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WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the **Winter 2012** issue of the *Dellinger, Knecht, Pfeffer, Silar* (DKPS) family newsletter. I've included you on my mailing list because you are someone who shares a common

interest of searching for information on the surnames associated with my paternal family line. I hope that some of the topics addressed within this newsletter will assist you with your genealogical endeavors.

This issue's **Feature Article** is about the York County Township of Windsor. Within the **News of Interest to the**

Family Historian I've added a new feature: Research Courses - Learn About the Methods and Key Resources Needed to Jump-Start Your Family History Research. Check out our **DKPS Databases** at the *RootsWeb World Connect Project* and *Ancestry.com* to see if we've added any new ancestral family lines, or individual records that may be of interest to you.

2012 It's a New Year!



365 new days to work on your Family Tree!

You are also reminded to take time to look at the new and revised web pages and image galleries recently uploaded to the **Maternal and Paternal Ancestors Website** at *RootsWeb's Freepages*. Included here are pages containing worthwhile information about individual surnames, ancestral locations, historic American roads and migration routes, as well as other topics such as military units, our genealogy reference book library, and free genealogy records.

Check out the **Research Connections** section to see if anyone else is researching your family or a similar surname.

The **SCHIECK** surname is featured in the **Surname Search** section. "Surname Search" displays matches of a surname in our database to the huge resources found at *RootsWeb.com*.

As always I will attempt to keep the newsletter brief but informative and hope you will enjoy reading it. If you do not wish to remain on the mailing list please let me know and I will stop sending it to you. To read my previous newsletters, see the link in the **Contact Information** section of this issue.

Fred Silar

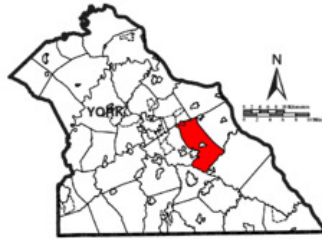
A QUOTE TO NOTE

The past is a source of knowledge, and the future is a source of hope. Love of the past implies faith in the future. - Stephen Ambrose, 1936-2002

FEATURE ARTICLE

A Brief History of Windsor Township, York County, PA

Originally Windsor Township was a part of Hellam (Hallam) Township. Hellam was established as a Township of Lancaster County in 1739. Windsor remained a part of Hellam Township until 1753 when a petition was presented to the court at York, asking that



“Hallam Township be divided by a line on Stony Ridge, running across the valley to the next ridge of hills on the south side of Grist (Kreutz) Creek Valley, and also eastward along the last named ridge to the river Susquehanna.” This new township formed from Hellam was named York Township and it included the current townships of Windsor, Lower Windsor, York and a portion of Spring Garden.

In April 1758, the following petition was presented at the April session of court requesting the commissioners to approve a new township to be made from the existing York Township. The presiding justice, Thomas ARMOR, then appointed John SHULTZ, John SCHYRACK, Christian SHANK and Michael BART, to view and run the boundary line which was as follows: Beginning at the plantation of Peter PETERMAN, thence with the road to David HUNTER’s, thence with the same to Shrewsbury Township (now Springfield and Hopewell), thence with the same township and the township of Chanceford to the Susquehanna, and up the same to Hallam Township, thence along the middle of that ridge of hills to Peter PETERMAN’s plantation and place of beginning, which last described township is to be called by the name of Windsor. As such Windsor Township (which included Lower Windsor Township) was formed out of York Township. The name Windsor is attributed to Thomas ARMOR who was born in Windsor, England and was a large landowner, in addition to being the presiding justice.

Early Churches of Windsor Township

As with most early communities, churches were very important, and many times the church was the beginning of a neighborhood or village. One such church was Emanuel’s Lutheran and Reformed Church, known as “Frysville Church”, founded March

28, 1771. The surrounding land was owned by Conrad FRY, an early settler, who deeded one and one-half acres for 5 shillings, to Jacob SEGNER, Adam HEINDEL, Jacob RUBY and Stephen SLIFER in trust for the “Lutheran and Presbyterian congregations.” The German Reformed Church was thought to be the same as the Presbyterian, except that the worship of the German Reformed Church was conducted in German. As early as 1745, land surrounding the church was used as a cemetery. Headstones of sandstone were the first placed and later slate tablets. There are many unmarked graves, and the earliest marked graves from 1748 are of Anna FREY and Mary NICHOLS. Zion United Brethren Church was founded around 1820. In 1843, the first church of the United Brethren in Christ was built in York County, on the lands of Adam STABLEY. A new church was built in 1899. Bethlehem Church was formed around 1835. Services were held in members’ homes. Land was given by John LANDIS and a church know as “stone pile” was built in 1853 and was called “The New Bethlehem Evangelical Church of Windsor Township”. In 1871 a new church was built. Union Church, located near Windsorville held services in the home of Michael HEINDEL, Sr. until a brick church was built in 1853. Windsor Bethel was located about a mile north of Windsorville and was a part of the “Lower York Mission” of the Church of God. This sect belonged to an order of Baptists and originated in Lancaster. Preaching was held in the homes of Daniel HOLTZINGER and Gottlieb BARLEY for about twenty years and then in 1876, a church building was constructed. Locust Grove, a Reformed Church, was built in 1866.

Early Settlements and Villages

Some early settlements or villages located in Windsor Township are Windsorville, Frysville, Springvale, and Holts. Windsorville is located in the southern part of the Township. George ANSTINE owned a 300 acre farm and succeeding generations of the ANSTINE family generated political and mercantile activity from this site. Much activity centered around ANSTINE’s store for more than fifty years. The cigar making industry emerged and a village developed around the ANSTINE

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store. There was a post office as early as 1830 a short distance south of the present borough near the Chanceford Township line. Most of the people living in Windsorville worked in the tobacco and cigar business. George W. GABLE was a prominent cigar manufacturer and operated on a large scale. Erysville (Freysville) was named in honor of Conrad FRY, an early settler. Freysville is situated on a tract of fertile land on Springettsbury Manor. The region in this area was settled by white settlers in 1735. Cigar manufacturing by M. F. ZIEGLER, Daniel ANSTINE and David ZIEGLER was the main business.

1876 Map of Windsor Township

A key element of this map is that it shows property owners' names, as well as township boundaries. Click on this URL <http://tinyurl.com/7vc4zeg> to see an enlarged image of this map. Click on the + icon for a further enhanced view.



Springvale is a small village in the southern end of Windsor Township and was founded around 1820. The

York and Peach Bottom Railroad reached Springvale in 1874 and a station was established. In 1876, Springvale had a railroad station, a freight depot, a grist mill, a saw mill, a tannery, and a general store. In 1877 a post office was opened. Dr. William B. BIGLER practiced medicine from 1881 to 1910. In the early 1900's, H. G. BARNHART owned and operated a cigar factory and later an automobile dealership. Holtz was a small village with a post office, in the area around the current intersection of Mt. Pisgah and Freysville Roads. Holtz was named in honor of George W. HOLTZINGER, farmer, cigar maker, and mercantile business owner.

19th Century Windsor Township

In 1783, the population was 1,118 persons. The following charts illustrates the growth of Windsor Township during the 19th century:

1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900
2,096	2,760	1,110	1,250	1,627	2,024	2,155	2,372	2,516

There were 190 barns, 184 houses, 10 mills, and 22,054 acres of assessable land. Windsor Township had fourteen schools known as ANSTINE's, Cedar Hill, Frysville, CROSS' (RAUBS), Fairview, East End, SMALLS', GROVE's, MILLER's, BRILHART's, TYSON's, WAMBAUGH's, GEHLEY's, and DIEHL's.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

Great places to look for **FREE** genealogy records



Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related Web sites popping up? The folks at FamilyTreeMagazine <<http://tinyurl.com/re5ryu>> have taken the time to sort through them to bring

us the best. As a result they have recently identified the following worthwhile websites if you are looking for ancestors who lived in the Eastern U.S.:

Cook County Genealogy Online at: <http://www.cookcountygenealogy.com/>

Find your Chicago-area ancestors in this slick site from the Cook County, Ill., clerk's office. Searchable databases cover more than 8 million birth, marriage and death records.

Seeking Michigan at: <http://seekingmichigan.org/>
You'll be drawn here by the nearly 1 million digitized Michigan death certificates (1897 to 1920). But don't overlook the collections of Civil War photographs and records, WPA property inventories, oral histories, maps and more.

Digital Library of Georgia at:

<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/?Welcome>

This site is a gateway to more than 110 collections from 160 institutions and agencies gives you one-click access to a million digital files, including images; Colonial wills; Confederate enlistment records, muster rolls and pension applications; and seven historic newspapers.

Cincinnati Virtual Library at:

<http://virtuallibrary.cincinnati.org/VirtualLibrary/>

This online outpost of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County offers downloadable books of all sorts. Most notable for genealogists is the extensive collection of Cincinnati city directories, all at your electronic fingertips.

Minnesota Historical Society at:

<http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy/>

Along with indexes to birth and death records, this site's state census records and rich photo resources also get gold stars.

NEW Records from the FamilySearch Historical Record Collections



We are continually adding links from the FamilySearch Historical Record Collections to our **FREE Genealogy Records** pages at: <http://tinyurl.com/3saa5z9>. Following is a listing of just a few of the **208** new records that we have recently uploaded to our website:



- St. Louis Post-Dispatch Obituary Index, 1880-2009
- Greenville County, SC Obituaries, 1914-1993
- Rhode Island Births and Christenings, 1600-1914
- Maine, Knox Co. Cemetery Records, ca.1800-2007
- United States Census, 1910
- California, State Census, 1852
- Alabama, County Marriages, 1809-1950
- Florida Civil War Soldiers Database
- Oregon Honor Roll, World War I
- Illinois, Probate Records, 1819-1970
- Virginia Wills Before 1799
- New Hampshire Deaths and Burials, 1784-1949
- Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953
- California, Los Angeles Passenger Lists, 1907-1948
- Louisiana, Naturalization Records, 1831-1991
- Sanborn Maps of Missouri, 1883-1951
- Vermont, Vital Records, 1760-1954
- Washington State County Records, 1885-1950

For access to the FREE Social Security Death Index see our DEATH RECORDS webpage at: <http://tinyurl.com/8x7m44r>

Ancestry.com Improves Wildcard Searching

Ancestry.com made some changes to wildcard searching, which might just add enough flexibility to help you finally find an elusive ancestor in the census. You can now use a wildcard at the beginning of a name you're searching for, but if you do, the name can't end

in a wildcard. The name must contain at least three non-wildcards. The two wildcards are ? to stand in for exactly one letter and * to stand in for any number of letters.

Some "Good News" submitted by our Readers



Shiela Kay Barton at skmbarton@verizon.net has been researching the LEITHISER surname specifically Hartman Leithiser (1754-1829) and descendents. During the past months she has uploaded many worthwhile "source documents" to her family tree at Ancestry.com. Readers with an interest in this surname may want to see what she has uncovered and posted. Her family tree can be viewed at: <http://tinyurl.com/78nloef>.



YOU KNOW YOU'RE AN ADDICTED GENEALOGIST

- ...when you brake for libraries.
- ...if you get locked in a library overnight and you never even notice.
- ...when you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.
- ...if you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.
- ...when you think every home should have a microfilm reader.
- ...if you'd rather read census schedules than a good book.
- ...when you know every town clerk in your state by name.
- ...if town clerks lock the doors when they see you coming.
- ...when you're more interested in what happened in 1697 than 1997.
- ...if you store your clothes under the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals.
- ...if you can pinpoint Harrietsham, Hawkhurst, and Kent on a map of England, but can't locate Topeka, Kansas.
- ...when all your correspondence begins, "Dear Cousin,"
- ...if you've traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, have it all fully documented, and still don't want to quit!

Submitted by Margaret Kerr Beckwith at: margbeckwith@frontier.com

Research Courses

Learn About the Methods and Key Resources Needed to Jump-Start Your Family History Research

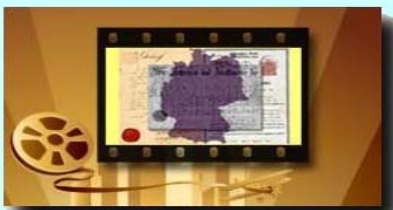
Stuck at a brick wall, or feeling overwhelmed by your research? Then it is probably time to time to increase your skill set by educating yourself. Once understanding of records and research planning is acquired we become better researchers. This means we are more selective in what we gather, more confident that we can find information again, and better equipped to scale your brick walls. To assist you with this effort we have included this "Research Courses" article as an on-

going feature of this newsletter. Although there are many sources for FREE online genealogy lessons we have decided to start with those tried and proven courses offered by Family Search that can be seen at: <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html>.

These classes are taught by genealogy research consultants from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, as well as experts from around the world. Below you will find information about the featured lesson.

Germany Beginning Research Series Lesson 1: Getting Started

This lesson will help you determine what you need to get started with German research. During the lesson, you will learn the about the minimum information needed to find an ancestor and set a research goal.



<http://tinyurl.com/3pldr7f>

Basic starting strategies and tools are introduced along with places you can go to for help such as FamilySearch, the FamilySearch Wiki and FamilySearch Forums. Useful web links and printable forms are included.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any ideas, and or information you might have regarding ways to enhance our researching experiences. Send them to me at silrem@comcast.net.



Database Updates



New Records Uploaded To the Databases at RootsWeb and Ancestry

Our **Siler - Pfeffer Family Tree** database at *Ancestry.com* currently contains the records of **2,100** persons. The database can be viewed by all Ancestry subscribers. This tree will change every three months as we edit, remove, or otherwise modify the data therein.

An updated version of our **DKPS** Database was recently uploaded to the, open to all and **FREE**, World Connect site at *RootsWeb.com*. Several new records have been added over the past three months. We now have information on **1,888** persons. Since we update the database quarterly to coincide with the publishing of this newsletter our readers are all reminded to take a look at what is new with our family history research. If you do check out the website you

may find some new information that will enhance your own research or you may find some errors in ours that we need to know of.

The **Database at Rootsweb** free for all to use, is located at: <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>. You may also access our family tree by going to: <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>.

The **Database at Ancestry.com** can only be accessed by subscribers. It is located at the Home Page <http://www.ancestry.com/> in the "Search" pull-down button under "Public Member Trees".

Please know that we would always welcome any new information that you may have on our common ancestors.

What's New at the Website?

Our Ancestors: 380 Years of History in America

New OHIO Library Page Added American Southwestern Migration Routes Revised

Since we usually update our website several times between the publishing of this newsletter you are reminded and encouraged to periodically review what is new with regard to the family information and genealogical resources contained at, [Our Ancestors: 380 Years of History in America](#). To access the site's Home Page use the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>. Over the past three months **two** new or revised web pages have been created and added to the **DKPS Subsite**.

At our **Ancestral Locations** sub-site **six** new or revised web pages have been created and uploaded to the internet. This includes several revised county pages, and the revisions of our England and Scotland pages.

The scope and volume of the various sub-sites created for our **Special Topics** continued to increase since the last issue of this newsletter. We have added extensively to our special topic sub-site [Free Genealogy Records and Databases](#). Here you will find hundreds of links to free genealogy record databases. Most of these free records come from websites such as Family Search, Ancestry.com, Distant Cousin, and various U.S. State archives.

We have continued to upgrade and increase the

number of volumes within our [Genealogy Reference Library](#). As a result of our growing library of books we've added a separate page for the **OHIO** State collection. Most of these books are fully searchable and can be downloaded to your computer. In addition text may be cut & pasted directly to your family tree software or other document.

For our readers who have an interest in [Historic American Roads And Migration Routes](#) major revisions have been made to the **American Southwestern** region pages. As a result many new trails and several image galleries about routes taken by pioneers to settle in the U.S. States of Arizona, and New Mexico, West Texas, as well as southern Nevada, Utah, and Colorado.

Our **War Veterans; Research and Resources** sub-site we've revised pages about the 2nd Virginia Cavalry (CSA), and 6th Special NCB of World War II.

As with the database you may find some new information that will enhance your own research or you may want to advise us of some updated records that we can include at the site. Either way we would appreciate an email from you just to let me know that you've found your way to our online website.

NEW AND REVISED "DKPS" SURNAME PAGES

To access these pages follow this link <<http://tinyurl.com/mpyqar>>.

SURNAME INDEX: Heidecker; Ilges (Ellis)

SOURCE DOCUMENTS: Ilges (Ellis)

FAMILY PHOTOS / IMAGES: Revised "Photo Image Galleries" Coming Soon **OTHER:**

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES

To access these pages follow this link <<http://tinyurl.com/5rcafv>>.

UNITED STATES: States – Connecticut **Counties** – Anderson Co., SC; Campbell Co., VA; Salem Co., NJ

UNITED KINGDOM: England, UK; Scotland, UK

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

To access these pages follow this link <<http://tinyurl.com/nczbsj>>.

UNITED STATES: Anderson Co., SC; Campbell Co., VA

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES

To access these pages follow this link <<http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>>.

FREE GENEALOGY RECORDS & DATABASES: Biographies & Obituaries; Cemetery; Census & Directories; Church; Court; Death; Immigration & Naturalization; Land; Marriage; Military; Newspaper; Organizations; State and Local Records; Tax & Voter

GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY: Ohio **NEW**

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Routes to the American Southwest; El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro; Santa Fe Trail; The Catskill Turnpike

RESEARCHING OUR WAR VETERANS: 2nd Virginia Cavalry (CSA); 6th Special NCB

“SPECIAL TOPICS” NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

To access these pages follow this **link** <<http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>>.

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Routes to the American Southwest; El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro; Santa Fe Trail; The Catskill Turnpike

MILITARY Image Galleries: 6th Special Naval Construction Battalion (WWII)

RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created its distribution list has grown significantly. Along the way we have interacted with many genealogists that have expressed an interest in one or more of the family lines contained within our DKPS databases located at RootsWeb and Ancestry.com. Because networking is a key to the success of any family historian we feel that it is important for this newsletter to help in making that connection. As a result “Research Connections” has become part of every edition because we all realize the

importance of a forum for researchers to reach out to others who may be working on the same family.

Since most of the readers of this letter share several surnames in the DKPS databases we believe that we would all benefit from the publishing of your significant “brick wall”.



New Subscribers Looking for Information about Their Ancestors



I am trying to find the parents of my ggggrandfather, George Braucher, born 1790, here in Pa. George was married to Elisabeth ???. They lived in Cumberland and York counties. I think his father was John born 1765, but have no proof of this. There are many of my ancestors buried near Dillsburg in York County, PA where Filey’s Cemetery has about 50 Broughers and other people in the family. Submitted by Bob Banks <artistbob1937@aol.com>

As families are getting ready for the 1812-2012 celebrations for peace across North America we would like to find out as much as we can about the origins the Hogg; and Hauck/Huck Families of Scotland (1891); and Jacob Hauck-1742 (Houck-Hauck-Haug) in Germany. Submitted by Elisabeth Cumin at elisabeth.cumin@hotmail.com

I was looking at different postings and noticed that you have a Samuel Keller listed. I am looking for information on Samuel R. Keller born about 1817 in PA and died in Ohio around 1860s. Submitted by "Barbara" <bhhewitt@me.com>

Some Current Subscribers and the Common Family Lines They are Researching

Who	Researching Surname(s)	Who	Researching Surname(s)
Debbie Quinlan dqpeds@centurylink.net	John Keller d.1802 in Lower Windsor Twp., York Co., PA	Melissa Fitzkee Mzfitz40@aol.com	Ilges
Marie Shaffer marieshaffer@verizon.net	Shaffer, Shaver	Jim Gilbert jmgil@ptd.net	Gilbert, (DNA Project)
Sue Atkins Etter Etter2@verizon.net	military record of Captain John Schall (1750-1814)	Erika Leiberknecht enl113@psu.edu	Leiberknecht Surname

Roger Dellinger radellinger@argothor.net	Dellinger	Patricia Baron p2e7b5@texasbb.com	Knecht Surname
Monica Lacy ironduck2000@yahoo.com	Margaretha Bard. b.1824, Hesse Darmstadt. m. Augustin Meyer	Sivia Neublum sneublum@uol.com.br	Looking for Mildenberg in Germany
Edleen Garrett Rodriguez esgr60@msn.com	Benjamin F. Arnold b. 1858 Chanceford Twp.	Scott Robertson aircaraccess@millenicom.com	Quickel Family of York Co. PA
Verna McDowell vernamae@smnet.net	Pfeffer from Mecklenburg Ger. Hartmann from Saxony	Wendy Howard wendynai@att.net	Hauer Ancestors of George Howard (1836-1908)
George Howard g-howard@charter.net	Need direct male ancestors George Howard (1836-1908) for DNA project	Dave Barnett dtb1322@yahoo.com	John Abel (born 1790's?) married Mary Himes (b.1798). Kensington - Philadelphia

If you would like to be included into this list, or should any of the above named persons would like their information deleted or revised please contact me.

SURNAME SEARCH

“Surname Search” features matches of a direct ancestral surname from our database to records found on the internet that may be useful and hopefully rekindle your own research into this family as well as other related topics. To see what information we have uncovered about our direct family surnames follow the links to our Website at <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>. and Database at <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>.

The **SCHIECK** surname is being featured in this newsletter. Margaretha Schieck is the only ancestor currently identified as being of this lineage. She was born 1573 at or near the town of Michelfeld In Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany. In 1592 Margaretha married Ludwig Katterman, also a native of Michelfeld. Of this union at least two known off-spring were born between 1593 and 1601. The following records and databases pertain to this surname and can be found at the FREE RootsWeb site.

Search RootsWeb.com

<input type="text"/>	SCHIECK	<input type="button" value="Search"/>
First Name	Last Name	By Keyword

To access the databases listed below follow this address: <http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>. At the RootsWeb Home Page type this or any other surname into the “Last Name” box and click “Search”.

Featured Databases	Matches	Vital Records	Matches
WorldConnect	557	California Death Index	28
Social Security Death Index	137	Texas Death Index	5
Rootsweb Surname List	4	Kentucky Death Index	1
Other Searches	Matches	World War One Draft Index	1
Web Site Search	210	Early Death Records	23
Book Indexes	1	Pre-1920 Marriages	3

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Someday you'll be an Ancestor too!

