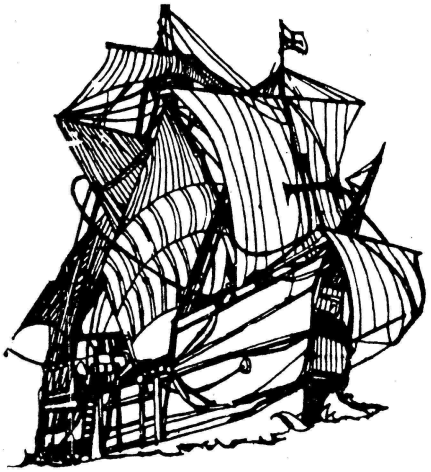
The Naftzger Heritage News

VOL. XVI, No. 3 SUMMER ISSUE 1987

PETER N. TO AMERICA



Peter (his x mark) Nafsker arrived in Philadelphia aboard the ship Phoenix on 15 September 1749. (On the ship's manifest as on all subsequent land sales Peter did not write his name.) On the same ship were Matthias Naftzger and Rudolph Naftzger. At present we are uncertain about the relationship between the three men. Matthias received a land warrant in 1751 in Berks County, Pa. The whereabouts of Rudolph is unknown prior to 1767 when he bought land in York County, Pa..

The earliest public record mentioning Peter was found in York County, Pa. in 1754 Peter resided in Berwick township and entered into an agreement with Jacob Wolff of Paradise township, York county to exchange their properties. We could not find the initial record of purchase for Peter's land. However the deed noted that through 'sundry of assignments' Peter had obtained the land. Perhaps Peter had exchanged labor and/or crops for the land as capital was probably scarce for a new emigrant. Peter's neighbors in Berwick township were Abrham Housevardt and George Peters. His Paradise neighbors were Jacob Zeigler, Conrad Ament and Peter Enders.

In December 1762 Peter sold his land in Paradise township to John Schirsch. There was no mention of his wife in the sale which was required by law if he were married. It may have been an omission on the clerk's part or, more likely, his wife was deceased.

In 1760, 1762, 1768 and 1769 Peter bought land in Frederick County, Maryland. In all the above records Peter was a Yeoman (farmer) from York county, PA. He bought land from Valentin Rinehardt, Henry Miller, Veltin Meiers (Myers) and Yost Meiers. The question as to why Peter bought land in Maryland while living in Pa. is interesting but unanswered. Perhaps he was speculating in land as did many of the men of the period.

Generally when the original land patents were made in Maryland they were given names. Peter's purchases included Rabbitt Hill, Holland, Hickle Berry Bottom, Black Oak Hill and White Gravel Springs and all were located near a branch on Little Pipe Creek.

In 1771 Peter Naffager and George Yerkhardt (both of Maryland) went to York, Pa. to be naturalized. It was noted that they were probably Dunkards. In the same year Peter Nossinger, yeoman of Frederick County and his wife Phreny sold the piece of land named Huckle Berry Bottom. It would seem that Peter had remarried in the past 9 years and his wife is named Freni. In May 1776 Peter Nossinger was fined 6 pounds 10 shillings for being a non-enroller in Captain Dorsey's State Militia of the Middle District for Frederick County. (In April of the same year Peter's son John had been fined on the same charge.) The fine was reduced (for John also) three months later.

In 1778 Peter and his wife Froney sold more land. In 1784 Peter and "Frances" sold White Gravel Springs and Black Oak Hill to Christian Rupp and Joseph Rupp, both from Lancaster County, Pa. The assignment was completed and entered for the record in 1794.

When and where Peter died in unknown. However we found a June, 1785 land sale record in Frederick county, Md. between John Naphsinger and Charles Angall. John was a farmer from the county of Bedford, State of Virginia and son and heir-in-law of of Peter Naphsinger, deceased." The sale was for the remaining acres of Rabbitt Hill

Continued on Page Two

PETER ARRIVES IN AMERICA - Continued from Page One

and Holland in Frederick County, MD. If Peter died in Frederick County or Virginia is an open question. However he died prior to June, 1785.

Peter's son John as mentioned above first appeared as a non-ronroller in Maryland's militia in 1776 when he was fined. At that time in Pennsylvania all men between 18 and 53 were required to enroll in the State's militia. If we assume that Pennsylvania and Maryland's laws were similar with respect to enrollment age, John would have been born prior to 1758. Furthermore, it would seem that Peter had no other male children over 18 years.

The earliest public record of John in Virginia is a 1782 tax lists for Bedford County. In 1785 John's neighbors were Peter Snider, John Neeley, Jacob Gish and the Gebes. John was a witness to a land sale in May, 1786 in Franklin County. In April, 1787 he was living on Maggdy (Maggerty) Creek near the Roan Oak (Roanoke) River on the county line with Botetourt. Between 1785 and 1786 Franklin County was carved from Bedford county, Virginai.

In May, 1788 John Noftsinger of Franklin county apoointed his "trusty friend" Abraham Landis of Frederick county, MD to be his lawful attorney in the settlement of his wife Mary's dowery. Mary had been previously married to Abraham Hackman (Hoffman) who was deceased. She had 177 acres of land in Frederick county. The maiden name of Mary was not given in this Frederick County reoced. In October of the same year, for "consideration of live, good will and affection" Mary Spandgler signed a gift deed to John in Franklin county, Va. Among the items she included were beds, cattle, horses, bonds, etc., which suggested that the estate was a sizable one for the period. Another record, dated 1797, recorded John's purchase of a certain negro slave named Millie.

Children of John who married in Franklin county, Va were Mary (married Christly Peters in 1796), Hannah (married Benjamin Cauffman in 1798) and Nancy (married Daniel Gossett in 1805). The Cauffman's went to Muhlenberg County, KY about 1803.

In 1808 John's daughter Elisabeth married Henry Rhoades III in Muhlenberg County, KY. Just when John moved there is unknown. He was in Kentucky in 1810 as he and his wife were enumerated in the Kentucky census, as they were in 1820 and 1830. In 1812 John Nofsinger was named as executor in Christian Gish's will. John died about 1832/1833 as his will is record in the Muhlenberg County, KY will book in 1833.

Peter's son Peter

Peter was mentioned in the tithable records for 1783 as living near Fincastle in Botetourt county, Va. In August 1784 "Peter Junr of Bedford county" bought 350 acres in Botetourt county. The tax roll for 1785 for Botetourt lists Peter with 360 acres and 144 acres. In 1787 he was appointed to study a proposed wagon road running from Mrs. Breckenrige's to the Brunswick Iron Work. In 1791 he bought land on Looney's Creek and the following year purchased 515 acres on Catawba. The same year Pter voted in the state elections at the court house of Botetourt county. In 1798 he was apointed a surveyor of the highways.

In June, 1799 Peter married Mary Persinger, certainly his second wife. When his first wife died and her name is not known. Peter was enumerated in 1810, 1820, 1830 and 1840 census' for Botetourt county. In 1840 his age was given as 80 to 90 years, implying he was born about 1750-1760. Given that he was not named as a non-enroller in 1776, it is reasonable to guess his birth to have been about 1759. Peter Noffsinger and Christian Harshberger, executors of the will of Henry Wave in 1815, sold Wave's land to Benjamin Carpenter.

Peter's will was written in January 1841 and filed in Botetourt county in July, 18 1844. He named his wife Mary and the following children: Jacob, Hannah (who married John Snider), a deceased son John (his wife Susan and their children were named), Polly, Nancy(wife of Samuel Hoff), Samuel, Sally (wife of Jacob Stover) and David. Jacob Stover and David Noffsinger were executors of the will witnessed by William Kyle and Ferdinand Woltz.

Continued on Page Four

ELIZABETH IMMEL OF GRANDVILLE, ILLINOIS writes ----------

My great grandmother was Helene Naffziger Bender, born 1827, d. 1896 in Granville. I would like to know more about her parents. I have a list of her brothers and sisters sent to me from Marion Nafziger from Stanford, Illinois. My grandmother, Ella Bender Sucher had relatives in Butler County, Ohio and I remember that she corresponded with them. Why did so many families come to America? Were that persecuted because they were Mennonites? I am also related to the Holly and Bremenann families.

Editor's Note:
We are extremely grateful to Mabel K. Strausser of Shoemakersville, Pennsylvania for the information she sent us. Mabel traces to the Mathias Naftzinger who emigrated to America in 1749. As far as we know, anyone in the United States that uses this spelling of the name always trace to Mathias (1749). Several grandchildren that moved to Ohio (Bucyrus) adopted the Nauftsinger spelling of the name. It would appear that either for the lack of male descendants or much smaller families, there are few descendants left in the US that carry either spelling of the name. But there appears to be a good number of descendants in the U.S. who carry different names because of marriage and Mabel Stausser would represent one of them. We are very glad to hear from her and the assistance in updating this very important family line.

SAVED THE HOCHSTETLER HOMESTEAD IN BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA -----

Paul V. Hostetler of Hamden, Connecticut writes to inform us of a project to save the homestead. Because so many Nafzger lines cross the Hochstetler lines at different points of our heritage and because Paul was a frequent contributor to the early beginnings of the NHN, we are happy to include his information. Paul suffered a stroke nine years ago and he is not physically able to head up a drive. Thus, he searching for the name of a descendant who may want to do so. Also, he wants to determine the extent of the interest in such a project so if you are interested write to him. He wants suggestions about the project in general such as what sort of museum or restoration should take place, etc. Write PAUL V. HOSTETLER, 50 Todd St., Hamden CT, 06518.

FROM THE HAROLD BEER FAMILY OF SABETHA, KANSAS (NOFSGER FAMILY LINE)

I found a few dates, etc. that I will enclose for your records. My grandfather JACOB NOFSGER, born Dec. 25, 1856, Rogersville, Ohio., married Sept. 30, 1880 to Rosina Spahr, April 14, 1882. Moved to Hebraska. He died June 5, 1905 and is buried Four mile Cemetery, Humboldt, Nebraska. My grandmother, ROSINA SPAHR, born Dec.15, 1861 at Shanesville, Ohio. Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Married Jacob. Died December 26, 1935, buried Fourmile Church Cemetery, Humboldt, Nebraska. Children of this couple are JOHN, born Jan 15, 1882, married Ruth Lewis August 6, 1932. Died Nov 17, 1939. EMMA, born Jan 6, 1884, married Otto Gugelman June 8, 1906, died 1909. FRED, born March 10, 1886, married Hulda Lionberger, April 10, 1932. died March 3, 1959, burried at Fourmile Church Cemetery, Humboldt, Nebraska. My father LOUIS, born Mary 6, 1888, maried Feb. 12, 1912 to Pearl A. Seitz, died Oct. 2, 1968, buried at Fourmile Churchyard Cemtery, Humboldt, Nebraska. SAM, born June 18, 1891, married to Leonora Emigh, died Sept. 16, 1965. buried at Montecito Memorial Park California. ELIZABETH, born Oct. 23, 1893, married to Paul Graff, Nove 9, 1935, died Nov. 27, 1981. buried in family plot, Fourmile Churchyard Cemetery, Humboldt, Nebraska. GEORGIA, born Feb. 19, 1896, died Dec 15, 1897. Burial in the family plot at Fourmile Churchyard Cemtery.

Editor's Note - Mrs. Beer writes that her father, Louis was the only one of his brothers and sisters to have children. She says that she thinks her great grandfather came from Switzerland. She states that her grandfather was in Ohio before moving to Nebraska. Her grandfather, Jacob Nofsger was one of the early pioneers in Tuscarwas County, Ohio. Her great grandfather, Christian Nofsger settled in Tuscarwas County in the 1805-1810 period. In Ohio history he is listed as one of the pioneers of the county. We are uncertain which one of the early immigrants that came to America, this Jacob will trace but there is some indication that he will connect to Ulrich N. who emigrated in 1741. And Ulrich did come from Switzerland so once again, little stories past on from gen-

Cont'd on Page Six

Peter's son Jacob

Jacob Noffsinger was mentioned in a 1799 petition submitted by the German Baptist Congregation (later Church of Brethern) of Botetourt county, Va. The signers offered to commute their labor for public benefit rather than serve a military obligation. Little other public records of Jacob were found. His daughters Nancy (who married Jacob Cook) and Mary (who married John Gossett in 1807) were named in Botetourt county marriage records.

In March, 1808 Jacob Noffsinger was named in a Muhlenberg county, Kentucky land records as living next to Christian Gish. When he moved there was not determined. Jacob's daughter Catharine married the Dunard Revernd Samuel Danners in 1811 in Muhlenberg county.

Jacob Noftzinger died prior to Aug 1808 (or 1805?) as his inventory was filed in Muhlenberg county. His widow Susan was enumerated together with 11 other people in 1810. She was also listed in the 1820 census as was Jacob's son Samuel.

Peter's son Samuel

Samuel Naffsinger boght land on Looney's Creek in Botetourt county, Va in 1788. He was proably married at this time. His first wife died but her name is unknown. His second marriage was in August, 1791 to Mary (Polly) Hiner, daughter of John Hiner.

In 1795 Samuel was appointed surveyor of the highways with William Kyle. In 1798 he was appointed constable. In 1790 Samuel signed a petition together with other German Baptists of Botetourt county asking that their military obligation be commuted into public service labor in the form of work projects. Whether it was accepted is unknown. In a history of Looney's Creek, Samuel was named as a leader of the German group who settled in that area of the shanadoah Valley.

In 1810 census Samuel was enumerated with 7 other people in the household. In 1812 his daughter Elizabeth married Thomas Bilbrew. Samuel was also enumerated in 1820 and 1830 census. Samuel died prior to May, 1839. His will named his children as Elisabbeth (married Thomas Bilbrew), Abraham, Issac, Sally (Sarah) and Polly (Mary, wife of Peter Nace). Samuel's wife Catharine, who was born in MD in 1770, lived with her son Isaac in 1850.

Peter's son Joseph

Joseph Noffsinger was mentioned in the Botetourt County record in February 1792 when he was appointed as surveyor of the roads. In April of the same year he voted in an election for State Senator at the courthouse. In 1795 Joseph was reappointed for another term as surveyor. In 1799 Joseph signed the German Baptist Congregation for commuting their military duty into public service work. In 1810 he was enumerated in the census with 8 other people living in his household.

In September, 1815 Joseph Nofzinger's will was probated in Botetourt county. His wife Betsy was named and mention was given to his children; However, they remained unnamed. Elisabeth (Betsy) was enumerated in the 1820 and 1830 census. Joseph's daughter Susan was married to George W. Gish in 1814.

Peter's son David

In April, 1792 David Noftzanger voted at the courthouse for State senators of Botetourt County, VA. in 1793 he was married to Hannah Crumpacker, the daughter of Abraham who was deceased. Hannah's mother Barbara and brothers Peter and Abraham were witnesses. In June, 1799 David Noffsinger and David Kinsey were appointed as surveyors of the highway.

It would seem that David's first wife Hannah died sometime prior to 1799. In July, 1799 he was married to Molly Stover in Botetourt county. In March of 1808 David was a member of a grand jury with Christian Moomaugh in Botetourt County.

Continued on Page Five

THE NAFZGER HERITAGE NEWS
120 Edgewood Drive
Grafton, Ohio 44044

EDITORS

RAY NOFTSGER
CLAIR NAFTZGER

SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Ten Dollars - Yearly
Published Quarterly

Published every
Spring-Winter-Fall-Summer

We have a major problem of getting all of the more recent information about Nafzgers that appear in local newspapers throughout the country worked into our Newsletter. We are referring to the obits, marriage announcements and the arrival of new Nafzgers into the N. heritage. We believe the data is valuable because it gives us a chance to keep the materials and our records updated and equipped with the very latest data. Also, we appreciate the time and effort of our readers to keep up informed by sending them to us. We believe it is a real credit to the Nafzger clan that we have so much material sent to us. One outstanding example is the effort made by Wilmer Nafziger of Gridley, Illinois. He collects articles from many newspapers and from all over central Illinois and from a number of family lines. He forwards the material to us. We want to tell Wilmer and many other readers that this material is not wasted and we will use it in our records. Hopefully, we can come up with the space in the News in the near future and get this aspect of our newsletter brought up to date. We hope our readers will understand when it appears in the News but somewhat outdated.

GEORGE NAFZIGER OF WEST CHESTER, OHIO WRITES TO MAKE A CORRECTION ----

I stand corrected. Some time ago, I wrote in the News when we were featuring the Nafziger line commonly referred to as "Bishop of Essingen" that I didn't know of any descendants of this line living in the United States. George send me a friendly correction that he is a direct descendant of this line and encloses the genealogical chart to prove it. Thanks for the correction. I suspect that the next time that I talk to Ray Noftsger on the telephone, I stand to be corrected on several more points as I believe he can trace a number of lines that live in the U.S. to the Bishop of Essingen.

PETER ARRIVES IN AMERICA - Continued from Page Four

In 1810 US census enumerated David with 9 other people in his household. In Dec. 1813 David (his x mark) Noftsinger signed a petition to erect a Protestant Episcapal Church. Three years later his daughter Polly married John Gish. David was enumerated again in 1820. In 1821 two of his daughters were married, Catey to Henry Frantz and Elisabeth to John Houtz. We could not find any other public records for cavid. Perhaps he met an untimely death.

(The remainder of the article prepared by Ray Noftsger on Peter N. who emigrated to America in 1749 will continue in the next issue of the News. Our readers should know that this material was researched by Ray in Philadelphia after many hours of work in the various libraries and archives. The first article on Peter N. was researched by your other editor (Clair N.) and appeared in the News many years ago. It was done by traveling to the various county courthouses and compiling records that they left in the counties where they lived. In genealogy, there is considerable room to make assumptions and interpretations which may prove to be true or not true. Your two editors used different methods of research to secure material for the News and we make great sport of how some very different conclusions may result because we do not copy the material from each other. We invite our readers to do the same. If a part of the story does not seem to add up to the same conclusion that you hold, please write us and let us known. In this manner, we can come up with the facts of the story.)

ELLA GIEG OF RIMHORN, WEST GERMANY WRITES-------

With great interest I read the account of Christian Ropp in the NHN Spring issue 1986. I believe I am able to help identify some of the mentioned persons. We know, that Peter Nafziger the Apostle married Barbara Beck, daughter of Christian Beck at Wolferhof. Peter Beck seems to be the oldest brother of Barbara Beck and was born January 13, 1792 at the same estate.

In the church records at Rimhorn I found some years ago a birth record at of an illegal child of Marie Elisabeth Knieriem born in 1804 and Christian Farni, "Branntweinbrenner" (destillateur) at Wlferhof, a Mennonite declared to be the father. Further is said, that Christian Farmi came from Worth in the Alsace.

DELBERT GRATZ OF MENNONITE HISTORICAL LIBRARY, BLUFFTON COLLEGE, BLUFFTON, OHIO WRITES

I continue to appreciate your Nafzger Heritage News very much. I consider it one of the best family apers that we get.

Recently I came across something that I thought would interest you. Of course, you may know all about it already. In a local Mennonite history of Elkhart County, Indiana it was mentioned that Andrew Noffsinger located as a squatter along the St. Joseph River within what is now a part of Elkhart city and built a cabin. It is something of a mystery who he was or where he came from. He was considered something of a recluse. Do you know anything about him or his background?

Editor's Note - While no dates were mentioned in Delbert's letter we think we know the Andrew referred to in his letter. He would have been found in Elkhart in the early 1800's. For almost certain, this Andrew will trace to Rudolph N. who emirated to America in 1749. I believe he would be one of his grandsons. We conclude this for many reasons including the Noffsinger spelling of the name which was only used by Peter N. descendants during this early period. Also, in the very early 1800's, this Andrew is found in Darke County, Ohio. Apparently, he moved westward with his brothers and cousins to southwest Ohio from Pennsylvania or Maryland. He was somewhat of a mystery in Darke County, living in a cabin which he built and considered a recluse. He disappears from Darke County in the early 1800's and I believe it is the same one which appears in Elkhart. All Noffsinger spelling of the name found in southwest Ohio during the very early 1800's come from Rudolph's line. Later, we do find a line of Noffsingers in Michigan which seems to trace to this Andrew. Quite possibly, he was married at some time or other and is the father of a child or two giving up the Michigan descendants. However, I challenge someone to locate the marriage records or some birth records of the early descendants of this Andrew.

My great great grandfather was Manuel Miller (August 18, 1810-1893) and he lived In keokuk County, Iowa and is buried in the South English Cemetery. He was left an orphan at an early age and went to live in the family of his uncle DANIEL NOFFSINGER of Washington County, Pennsylvania. I am trying to find out who his parents were and if I can't find out, I would like to know how Daniel Noffsinger was his uncle. Who was Daniel's wife - A Miller? I am related to the Heatons; Bell; Bottenfiled; Sorden; Braddock families.

Editor's Note - Daniel Noffsinger, born 1801, married in 1822 to Sarah Ewart(1801-1877) at Washington County, Pennsylvania. Children: David, James, Rebecca, Maria and William. Daniel moved to Knox County in 1820. I cannot find the Miller name connected to any of the brother or sisters of Daniel.

From the Harold Beer Family of Sabetha, Kansas - Continued From Page Three

eration to generation appears to be founded in some truth. Some day, Ray Noftsger may be able to make the documented connection of this line. Another point is that from all we can find, the Nofsger spelling died out in the U.S. and no longer exists.

HAROLD NOFFSINGER OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON WRITES --------

Please add to the Rudolph Nafzger Family history as indicated. (For the ones who have received the workbook on this family line).
No. 6-122 Walter Noffsinger(5-95) married in 1925 to Bessie Hogan in Montana.
No. 6-123 RALPH NOFFSINGER(5-95) married to Gertrude Inez Harvey. (Harvey is misspelled in the workbook). Ralph and Gertrude are buried at Olympia Washington, 1984.
No. 6-125 Kenneth Noffsinger(5-95) married in 1941 to Emma Oserley. City of Tumwater, Washington is mispelled.
No. 7-98 WILFRED L. NOFFSINGER(6-118) Born 1926, married to Donna in 1950. Donna died young giving birth to Lynn in 1953. 2nd. wife is Marjoria. Died in 1976. Married again and divorced. Residence is Amity, Oregon. died in 1984.
No. 7-434 HOWARD NOFFSINGER(6-123) 2nd. wife Donna Gorley Robbins in 1982. Daughter Trina is misspelled.
no. 7-436 RONALD NOFFSINGER(6-123) Add children Tammy and Danitta.
No. 7-522 MARIE NOFFSINGER(7-522) Should read (6-125). Born in 1941
No. 8-241 PENNY JOHNSON(7-433) married Richard Henry 1981. Children: James and Alisha. Residence: Olympia, Washington.
No. 8-246 CINDY NOFFSINGER(7-434) married Russell Burnham in 1979. Children: Cory and Christina. residence: Rainier, Washington. Russell died in 1986.
No. 8-247 TRINA(7-434) Born in Morton (not Yelm). Married in 1978 to Douglas Cook. Children: Melissa, Melinda and Amanda. Residence: Toledo, WAshington.
No. 8-248 BRENDA CRAM(7-435) married to Bruce Longmire in 1980. Children: Sabrina, and Kyle. Residence: Yelm, Washington.
8-250 EVONNE CRAM(7-435) Married to Bruce Atkins in 1984. Children: Casey, Tamsha. Residence: Yelm, Washington.
Add to the 8th Generation (1) Tammy Lela Noffsinger(7-436) Born in 1979 in Olympia. (2) Danitta Marie Noffsinger(7-436) Born in 1981 in Olympia.
Add to the 9th Generation (1) James Wayne Henry(8-241) Born in 1983 in Olympia. (2) Alisha Marie Henry(8-241) Born 1985 in Olympia. (3) Cory Lee Burham(8-246) born in 1981 in Olympia. (4) Christina Rose Lynn Burham(8-246) Born in 1982 in Olympia. (5) Melissa May Cook(8-247) Born in 1981 in Centralia, Washington. (6) Melina Marie Cook (8-247) Born in 1982 in Centralia, WAshington. (7) Amanda Gene Book(8-247) born in 1983 in Centralia, Washington. Buried in 1984 in Olympia, Washington after 7 months. (8) Sabrina Renee Longmire(8-248) born in 1981 in Olympia, Washington. (9) Kyle Jerome Longmire(8-248) Born in 1983 in Olympia, Washington. (10) Casey Adam Cram(8-25) Born in 1981 in Olympia, Washington. (11) Tausha Marie Cram(8-250) Born in 1981 in Olympia, washington.

We are in receipt of a nice letter rom Donna Noffsinger Munroe of Tacoma, Washington. She is a descendant of Rudolph Noffsinger who emigrated to America in 1749. Her parents are Walter Noffsinger born in 1901 and died in 1952) who married Bessie Hogan born in 1904-1968). Children of this marriage are Donna, Dorothy, Gerald, Hazel, Richard, and carlene. She sends us the genealogical data on each of her brothers and sisters. We appreciate the information but we will need the name of her grandfather (Noffsinger) and dates to place her name in the proper N. line in our files.

HARIN NAFZIGER RUSSELL OF NEW HAVEN CONNECTICUT WRITES ------

I's writing this letter to introduce myself to the Nafziger familjes in the United States. I am the daughter of Ernst and Elizabeth Nafziger, 6661 Stausteinerhof, Bezirk 71, West Germany and the granddaughter of Jacob and Anna Nafziger, who both lived and died on Stausteinerhof. All of the above including myself are Mennonites. I live here in the U.S. together with my husband Harold N. Russel and my son Christian Nafziger

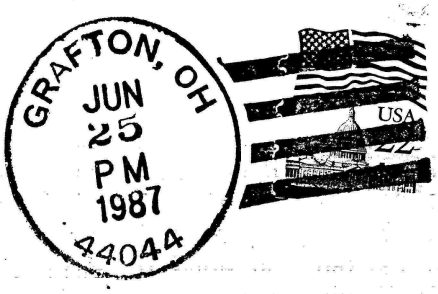
Continued on Page Eight

Russell.I would very much like to become a subscriber to the NHN, which you are already sending to my mother and sev eral other members of our family in Germany.. My father, Ernst Nafziger, who died in 1978 was very interested in the family heritage. To keep the tradition, my cousin, Klaus Nafziger, same address in Germany, took over where my father left of and is actively involved in family research. Over the years, we have accumulated quite a lot of information, which we can, if interested, send to you. If I can be of any help to the Nafzger news, please let me know.

CAN ANY OF OUR READERS HELP EVELYN MARTINEZ OF SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA??????

Seeking parent information on Legrand Noffsinger, b. 1827, Kentucky, married Elizabeth Ann Thompson 1847, b. 1833, Michigan. Residence Adams County, Illinois. They had a son Russel Farnium Noffsinger, b. 1849, Ft. Dearborn, Illinois (Cook) who became Russel F. Eddy-aoption? It is more thna likely Legrand is a descendant of Jacob or John Noffsinger, (grandson) if I only knew hich one left Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. These are the descendants of Peter Noffsinger emigrated 1749. Any help or suggestion would greatly be appreciated on this long time research problem.

SHIRLEY SHORE OF PHILIPSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA WRITES ----------

We are in receipt of a great deal of information from Shirley. Of particular interest to us is that she has gather considerable information on the family line of Nancy Noffsinger (d/o Mathais & Nancy Ann (Brill) Noffsinger and her husband Daniel Gates (s/o George and Sevilla (Steele) Gates. They lived in Powhatan Point area of Ohio. She writes that she is willing to supply information on descendants of this family line at no cost to the receiver. As many of our readers may know, the Nancy Noffsinger and Daniel Gates line traces to Rudolph who emigrated to America in 1749. We appreciate the offer to help us with line in that it one that we did not have much information on descendants. We want to think her for her fine effort in gathering the information.

THE NAFZGER HERITAGE NEWS
120 Edgewood Drive
Grafton, Ohio 44044