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New at the Website

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the **Spring 2013** 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. We 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 Mildenberg; Muller/Muller; and Pfeffer ancestors in the third installment about "brick wall" families.

Within the **News of Interest to the Family Historian** are articles about "Pinterest" one of the newest social networking websites, and "wikis" a type of collaborative program that creates a website that runs on the Internet.

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

You are reminded to take a look at our **Research Connections** section to see if anyone else is



researching your family or a similar surname. Check out our **DKPS Website** at Roots Web's Freepages. Included here are pages containing worthwhile information about individual ancestral locations. surnames. historic American roads and migration routes, as well as other topics such as ancestral military units, our genealogy reference

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book library, and free genealogy records. You are also reminded to review 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 we 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 our previous newsletters, see the link in the **Contact Information** section of this issue.

Fred Siler, Editor

A QUOTE TO NOTE

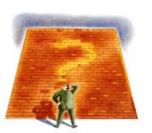
He that has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family must have been begot by a flash of lightning! - Thomas Fuller, 1608-61

FEATURE ARTICLE

My Brick Wall Families, Part 3: Mildenberg; Muller/Muller; Pfeffer

Searching for ancestors is easy and rewarding when we first embarked upon the enjoyable task of finding the history of our family. We all love the excitement of filling in the blanks in your family tree and adding generation after generation to your genealogy software files. However, if you research long enough, you'll run into an ancestor who represents a dead end in your tree. We family historians call this a "brick wall." Even if a brick wall may is a small problem or a much larger one you begin to believe that every avenue of research has been exhausted and as a result you are totally frustrated and at a loss.

When I hit a "brick wall" I usually like to write an email to one of my gencousins or other genealogy friends. My usual method is to write down as much background information I



know and then thoroughly explain my problem as well as what I'd like to accomplish. This exercise is quite therapeutic in that the act of explaining my brick wall to someone who is unfamiliar with it causes me to look at the problem in a new light. Additional bonuses to this approach are that I make connections that I never made before and think of new avenues to pursue.

So I got to thinking about how I could expand my technique to include more than one or two persons at a time. As the readers of this newsletter are aware I always include the "Research Connections" as a 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. Because most of the readers of this letter share several surnames in my database I believe that we would benefit from the publishing of my "brick walls". Therefore I decided to circulate the narratives I've composed on several of my difficult family lines. I believe that this technique will ultimately benefit many of us in that we may find information to add to or correct our existing research such as making connections through known spouses, or even finding out more about ancestral locations that I've identified. Either way I'm sure that additional points of view about how to deal with these problem ancestors will be most beneficial.

Mildenberg

I would like to know where my 3rd greatgrandfather Charles L. Mildenberg came from to America. According to Charle's death certificate he was born around 1837 in Esch, Prussia. Eight towns with the name Esch as well as six of a close variation have been located in Germany. As such it is difficult to determine which may be the location of Charles Mildenberg's birth. There are two towns named Esch located in the Rhineland-Palatinate and it is possible that Charles was born in one of them. The exact date as to when Charles came to America is not known but it was probably sometime around 1858. He and his family lived in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Pfeffer

I am trying to find out where Frederick Pfeffer came from in Germany as well as any record of his family there. I know that he was born in Germany in 1846, and probably came from the German state of Hesse. In 1870 Frederick emigrated from Germany to the United States. He took passage on the steamship "Olbers" and left his homeland at either the port of Bremen or Geestemunde. Frederick entered America at the port of New York on June 30, 1870. Upon arrival in the U.S. he listed his age as 23 years old and his occupation as that of a tinsmith. Shortly after he came to this country he married Catherine Clements in 1872. It is most probable that Frederick and Catherine were from the same town in Germany, and that he had come to America with the purpose of establishing himself here prior to sending for his future bride. Frederick became a citizen of the United States upon swearing and Oath of Allegiance at the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court on August 30, 1880.

According to the 1900 census Frederick and Catherine along with 7 of their eight children were living in a rented house at 2130 Eighth Street in Philadelphia. It is believed that Frederick died in 1906 at the age of 60 years.

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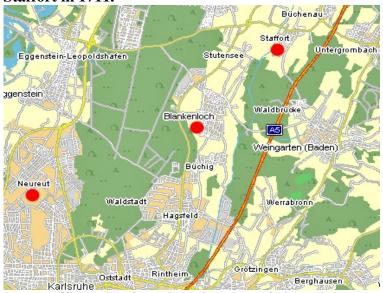
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Muller / Muller

I have two located two Müller ancestral lines and believe that they are connected but have not yet been able to proven this premise. The most compelling reason for considering this is the geographical connection between the two Muller families. The Georg Muller line lived at Blankenloch which is only about 4 miles from Staffort where the Hans Nicholas Muller family lived. The other is that both George Muller and Hans Nicholas Müller appear to be my 9th great-grandfathers thus one may assume also that they were contemporaries or of very close generation. There birth years indicate that they are probably separated by one generation.

George Muller was born in 1626 in or near the village of Blankenloch located in the Karlsruhe district within the German state of Baden-Wurttemberg. He married Susan Longenecker in 1651. Research indicates that Georg's son Peter Samuel and grandson, Antonius continued to live in Blankenloch. I am descended through their daughter Eva who is my 6th greatgrandmother. Eva, born 1710 at Blankenloch, married Christoph Hauer also a native this village.

Hans Nicholas Müller, was born 1658 at Staffort, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany. In 1680 he married Anna Barbara Stober, also a native of Staffort. My 8th great grandmother, Anna Catharina Elisabetha Müller, daughter of Hans Nicholas and Anna Barbara, was born at Staffort in 1681 where she lived her entire life. In 1707 she married Hans Peter Stober, of Staffort. My line of descendancy continues through her daughter Anna Barbara Stober who was born at Staffort in 1711.



Map showing the close proximity of places where my Müller ancestors lived.

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 <u>FREE</u> <u>Genealogy Records</u> pages at: <u>http://tinyurl.com/3saa5z9</u>. Following is a listing of some of the new and updated databases that we have recently uploaded to our website:



- Draper Manuscript Collection, 1740-1892
- Illinois, Cook Co. Birth Certificates, 1878-1922
- New Hampshire, Birth Records, Early to 1900
- California, Cemetery Transcriptions
- Florida, State Census, 1945
- Massachusetts, State Census, 1865
- Diocese of Toledo, OH Parish Records, 1796-2004
- Oklahoma, Probate Records, 1887-2008
- Pennsylvania, Probate Records, 1683-1994
- Michigan, Deaths, 1867-1897

- New Jersey Deaths and Burials, 1720-1988
- NY, Southern Dist. Naturalization Index 1917-50
- Philadelphia, PA Passenger Lists, 1883-1945
- Philadelphia, PA Marriage Indexes, 1885-1951
- U.S. Land Management Tract Bks., 1820-1908
- Mexican War Index & Svc. Records, 1846-48
- Rev. War Compiled Service Records, 1775-1783
- North Carolina, County Records, 1833-1970
- Scioto Co., OH Recorders Office Records 1885-87
- U S, Internal Revenue Assessment Lists, 1862-74

FREE Social Security Death Index see DEATH RECORDS webpage at: http://tinyurl.com/8x7m44r

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Some "Good News" submitted by our Readers

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Ancestor Poem – Author Unknown

Your tombstone stands among the rest Neglected and alone	Your tombstone stands among the rest Neglected and alone
The name and date are chiseled out	The name and date are chiseled out
On polished marble stone	On polished marble stone
It reaches out to all who care	It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn	It is too late to mourn
You did not know that I exist	You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born	You died and I was born
Yet each of us are cells of you	Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood and bone	In flesh, in blood and bone

If you have any research tips, recipes, photographs, web links, news articles, maps, etc. that you would like to share with our readers please feel free to send them to me at <u>silrem@comcast.net</u>.

Technology & Research Tips for the Family Historian

Can you use Pinterest for Genealogy?

Pinterest is almost completely visually oriented, so whether or not Pinterest would be useful for genealogy would seem to be a really good question. Pinterest is the one of the newest social networking websites, but has grown rapidly into one of the most popular sites. The basic concept is similar to a bulletin board, where you can post pictures that remind you of things you are interested in learning about or buying. It is heavily oriented towards fashion, food and home decorating. The main difficulty for those who are not overly interested in the main topics is filtering out all of the extraneous material. At first, looking at Pinterest may seem confusing because of the unrelated collage of photos, but for each individual, there is a way to organize your "pins" or individual selections.

Unlike blogs and most other social networking posts, the content of Pinterest, although user generated, is not original. The pins consist mainly of images selected by the users from a variety of websites. Because of the eclectic nature of the images, it was difficult to determine if there was a place for any serious genealogy related information. See full story at:

https://familysearch.org/blog/en/pinterest-genealogy/

What is a Wiki and Why Do I Care?

A wiki is a type of collaborative program that creates a website that runs on the Internet. The word "wiki" comes from the Hawaiian word for quick and was first used by programmer Ward Cunningham, the inventor of the concept. Wikis have several basic functions in common: the program users can create wiki pages, add content to existing pages and edit existing content. The first online wiki was called the WikiWikiWeb and is still online. The largest and most successful wiki to date is Wikipedia.org, which introduced the concept of wikis to the general public. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, has millions of pages in hundreds of different languages. The English language version alone has over 3,852,000 articles on every possible subject. There are so many wikis online today that there is a wiki dedicated to listing all the wiki applications available. The IndexWiki site lists about 3325 active wikis, but their list is by no means complete. The strength of the wiki format is often considered its most obvious weakness, that is, that anyone can make changes to the existing content at any time. See full story at:

https://familysearch.org/techtips/2012/01/what-wiki

Great Places To Look For FREE Genealogy Information



When it comes to genealogy websites, most of them seem to be nothing more than lists of *links to other* resources. Occasionally you'll find a truly useful website with a search feature that accesses real data. The following are

free genealogy websites that appear to be valuable to anyone researching their family history. These sites provide valuable tools, guides and access to databases that are abundant with historic data.

Access Geneology: http://www.accessgenealogy.com/

At this site the main page is pleasantly clean and well organized. Here you will find links to some of the most unique research sources including charts, links to old letters, military records, native-american records and much more. One of the more fascinating resources here are the transcribed cemetery records. <u>KindredTrails.com</u>: <u>http://www.kindredtrails.com/index.html</u> Although KindredTrails is very much a link-oriented site it does get a positive review because the site is well designed, and the links are well organized. Additionally, the links provided on this site are very useful and valuable.

The Olive Tree: http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com

One thing that sets this site apart from others is that it's apparent a great deal of research went into the provided links. The website creator, Lorine McGinnis Schulze, writes that she started the site in 1996 in order to provide *free* resources to other researchers, and she does. One of the more impressive links on the site are the ship passenger lists where you can search through the names of your ancestors who immigrated to America from the 17^{th} to 20^{th} centuries.

FREE Research Courses

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

wall. or Stuck at a brick 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 ongoing 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: <u>https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html</u>.

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 <u>URL</u> to get the lesson started.

Basic Scotland Research Strategies

This 25 minute course is the first in a series of four. This course will provide you with a practical approach to Scottish Research. Crossing the pond



http://tinyurl.com/d5sgftt

using both U.S. and Scotland Censuses, U.S. and U.K. Passenger Lists, U.S. Naturalization and both Statutory and Old Parochial Registers.

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 <u>silrem@comcast.net</u>.



Database Updates

New Records Uploaded To the Databases at RootsWeb and Ancestry

Our <u>Silar - Pfeffer Family Tree</u> database at *Ancestry.com* currently contains the records of 2,102 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 records have been added or revised over the past three months. We now have information on <u>1,887</u> persons. If you are seeking a source citation about a particular person this is the place to look. 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 (<u>http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/</u>) is FREE for all to use, and is located at: <u>http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6</u>.

The **Database at Ancestry.com** can only be accessed by subscribers. It is located at the Home Page <u>http://www.ancestry.com/</u> 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

York County Militia Muster Rolls, added to Source Documents Archives

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, <u>Our Ancestors:</u> <u>380 Years of History in America</u>. To access the site's Home Page use the following link: <u>http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly</u>.

Over the past three months two new or revised <u>Surname</u> web pages have been created and added to the **DKPS SUBSITE**. We've also completed a few revisions to our <u>Source Documents Archives</u> and our <u>Portrait Galleries</u>. These archives include many of the documents we have utilized to cite facts within our database. Each of the galleries has been created in alphabetical order of the person first name.

At our **ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS** sub-site **nine** new or revised web pages have been created and uploaded to the internet. This includes several new county pages for Ohio and Illinois.

The scope and volume of the various sub-sites created for our **SPECIAL TOPICS** continued to increase since the last issue of this newsletter. For example we have added many more links to our <u>Free</u> <u>Genealogy Records and Databases</u>. Here you will find over a thousand links to free genealogy record databases. Most of these free records come from websites such as Family Search, Ancestry.com, Distant Cousin, various U.S. State archives, and Fold 3.

We have continued to upgrade and increase the number of volumes within our <u>Genealogy Reference</u> <u>Library</u>. Due to our growing library of books we've added a separate page for easier access to the <u>158</u> volumes now in our New Hampshire State collection. As far as we know our online library collections are the only ones categorized by subject and county.

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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 <u>Historic</u> <u>American Roads And Migration Routes</u> we now have the names of <u>611</u> notable early American travel routes. Major revisions have been made to the webpage about **Historic Trans-Appalachian Routes**. As a result we've added many new trails, maps and image galleries about historic routes within the states of West Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Another new feature within this website is the addition of a "Directory of Historical Fords and Ferries" to supplement information on historic routes of the U.S.A.

As with our databases you may find some new information at our web-site 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 us know that you've found your way to our online website.

NEW AND REVISED "DKPS" SURNAME PAGES

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

SURNAME INDEX: Beck; Beyer(Boyer) OTHER:

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES

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

UNITED STATES: Oklahoma, USA; South Carolina, USA **Counties** – Crawford Co., IL^{NEW}; Northampton Co., PA; Pickens Co., SC; Pike Co., OH^{NEW}; Ross Co., OH; Stevens Co., KS

WORLD: Switzerland

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES

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

GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY: Kentucky; New Hampshire^{NEW}; North Carolina; South Carolina; USA Reference Library; Using Google's Advanced Book Search^{NEW}.

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Trans-Appalachian Migration Routes; Kentucky Fords & Ferries^{NEW}; Tennessee Fords & Ferries^{NEW}; West Virginia Fords & Ferries^{NEW}; Knoxville Road; Nashville Road; Walton Road; Wilderness Road.

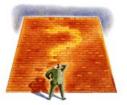
RESEARCHING OUR WAR VETERANS: 2nd NJ Regiment (Rev. War); Pennsylvania Militia of York Co. Muster Rosters (Rev. War)

OTHER:

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 MMPS 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

aforementioned databases we believe that we would all benefit from the publishing of your significant "brick wall".



Subscribers Seeking Assistance With Their Research



I know there is a connection between the southern Maine JACOBS family and the Philadelphia area JACOBS. My great grandmother was from Ogunuit, Maine area. She married Harold OSBORNE. This would have been late 1800's. My grandfather was born 1900. Do you know the connection I could follow for connection to my grandmother? I would love to know if the Germanic roots of the Jacob name is German Jew...my own background is Jewish, but I believe Mildred was Baptist. Just would care for curiosity's sake where the switch happened if it did! THANKS! Diane Merrill. Dianemerrillbdea@gmail.com

Looking for information about Jacob SCHUCKMAN who came to America in 1738. His daughter Anna Liesabeta married Johan George MEYER (MEIER). They had a son named Johan Jacob Meyer. B. 1765. Another daughter Anna Catherina Schuckman married Jacob HARDT May 13, 1759. Please reply to Carole Ring at <u>cringdance@cox.net</u>

I had already traced my history directly to Philip and Susanna JACOBS who came here in 1738. My question is...were they Jewish? These are definitely my relatives. I live in York County, PA. My grandmother was Esther Jacobs WALKER. I never knew her. She died when my dad was young. I am asking for an interesting reason. Our family including myself is plagued with diseases. I have been asked by doctors about Jewish ancestry and always said no. I traced all my grandparents on the Jacobs side all the way to the 1600s and I think 68 was the oldest anyone lived! I hope you can answer this. And I would gladly provide you with any info I can about the Jacobs here. Thanks so much! Lori Walker <u>beachdreamer38@gmail.com</u>

Some Current Subscribers and the Common Family Lines They are Researching

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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, Phila., PA
Patti Stafford marsteller1727@hotmail.com	WAMBOLD, STEINMETZ, RHINEHARD, MARSTELLER of Pfungstadt, Hessen, Ger.		

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 <u>Website</u> at <u>http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly</u>. and <u>Database</u> at <u>http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6</u>.

CAMMERER Surname at RootsWeb

The **Cammerer** surname is German. It is generally found spelled as Kämmerer; or the South German Kammerer. The name orginiates from Middle High German *kamerære* 'chamberlain' (from *kamer(e)* 'chamber'), a status name for the treasurer of a court, a great household, or a city.

Search RootsWeb.com		
		Search
First Name	Last Name	By Keyword

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

The following matches of records pertaining to the **Cammerer** surname have been found in **6 of 45** databases at the **FREE** RootsWeb site.

Featured Databases	Matches	Vital Records	Matches
WorldConnect	855	Kentucky Death Index	1
Rootsweb Surname List	2	Early Death Records	1
Vital Records	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
California Death Index	5	Web Site Search	57

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