tritt, Jr. and his older brother, Christian?
6. The earliest confirmed ancestor to Hans Peter (1715) and Christian (1719) is their three times great-grandfather, Jacob Tritten (b. 1562). Why can't this Jacob's parents be identified?
7. Hans Peter and Christian's parents were Hans Peter Tritt, Sr., married to Veronica Kern in 1711. Where were they married and their two sons born?
8. By 1742, about half of the fifty households in Diedendorf were of Swiss origin, mostly from Canton Bern, some from Canton Schaffhausen. Most were weavers, shoemakers, tanners, tailors or dairymen. What was Hans Peter, Sr.'s occupation and where did he work?
9. In the spring of 1739, our two ancestors, their mother and step-father, left Diedendorf for Rotterdam, Holland, where they boarded a Dublin, Ireland-based ship named 'Robert and Alice' to come to America. Where and when did they arrive in America?
10. Where did Hans Peter and Christian settle after arriving in Pennsylvania?
11. Hans Peter and Christian left northern Lancaster County about 1750. Where did they go?
12. The eldest sons of Hans Peter and Christian both used derivations of the Tritt name. What names did they use?
13. Jacob Dritt was a very successful businessman. He drowned in December 1817 while trying to cross the Susquehanna River when a large block of floating river ice capsized his boat. At what cemetery was Jacob buried?
14. Hans Peter Tritt, Jr. (1715), father of Jacob Dritt and Peter Tritt (1755), had another son named Joseph (sometimes known as Joshua) who was born in 1762. As an adult, he lived in and near Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. When did he die and where was he buried?
15. Our ancestral church in St. Stephan became a recognized church in its own right in 1352, but the first documentation of a church in St. Stephan is from 1228. In what specific hamlet is our church located?
16. What was a profession of Christian Tritt (1719) and numerous of his descendants?
17. Christian Tritt's (1719) eldest son, Henry, had nine children who, among them, used four surnames – Tritt, Treat, Dritt and Trate. Which of Henry's children appears to be the original Trate?
18. Where did Henry Treat (b. 1742/43-1793) live throughout his life?

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## NEXT MEETING OF TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH

AUGUST 18 – 20, 2016 IN CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA

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# BERKS COUNTY MEETING REPORT

I don't know that I'll ever be able to trust the Pennsylvania weather in August. It certainly has a reputation for being 'hot and muggy' as I knew from growing up there and the persistent reports from folks in Berks County. But it seems it just can't be trusted.

When Doris and I left home, we had packed for hot weather. Other than travel duds, I had only shorts and sport shirts to picnic in. It didn't help either, to get to the airline ticket counter and discover we had left our 'shoe bag' in the bedroom at home. In it were our 'knock-around' shoes, a sweater Doris decided to bring ... and my precious toiletry kit.

When we get to Philadelphia it is 8 P.M. and night is falling. By the time we have our car and are on our way to Lancaster, it is totally dark. I know my way to Lancaster. At least I did last year. In the dark, I apparently missed a landmark missing the correct on-ramp for west bound U.S. Route 30. I soon became totally lost. Where are my maps, you ask?? You should know by this time ... in that bag on our bedroom floor. I surrender and dig out my GPS and that nagging 'Gertrude'. She told us where we were and led us by the hand through dark neighborhoods and back roads to put us on the old "Horse Shoe Pike" for Lancaster. She was so kind ... on this occasion.

My cousin, Rosemary, with whom we stay on these journeys, tells us the weather has been delightful. It even turned cool to the extent that, besides toothbrush and shaving gear, I buy a pair of trousers. We do survive these turns of nature.

When Sunday rolls around for the Trate/Trait/Treat feedbag at St. Paul's Methodist in Geigertown, we have already been involved in two separate 'Interstate parking lot parties' on I-81 and U.S. 15 due to accidents that took forever to clear up. Both were in the Carlisle vicinity. What a great Pennsylvania vacation we are having so far.

The folks arriving for the gathering are a happy bunch. The Oatmans, Bill and Marlene, are already chewing the fat with Charlie and Pat Trate when we walk into the hall. Then there are David, Rick and Linda Baum; Dot, Gerry and Tom Trate along with Charles and Cheryl Ann Trate, second cousins once removed ... to Tom & Gerry. (Glad I got that figured out.)

The Naivas, Scott and Missy are here along with Allie, who was the youngest last year. She is out-classed this year by little 'Emily', the great-granddaughter of Dot Trate.

Jacob and Kaleigh Sarnocinski were winners in the youngest category attendees until Emily made her appearance. These two

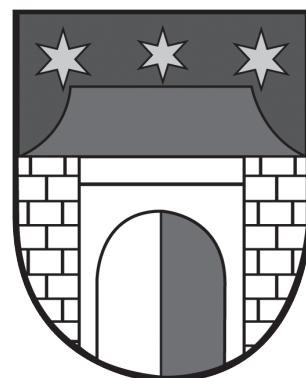
are the grandchildren of our Louise Strunk. Parents Matt and Missi were present also. We put these two youngsters to work having folks "feed the Kitty" to help keep the organization going. Ed Smith, actually David Edward Smith, who has been providing his specialty, the excellent pulled-pork barbecue, is the grandson of Cora Minerva Trate and Horace Smith. Cora's father was William Nelson Trate, tying Smiths to the Trate line. Ed has a reputation to maintain with that contribution.

In the course of the business meeting, President Gerald asked me to say a few words of what is occurring in TFR in Carlisle. I reported on the ongoing work of upcoming volumes IV and V and of the success of Volume III. I had also brought some Volumes I and III with me for presentation and availability. These were welcomed and snatched up by those interested, which presented much pleasure to me and the project. More orders were placed.

A few new faces, for me, were present this year in the form of Charles and Pat Trate's children, Charles Raymond Jr. and sister Cheryl. I don't think I met them before, but I do have them in my family information collection. Another new face was that of Mary Schweitzer, who is their maternal grandmother. Now, that could bring in a whole new story line because the Schweitzer's have been associated with our line in several generations as neighbors and owners of some common properties.

Leaving the church after cleanup, Doris and I stopped to visit with Jeff and Elaine Fiant who live in the house our immigrant ancestor Christian built before 1768. The subject was opened on the possibility of a group visit and tour of the house for next year. The house has been written up in the local paper, which Dot Trate sent to me. I think that might be a wonderful experience to be able to be in a home where 250 years earlier traces of our own blood genes once coursed through human veins. An exciting idea ... and will keep all posted, as the folks from Carlisle may be coming for a day trip as well.

A delightful day. Now to rest peacefully.



# ADDITIONS TO THE TRITT FAMILY ARCHIVES



Main entrance to the Cumberland County Historical Society in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, October 2015.

The Tritt Family Archives is housed at the Cumberland County Historical Society located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. This permanent research archives was established in 1981. The Society serves as a holding place where Tritt-related items will be housed and safe-guarded for future generations. During the past year, three large donations were added to the family archives. This article is a description of those new accessions.

The first accession came from Mary Catherine Sigler Kirby of California. She has been in contact with TFR since 2007 and periodically visits the York, Pennsylvania area where she grew up. About six years ago, she and her husband, Joe, met Leonard and Connie Tritt by chance at the Dritt Cemetery at the



Mary and Joe Kirby at the graves of her great-great-grandparents in the Centerville Lutheran Church Cemetery, October 1, 2014.

Mansion in York County near Wrightsville. In September of 2014, the Kirbys were in York for a class reunion, and they included a visit to the Carlisle area to meet some of the Tritts, visit some Tritt sites, and do some research on Mary's Tritt ancestors. Mary is a descendant of Peter Tritt and Elizabeth Lefever and their son Christian. Christian's daughter Catharine Tritt married Peter Faust. Peter and Catharine Faust are the great-great-grandparents of Mary Kirby.

Mary brought with her copies of about 20 photos of Hoopes, Krall and Slaybaugh families. She also donated copies of family records copied from the Hoopes Family Bible. These items were added to the TFR Archives. Mary will help update her family line for the upcoming Christian Tritt volume.

The second accession was a large collection of photos, documents, a scrapbook and a notebook, donated by William Everett of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Charlotte Brinkerhoff Everett who was a descendant of Lydia Bell Tritt Duncan. Lydia Bell was the daughter of Christian Tritt and his second wife, Frances Charlotte McCulloch. Lydia Bell assisted the McCulloch twins in researching and preparing the 1896 Tritt Family Tree. In addition, she kept a notebook of family records that was passed down to Charlotte Everett. Charlotte was active in TFR activities for many years and attended annual meetings and reunions. When Charlotte died, her son William inherited her collection of family items.



Duncan Home in the Newville area. William Linn Duncan, Lydia Bell Tritt Duncan and their three children pose with their dog and pet squirrel, c. 1885.

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The Everett donation to the TFR Archives includes the Lydia Bell Duncan genealogy notebook; two carte-de-visite photo albums (containing 31 photos of Tritts and McCullochs); a large scrapbook full of documents, letters, newspaper clippings and photos of people, family homes and tombstones; additional large photos and family documents; and a notebook compiled by Charlotte Everett about her immediate family line. These items will be especially important in the preparation of the upcoming Christian Tritt volume.

The third accession came from the family of Betty Tritt Smeltz (b. 1927) of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Betty was one of the founding members of Tritt Family Research. Before the organization existed, Betty had been working independently on her Tritt genealogy. She did extensive research on the many records available in Pennsylvania. As a member of TFR, she expanded her research and carried on extensive correspondence with Tritts throughout the country. She kept extensive files and organized her materials into typed family records that she periodically revised as new materials were uncovered. She and her two daughters, Wendy and Cindy, were active members of TFR for many years. When it became necessary for health reasons that Betty be moved to a nursing home, her voluminous records were donated to TFR.

The collection includes her personal library of correspondence, family notebooks on various branches of the Tritt, Treat, Tritten and Dritt families, copies of census and church records, newspaper clippings, etc. Betty worked before the advent of computers and family genealogy programs. She spent numerous hours doing much of the foundation work for the TFR organization.

## IMPRESSIONS OF THE MEETING

My first impression of the meeting was the continued good leadership of the organization. The president, Leonard Tritt, started the meeting with each of us introducing and telling something about ourselves.

However, I have to admit I was surprised to see the low attendance along with no interest from the young people. There seems to be no interest in that area, which is not good since our youth are our future. I recall the past meetings I have been able to attend were well-attended with at least twenty-five or more members representing several areas of the country. This meeting was attended by only twelve or thirteen older members.

One of the reasons I started to attend the meetings, was to learn more about my ancestor, Joseph Tritt. I was glad to hear that Judy [and her late husband, David] Tritt have researched that



William P. Tritt and Sarah Mellinger Tritt on their wedding day. They were the parents of Betty Tritt Smeltz.

We are thankful for these three significant donations to the Tritt Family Archives in Carlisle. Thank you to all from throughout the country who have and who continue to donate records and items to our family archives. It is important that future generations of the Tritt family will be able to find and see what their ancestors gathered and preserved for them.

*Michael A. Buchtel, Medina, Ohio*

branch of the family. I looked forward to the publication of this information, so that I could learn more about Joseph. All I knew about him was hearsay from various members of the family while I was a child and that was not much.

To aid Judy Tritt with editorial duties for the upcoming Joseph Tritt volume, the president asked my nephew, Randy Waite, to assist her. Randy has limited knowledge about Joseph and is new to the organization. However, with all said and done, Randy is a very capable researcher and I have faith in him to do a very good job with the task. I shall try to help with what little I know about Joseph, but am limited due to health problems and age (90).

In summary, it appears that Tritt Family Research's future is still in capable hands, but efforts must be continued to maintain it.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Dwight A. Tritt, Treasurer, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania

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## Income

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Donations (General)	1,262.02
Donations (Dritt Cemetery Bench)	50.00
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Merchandise Overpayment	15.00

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## EXPENSES

**Actual****Paid**

Administration and Supplies	\$81.50	\$15.00
Meeting - Day's Inn		
meeting accommodations	144.80	144.80
Newsletter -		
Printing	892.52	892.52
Mailing	254.43	254.43
Shipping Expenses	201.53	112.20
Printing Expenses (Civil War Diaries)	199.28	199.28
Website	733.87	628.92
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Graphic Services for Volume III	1,060.00	1,060.00
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## VOLUME III, 2013 THROUGH 2015

Graphic Services	\$2,332.00
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*Tritt Family Research wishes to thank the following  
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# CHRISTIAN TRITT BOOK

It was decided at the 2015 Annual Meeting that TFR will be working on two volumes of *Tritt Family History* at the same time. These volumes will be about two sons of Peter Tritt (1755-1839), the founder of the Tritt family in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. One volume will focus on the family of his third son, Joseph Tritt (1786-1873), who moved to Ohio and founded the family there. The other volume will be about his fifth son, Christian Tritt (1796-1871), who remained in Cumberland County and was the progenitor of a large number of descendants in Pennsylvania.

Christian Tritt is my great-great-great-grandfather, and I will be spearheading the effort to tell his story and that of his many descendants. His volume will include an overview of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and of Christian's farms and properties. It will also describe the churches with which his family was associated and where many of the family are buried.



Christian Tritt's house that he built in 1838. Tritts and McCullochs pose in front of the house on September 10, 1895.

Christian Tritt was married two times and had 15 children, 7 boys and 8 girls. His first wife was Lydia Stough who died at the age of 46. Christian was left to raise their 14 children alone. His second wife was a widow, Frances Charlotte McCulloch, who had five children of her own. Christian and Frances had one child together, Lydia Bell (Duncan). This combined Tritt/McCulloch family was close and interested in their families' histories. Family members compiled a lot of data and information and wrote both a Tritt and McCulloch family genealogy. They also produced large, impressive, hand-drawn Tritt and McCulloch Family Trees in the early 1900s.



Grave of Christian Tritt in the Centerville Lutheran Church Cemetery, August 2015.

The Christian volume will include all of the family data that has been compiled on this line, bringing as many lines up to date as possible. Many photographs of family members and sites will also be featured. Biographies will be included of many of the descendants as well as some family stories and lore.

Thanks to the many years of work by members of TFR, we already have a lot of data and information about this family line. The big task will be to organize it and try to update family lines that are incomplete. If you have family data, biographies, stories or photos of people in the Christian Tritt line, please contact me by mail, email or phone. Your help will be sincerely appreciated.

*Richard's Information*  
33 Silver Maple Drive, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania 17007;  
Email: [rn.tritt@centurylink.net](mailto:rn.tritt@centurylink.net); Telephone: (717) 258-6181.

# PRESENTING THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JACOB DRITT

Although I am not a direct descendant of Jacob Dritt, I found the presentation by Chris Keller at the Tritt reunion a couple of years ago to be quite interesting. I thought that it would make a good program for my DAR chapter. Because Chris was busy updating curriculum for the Army, he was unable to do his presentation. He encouraged me to research Jacob Dritt and to do it myself.

Connie Tritt shared some of her pictures of the Dritt house and cemetery which I put together with pictures of Jacob Dritt's powder horn, photos from Tritt Family History Volume I, and a diagram of the battle for Fort Washington in the Revolutionary War. I used these to illustrate my talk about Jacob and his service

and capture at the Battle of Fort Washington, concluding with his life after the war as well as his status as a hero of the Revolution. I also discussed the puzzle about whether he participated in all the battles carved on his powder horn since he was ostensibly in British captivity during some of these battles.

Since we are located near the Susquehanna River and the Dritt House, it was most interesting to the group. I was able to do the program for two Pennsylvania Farm Women's groups and that led to a request to present it at a Windsor, PA grange meeting.

## TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

*Karen Scheffler, Montgomery, Vermont*

### FACEBOOK

We stepped into the 21st century in 2013 with a leap into social media as a presence on Facebook. The first year interested 112 people, but the administrator (that's me) challenged herself to post regularly in 2015.

I did. And the results are in! The interest was steady between October 2013 and December 2014. Then there was a significant gain in interest beginning in December 2014. A gradual climb continues and is most definitely enhanced when I post weekly. We are currently being followed by 156 people. That may not seem like very many, but I think it is a nice beginning.

There is an almost even split of men and women engaged in the page, with as many as 556 views in the month of June 2015. The United States is the place where we have the most followers, but we do have a few from Switzerland, Uruguay, France, and New Zealand!

Currently, I am brushing up on my Spanish so I can communicate with Luisa Tritten Borges. She is 86 years old and the daughter of Luis Tritten, and niece of Peter Tritt. For years she was in touch with Micheline Furon Tritten [in France] with whom she shared family stories. Luisa hopes to share her family history with us!

The organization exists to discover and connect with our ancestors and family, respectively. I think the social media platform is helping the organization with these goals.

Our engagement and connections are enhanced with pictures and interesting stories of what has been discovered. Feel free to post them on the page at <https://www.facebook.com/Tritt-Family-Research-Inc-107424475982874/timeline/>.

And if you haven't "liked" us yet, do so when you are done reading this wonderful newsletter!

## IMPRESSIONS OF MEETING

Randy Waite, Fairlawn, Ohio

Growing up in Akron, Ohio, my mother taught me a lot about her family and her ancestors. I learned about our Buchtel relative who founded a college (now the University of Akron), another Buchtel relative who was asked to save another university from ruin, and did (the University of Denver, a private college), and who later became governor of Colorado. I learned about another Buchtel relative who moved as far west as he could and helped establish a new town in the Oregon territory (Portland). I learned that my mother's grandfather Lowery was the mayor of Brewster, Ohio, for multiple terms.

I heard story after story about members of the Buchtel, Fey, Lowery and Tointon families. We were close to cousins several times removed. We had albums and boxes of photographs of our ancestors and other relatives.

The Tritt family? I knew I had an ancestor grandmother who was a Tritt. I was told that she "sold her soul to the devil." I saw her in a group picture of her and her grown children (her husband, John Andrew Buchtel, had died before the photo was made), the original of which is in the hands of the Canton (Ohio) Historical Society. That was the extent of my exposure to the Tritt family.

Two years ago, I began my foray into genealogy, aided by our distinguished family genealogist and historian, my uncle, Michael Buchtel. Curious about my soul-selling grandmother, I began to research her family, looking up, down and around her family line.

My research lead to the discovery that, of our next door neighbors to the house where I grew up in the Kenmore district

of Akron, the wife was a member of the Tritt family. Their son and his family lived across the street from us. My sisters had no idea that the three boys they grew up with and were close childhood friends with were, in fact, Tritt cousins.

Further, my research disclosed that a girl who was a good high-school friend of mine was a Tritt cousin. Also, during a high-school baseball game this past summer, I overheard a school superintendent talking with the wife of one of the coaches and discovered that they both had married into the Tritt family.

So ... the Tritts are out there, just waiting for me to discover and meet. And I finally did meet Tritt cousins.

This past August I attended my first meeting of the Tritt Family Research group and spent the weekend with Tritts. I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend — I enjoyed the socialization, I enjoyed the tours of homes and cemeteries, I enjoyed the education. I feel that the meetings and other sessions were well planned and executed. I was, however, a bit surprised by the relatively low number of family members who attended, and by the preponderance of older family members.

I volunteered for assignments for the Joseph Tritt volume, and have already begun further research into my newly discovered Tritt family. I am looking forward to further associations and learning experiences, and am committed to doing my part in bringing the Joseph Tritt (1786) volume to existence in a timely manner.

## VOLUME III PUBLICATION

Ernest Trait, Long Beach, California

Upon receiving my Volume III of *Tritt Family History*, I was thoroughly pleased with the product. Its appearance beautifully matched the companion volumes making a wonderful set for any family setting.

Though I've had it a full year, I seem to see something new each time I open the book. That simply means that I haven't read it thoroughly. This also means that there is much information contained between the end covers and data to be referred to repeatedly in a research environment.

The stories and articles enclosed have added personal interest to family members forming a picture of what life in earlier times

was really like. It is of social interest to see what our ancestors were doing with their day as some of their activities were very different than what goes on today.

As with work of this type, it is never finished. There is much more that I wish could have been included to tie more family members together. We'll just leave that for later family investigators.

My heartfelt "Thank You!" goes to all who had a hand in producing this work. It takes a team effort, from article, to photo, to editing to make something like this worthwhile. THANKYOU !!

# JOSEPH TRITT, 1786 VOLUME

On January 16, 1786, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, Joseph Tritt was born, the fifth child of Peter Tritt (1755 - 1839) and Elizabeth (nee Lefever) Tritt. Joseph married another Cumberland County native, Catherine Rhodes, in 1809. Joseph and Catherine had 11 children, 10 of whom lived to adulthood. About 1814 they moved to Summit County, Ohio, and many of their descendants live(d) in Ohio or nearby states.

Tritt Family Research has begun work on a new volume of *Tritt Family History* that will complement our Volumes I, II, and III, but center on Joseph Tritt (1786) and the history and genealogy

of his line. It will provide historical information about Joseph's life in Pennsylvania and Ohio and the locales in which he lived, travels in Joseph's migration, family vocations and lore, Summit County Tritts in the Civil War, photographs of family members, and a large section on genealogy of Joseph's line to the present.

If you have family information, photos, stories, or genealogy you would like considered for inclusion in the *Tritt Family History* volume on Joseph Tritt (1786), submit it to Judy Tritt, 1422 Miles Avenue, S.W., Canton, OH 44710.

## ANSWERS TO TRITT TRIVIA QUIZ

1. March 8, 1485, Petrus Tritten from the Simmental witnessed a deed in Sion, Canton Valais, Switzerland. Vol. I, p. 120
2. False. St. Stephan is that town. Vol. I, p. 93
3. False. It lies in the Obersimmental. Vol. I, p. 9
4. Rawyl Pass. Vol. I, p. xviii
5. False. Hans Peter b. 1715, Christian b. 1719 were the first. Vol. I, p. xv
6. St. Stephan Parish Register begins 1562, Lenk Parish's 1550. Vol. I, p. 12
7. In Diedendorf, Alsace region, [now] France, about 40 miles northwest of Strasbourg, France. Vol. I, p. 14
8. He was a tailor in Chateau Diedendorf. Vol. I, pp. 15, 17
9. Philadelphia on September 3, 1739. Vol. I, pp. 24, 25
10. Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, near Reamstown; northern Lancaster County, probably in today's East Cocalico Township. Vol. I, p. 27
11. Hans Peter went southwest to Windsor Township, York County, Pennsylvania. Christian went east into a part of Lancaster County that became part of Berks County when it was formed in 1752. Vol. I, p. 12
12. Jacob Dritt – Vol. I, p. 35; Henry Treat – Vol. III, p. 19
13. Not buried in a cemetery. He was buried where his body was found in the spring of 1818 in a field on the eastern side of the Susquehanna River in Maryland. Vol. I, p. 41
14. Unknown. There is no known record of him after the 1820 census. Vol. I, pp. 70-71
15. The village of Ried, part of the area called St. Stephan. Vol. I, p. 119
16. Weaver. Vol. III, p. 43
17. Samuel Tritt (b. abt. 1783), fourth son of Henry Tritt/Treat. Vol. III, pp. 27, 62
18. Very likely born and spent childhood years in Cocalico Township, [northern] Lancaster County. (His sister, Maria Margaret, was born there in 1746, per church records; no such records for Henry.) Moved to Berks County, Pennsylvania (south of Reading), ca. 1765. About 1770, moved to Pikeland Township, [northern] Chester County, Pennsylvania, with his new bride, but by 1777, they moved back to Berks County where he later died. Vol. III, pp. 19, 20, 62

# TRITTEN COAT-OF-ARMS IN GLASS

The Tritten coat-of-arms is shown in the lower-right corner of Page 1 of this newsletter, and is also available from TFR in color in printed copy or an embroidered patch. This coat-of-arms was documented by TFR President-emeritus Donald Tritt as the official coat-of-arms for our Tritten family following research in government archives in Bern, Switzerland in 1997.

In color, the coat-of-arms depicts a building with an arched double door (one white, one red) and a red roof. A dark blue sky with three gold stars is depicted over the red roof. The remainder is white.

One of Tritt Family Research's active members, Karen Scheffler, is an accomplished stained glass



artist. Last year Karen made a Tritten coat-of-arms in brilliantly colored stained glass with leaded patterns and about 12 inches high. When bright light shines through the translucent colored glass, the beauty of Karen's work stands out.

You can obtain at cost a stained glass Tritten coat-of-arms from Scheffler Stained Glass. These are custom-made, not a stocked item. If interested, contact Karen by phone at 802-326-4058 or by e-mail at [tratescheffler@gmail.com](mailto:tratescheffler@gmail.com). A picture of a Tritten coat-of-arms made by Karen may be seen on the Facebook page of Scheffler Stained Glass. You may also contact Karen through that Facebook page.

## TRITT FAMILY RESEARCH – PAST AND FUTURE

You may have noted on the front page of this edition of Tritt Family Newsletter that it is Volume 35. That means our newsletter has been published for 35 years now. The earlier editions of our newsletter were typewritten and mimeographed (Do you remember what that means?). New technologies in the ensuing years have enabled an improved format for our newsletter. But it is the contributions of our supporters that allow us to utilize those technologies and continue what we intend to be an interesting and informative newsletter. Thank you to our supporters.

TFR started in 1977 around a kitchen table near Mechanicsburg, PA, when a small group of Tritts formed an organization to explore and disseminate Tritt genealogy and history. They named it Tritt Family Research. The years thereafter saw a gradual increase in participation and interest until 30 or more people actively participated. Time takes a toll, though. In the

last decade or so nearly ten of these folks have died, and others have bowed out due to age or illness. Thus the number of active participants declines. We have warmly received new members in that time, but fewer than we lost.

A major concern has been the dearth of younger participants. Some years ago we welcomed one young couple, Brent and Melissa Clayton. They are very interested and capable in the works of TFR. But most other newer members are "middle-aged" or more age-advanced. We all know the need for younger involvement in any organization to assure its continuance. So, educate your children and grandchildren and encourage an involvement in Tritt genealogy and history. Then show them that Tritt Family Research is a way to foster that interest. The long-term future of TFR and its purposes are dependent on them.

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