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WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the **Summer 2012** issue of the *Dellinger, Knecht, Pfeffer, Silar* (DKPS) family newsletter. We've included you on our mailing list because you are someone who shares a common interest of searching for information on the surnames associated with our 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 our REINHARD ancestors between circa 1640 at Eberstädt, Germany to 1825 at Chanceford, York County, Pennsylvania. Within the **News of Interest to the Family Historian** we've added the third lesson of the Germany Beginning Research Series, about Using Maps, Gazetteers, & Web-sites. The **ZIMMERMAN** surname is featured in the **Surname Search** section. Check out the **Research Connections** section to see if anyone else is researching your family or a similar surname. You are also reminded to take time to look at the new and revised web pages and image galleries that we have

Take a Genealogy



Trip This Summer

recently uploaded to the **Website** at *Roots Web'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 ancestral military units, our genealogy reference book library, and free genealogy records. You are also reminded to 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.

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 Siler

A QUOTE TO NOTE

To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain perpetually a child. For what is the worth of a human life unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?

- Marcus Tullius Cicero, 106-43 B.C.

FEATURE ARTICLE

Our Reinhard Ancestors: From Eberstädt to Chanceford

Our Reinhard family ancestry has been traced back as far as our 8th great grandfather Johann George Reinhardt. George was born between 1633 and 1662 near the city of Darmstadt in the German state of

Hessen. He lived in this area his entire life and died sometime during the first decade of the 18th century in the village of Eberstädt. Today Eberstädt is the southernmost suburb of the Darmstadt urban district. Arnold Reinhardt, son of the aforementioned George, was born 1684 at the village of Pfungstadt which borders Eberstädt to the east.



In modern Germany, Pfungstadt is located within the district of Darmstadt-Dieburg, Hessen. In 1715 Arnold married Anna Elizabeth Wambold, also a native of Pfungstadt. To this union five known offspring were produced between 1716 and 1725. It is through their son Valentin, born in 1725, that this family line continued. It is said that Arnold worked as a baker and also as a customs official for the Landgraviate of Hesse-Darmstadt. Arnold's life was cut short when he died, at Pfungstadt, in 1727 at the age of 43.

Our 6th great-grandfather Valentin Reinhardt is recognized as the progenitor of this family line in America. Valentin was born at Pfungstadt in 1725. After his father's death Valentin's mother married Valentin Steinmetz, with whom she had three more children. In 1737 Valentin and the Steinmetz family as well as a few other Wambold relatives took passage on the ship St. Andrew Galley out of Rotterdam. On

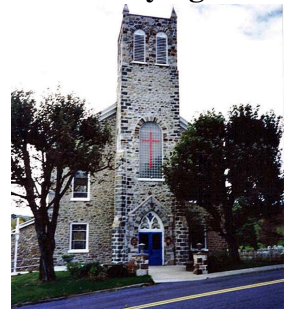


Old Trappe Church, built 1743

September 23rd of that year the ship arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It appears the Steinmetz, Reinhard, and Wambold families moved to the Upper Providence area (then in Philadelphia County).

While there it is most probable that they attended the Augustus Evangelical Lutheran Church, as known as the "Old Trappe Church", now in the town of Trappe, Montgomery County. Around 1749 Valentin married his wife Anna Barbara, (nee?). It is believed that he was then living near his elder brother George, who by 1744, had moved to Saucon Township* in Bucks county. It was here that he and Barbara began to raise a family. At least three of their children were born at this location between 1750 and 1753. During this time period the Reinhard family attended St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, familiarly known as the "Blue Church". A 1750 record exists identifying both

Valentin and his wife as "Communicant Members." It appears that sometime after 1754 Valentin moved his family, probably to York county, Pennsylvania, where three of his children may have been born between 1756 and 1758. By 1763 he and his family were settled



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

on land in the Piney Creek Hundred located in Frederick County, Maryland near the border with York County, Pennsylvania. This area was to become a part of Carroll County, Maryland when it was formed in 1836. During this time the Reinhard family



Sherman's (St. David's) Union Church

attended Sherman's (St. David's) Union Church in Manheim Township, York County. Valentin supported his family as a farmer and distiller. He also served his community as an "Overseer of Roads."

His Last Will and Testament was written on 20 June 1791. The names of his wife, children, and sons-in-law are all mentioned within this document. Valentin Reinhard died soon after in 1792 at Frederick County. We are descended through Valentin's daughter Catherine Reinhardt born in 1756. Catherine married John Schall, of nearby

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Rinehart Road lies in Carroll County, Maryland between the communities of Union Mills and Bachman Mills. Its existence is a testament to the legacy of the Valentine Rinehart and his descendants.

Baltimore County. Catherine produced at least nine known off-spring between the time of their union and 1794. The family lived at Piney Creek Hundred, located in Frederick County, Maryland up until 1800. During this time several of their children were baptized at the St. David's (Sherman's) Lutheran Church in West Manheim Township, York County, Pennsylvania. Catherine and John were also known to have participated in events at the Jerusalem Lutheran Church at Bachman Mills, Maryland. Around 1800 Catherine and John removed north into York County, Pennsylvania and eventually settled in what is now Lower Chanceford Township, (then Chanceford Township). Although John Schall owned several properties in Chanceford it is most probable that the family farm was located where he purchased his first land in 1800 from the Patrick McGee estate. This was 331 acres called "Gwins Town" and "Conquest." Catherine Reinhard Schall raised her family here and died at this location in 1825.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

NEW **FREE** Databases added from Historical Record Collections



We are continually adding links from historical record collections, such as state archives, FamilySearch, Rootsweb, USGENWEB, and others to our **FREE Genealogy Records** pages at: <http://tinyurl.com/3saa5z9>. Following is a listing of some of the new and updated databases that we have recently uploaded to our website:



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N. C., Births and Christenings, 1866-1964 • Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821-1962 • Billion Graves Index • Iowa State Census, 1895 • United States Census, 1850 • United States Census, 1940 • North Carolina, Estate Files, 1663-1964 • Ohio, Jefferson Co. Court Records, 1797-1940 • Utah, Probate Records, 1851-1961 • Georgia Deaths, 1914-1927 • Montana, County Births and Deaths, 1861-2004 • Ohio Deaths and Burials, 1854-1997 • NY, County Naturalization Records, 1792-1976 • Georgia, Headright & Bounty Land, 1783-1909 • Kentucky, Marriages, 1785-1979 • Massachusetts, Marriages, 1695-1910 • New Hampshire, Marriages, 1720-1920 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Jersey, County Marriages, 1682-1956 • Arkansas, 2nd Registration Draft Cards, 1948-59 • U.S., WW One Draft Registration Cards, 1917-18 • Enlistments in the U. S. Army, 1798-1914 • Idaho, Cassia County Records, 1879-1989 • Maine, State Archive Collections, 1790-1966 • Massachusetts, State Vital Records, 1841-1920 • Montana, Cascade County Records, 1888-1955 • Jackson Co., MO Voter Registrations, 1928-56 • Oklahoma, Find A Grave Index, 1834-2011 • Oregon, Find A Grave Index, 1848-2011 • Pennsylvania, Find A Grave Index, 1681-2011 • Raleigh, NC City Directory 1899-1900 • New York State: Census Records • Oregon Online Historical Newspapers • Rhode Island Online Historical Newspapers • South Carolina Online Historical Newspapers |
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For access to the FREE Social Security Death Index see our DEATH RECORDS webpage at: <http://tinyurl.com/8x7m44r>

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



Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related Web sites popping up? The folks at [FamilyTreeMagazine](http://www.familytreemagazine.com) <<http://tinyurl.com/re5ryu>> have taken the time to sort through them to bring us the best. As a result they have

have recently identified the following worthwhile websites for those of you who are ready to jump into the gene pool. [GeneTree](http://www.genetree.com/) at: <http://www.genetree.com/>. This site, combines DNA and social networking. Although limited to mitochondrial test results so far, its mapping of DNA results is the best we've seen. You can order test kits here, but you can search for you DNA matches no matter which lab you used.

[Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation](http://www.smgf.org/) at: <http://www.smgf.org/>. This nonprofit organization is dedicated to building the world's foremost collection of DNA and corresponding genealogical information. To date, its database tops 70,000 DNA samples with family trees from around the world.

[MitoSearch](http://www.mitosearch.org/) at: <http://www.mitosearch.org/>. A database from [Family Tree](http://www.familytree.com/) DNA lets you search for Y-DNA or mtDNA matches no matter whom you tested with. At Family Tree DNA's site, you can see if your surname is among the 74,355 in the company's client database.

Tips for Scanning Old Photos

- When you scan a photo to an archive you should scan it at a high than normal resolution. Resolution determines image quality, and is measured in dpi (dots per inch). 300 dpi or is acceptable. Remember that the higher the dpi, the more storage space the image takes but the better its quality.
- Scanning archive photos at 300 dpi or higher will allow you more flexibility if you want to resize a copy of the image at a later time.
- It is usually better to save the image in a TIF format rather than JPG. Each time a JPG file is opened,

edited and saved, it loses quality. TIF files preserve more details of the image thus they are larger than JPG files and take more storage space on your hard drive.

- When processing a lot of photos at the same time you will save time if you specify the same folder in which to save the images. The alternative is to repeat the process for each image. After the scanning process has been completed you can the go back at a more convenient time and group the images into more precise sub-folders.

NARA Know Your Records

The National Archives and Records Administration has launched "Know Your Records" online videos from the popular genealogy how-to workshops hosted at its facilities on topics such as such as census, immigration

and military records. Catch the videos on the archives' YouTube channel at:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives>

Some "Good News" submitted by our Readers



Search for your ancestors' graves at **BILLION GRAVES** at: <http://www.billiongraves.com/index.php>. At this website you can access their headstone records, photos of headstones, and accurate locations of all the graves. Submitted by SHIELA K BARTON at: skmbarton@verizon.net.



Fold 3 bills itself as the web's premier collection of original military records. Although it is a subscription site there are many free records to be found therein. The Pennsylvania Archives are among the documents offered free of charge. The entire record collection can be browsed at: <http://www.fold3.com/documents/>. Here you can look for the records marked as **FREE**. Submitted by MICHAEL WOOTON at: michaelwooton@hotmail.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 our 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. **Click** on the **URL** to get the lesson started.

Germany Beginning Research Series Lesson 3: Using Maps, Gazetteers, & Web-sites

This lesson will help learn to verify your ancestor's locality information by using maps and gazetteers. Once you have solid locality information you can use the Family History Library Catalog to locate



<http://tinyurl.com/6vokvka>

records. The lesson utilizes two case studies to demonstrate the use of these tools. You will also find links to online resources included within the lesson.

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 **Silar - Pfeffer Family Tree** database at *Ancestry.com* currently contains the records of **2,103** persons. This family tree can be viewed by all Ancestry subscribers. The information within this database changes every three months as we edit, remove, or otherwise modify the data therein.

An updated version of our **Dellinger, Knecht, Pfeffer, Silar (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 **1,891** 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 **DKPS Database at the Rootsweb** site (<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>) is **FREE** for all to use, and is located at: <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>.

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 ILLINOIS Library Page Added Historic Roads and Trails to the PACIFIC COAST 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 **four** new or revised [Surname](#) webpages as well as **five** new or revised [Source Document Archives](#) have been created and added to the **DKPS SUBSITE**.

At our **ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS** sub-site **seven** new or revised [USA State and County](#) web pages have been created and uploaded to the internet. This includes several new and revised county pages for the State of Maryland.

The scope and volume of the various page created for our **SPECIAL TOPICS** sub-sites continued to increase since the last issue of this newsletter. We have added many more links to our [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, Fold 3 as well as 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 easier access to the **136** volumes now in our **ILLINOIS** 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 **Trails to the Pacific Coast** pages. As a result many new trails and several image galleries about the routes taken by pioneers to settle in the U.S. States of Washington, Oregon and California. Our [War Veterans; Research and Resources](#) sub-site we've revised pages about the 87th Naval Construction Battalion (WWII), and the 6th Special NCB of WWII "Image Galleries". The [Immigration Research: Strategies & Resources](#) page has been updated with more links to appropriate interest web pages.

Within the aforementioned additions and revisions 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: Chateau/Schatto; Rinehardt; Schuster; Ulrich

SOURCE DOCUMENTS: Abel; Arnold; Chateau/Schatto Ilges/Ellis; Keller

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 – Kentucky Counties – Baltimore Co., MD **NEW**; Caroline Co., MD **NEW**; Edgar Co., IL; Frederick Co., MD; Gloucester Co., NJ; Guilford Co., NC; Queen Anne's Co., MD

WORLD:

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

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

UNITED STATES: Baltimore Co., MD **NEW**; Caroline Co., MD **NEW**; Edgar Co., IL; Frederick Co., MD; Gloucester Co., NJ; Guilford Co., NC; Queen Anne's Co., MD

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES

To access these pages follow this [link](http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly) <<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: Illinois **NEW**; Maryland; New Jersey; North Carolina; USA Reference Library

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES Trails to the Pacific Coast; California Trail; DeAnza Trail; Old Spanish Trail; Oregon Trail

RESEARCHING OUR WAR VETERANS:

OTHER: Immigrant Ancestors: Strategies & Resources;

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

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

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Trails to the Pacific Coast; California Trail; DeAnza Trail; Old Spanish Trail; Oregon Trail

MILITARY Image Galleries: 6th Special Naval Construction Battalion (WWII); 87th Naval Construction Battalion (WWII), Reunion Photo Gallery **NEW**

RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created our 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".



Subscribers Seeking Assistance With Their Research



I am trying to find information on the parents of George ZIGLER born about 1766 in York, PA, or Germany. He married Susanna LEAR and owned land in 1800 in the Mercer County, PA. They had a son Jacob who married Ann Porter KERR. This Jacob also fought in the Civil War in the Greybeard regiment out of Iowa.

From Kathleen Zigler Foster at: kfs6146@yahoo.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 **ZIMMERMAN** surname is an Americanized or Jewish spelling of the surname **Zimmermann**. Zimmermann is a German and Jewish (Ashkenazic) occupational name for a carpenter or a dealer in timber. The name originated from the Middle High German word *zimbermann* that is a compound of *zimber*, *zim(m)er* meaning ‘timber’, or ‘wood’ and the German word *mann* meaning ‘man’. The following records and databases pertain to this surname and can be found at the FREE RootsWeb site.

Search RootsWeb.com

	Zimmerman	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	Other Searches	Matches
WorldConnect	193,224	Swedish Records	51
Rootsweb Surname List	298	Book Indexes	202
Vital Records	Matches	Church Records	2
California Death Index	2,913	BLM/GRO Land Records	347
Texas Death Index	648	Naturalization Records	7
Kentucky Death Index	500	Obituaries	103
Kentucky Marriage Index Husband	220	Plat Records	1
Kentucky Marriage Index Wife	194	POW/MIA Records	1
Maine Death Index	17	Atlas/Gazetteer Listings	13
South Dakota Birth Index	40	Military Records	28
World War One Draft Index	112	Newspaper Indexes	128
Early Death Records	94	Passenger Lists	1
Pre-1920 Marriages	186	Utah State Archives	1
Pre-1920 Births	21	Tax and Voter Lists	2
Other Searches	Matches	Professional, Society, Religious Groups	10
Web Site Search	36,087		

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Someday you'll be an Ancestor too!

