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## WELCOME

*Hello Everyone;*

Welcome to the SPRING 2009 issue of the *Dellinger, Knecht, Pfeffer, Silar* (DKPS) family newsletter. I've included you on my mailing list because you are either, family, a gen-cousin or genealogist 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. For example, News of Interest to the Family Historian contains tips on FREE birth, marriage and death records, as well a how to find FREE lessons on using Ancestry.com.

At the website, I've added or revised 10 of the Surname Pages. Also take a look at the eleven new Silar family census documents at the "Image Archives".

This issue's feature article is about the 110th Regiment of the 28<sup>th</sup> "Keystone Division" of World War I. Most of the soldiers in this unit were from southeastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey. If you want information on the men who served in the 110<sup>th</sup> please fee free to contact me.

You are reminded to check out the Research Connections to see if anyone else is researching your family. The ATTIG 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.

Don't forget to review new and updated information on my paternal family database at the *RootsWeb World Connect Project*, as well as recent happenings with regard to the website at *RootsWeb's Freepages*. A quarterly accounting of the database at RootsWeb shows the new direct ancestral family line of KLEIN has been uncovered as well as the addition of 19 new individual records.

As always I will attempt to keep the newsletter brief but informative and hope you will enjoy reading it. If you do not want to remain on our mailing list please let me know and I will stop sending to you. To read my previous newsletters, follow this link: <http://tinyurl.com/3vnd3b>.

*Fred Siler*

## A QUOTE TO NOTE

*"If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance." - George Bernard Shaw*

## FEATURE ARTICLE

### The “Keystone” Division in World War One

As Pennsylvania is well known as the “Keystone State” its military namesake the 28th Infantry Division of the United States Army is the oldest division-sized unit in the armed forces. The division was officially established in 1879 and was later re-designated as the 28th Division in 1917, at the outset of [World War I](#). It continues its service today as part of the [Pennsylvania Army National Guard](#). It is nicknamed the "Keystone Division," as it was formed from units of the [Pennsylvania Army National Guard](#); It was also nicknamed the "Bloody Bucket" division by German forces during the [Second World War](#) due to its red insignia. It was the Army division in the film [When Trumpets Fade](#), a movie about the WWII battle at [Huertgen Forest](#). Today the 28th is recognized as the first National Guard division to field the [Stryker](#) infantry fighting vehicle, as part of the Army's modern transformation.



At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 26, 1917 my grandfather Sherman R. Silar, age 19, and a native of York County, joined the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard. In September, 1917 this military unit became a part of the 110<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 28<sup>th</sup> Division. Subsequently he and his fellow soldiers made the sea voyage to France as a component of the [American Expeditionary Force \(AEF\)](#). Sherman along with his comrades in the 110<sup>th</sup> entered the battle



lines in July, 1918. In September he was wounded, and on March 5, 1919 Sherman was honorably discharged from this service to his country.

With the onset of America’s involvement on World War One several of Pennsylvania’s National Guard (P.N.G) Divisions were ordered to active duty. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry entered the United States service in the First World War on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1917. It was then assigned the duty of safeguarding bridges, tunnels and canal locks west of the [Susquehanna River](#). By September, 1917 the

unit had arrived at [Camp Hancock](#) in Georgia for training. On September 22, 1917, Division Orders No. 14 were issued reorganizing the 7<sup>th</sup> Division into the 28<sup>th</sup> Division. On October 11, 1917 the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.N.G became one of the base regiments of the 28th Division, designated as the 110<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment.

Following training at Camp Hancock, the 110th sailed for Europe as part of the 28<sup>th</sup> Division, and arrived in France on May 18, 1918. In Europe the Regiment was assigned to the British [Northumberland Fusiliers](#) for additional training. It was first committed to battle on July 14. Soldiers of the Division participated in the following major campaigns of World War I: [Champagne-Marne](#), [Aisne-Marne](#), [Oise-Aisne](#), [Meuse-Argonne](#), [Champagne 1918](#), Lorraine 1918. During those campaigns, over 14,000 battle casualties were suffered by the 28<sup>th</sup> Division. Its fierce combat abilities earned it the title "Iron Division" from General of the Armies John J. Pershing.



The cost of these six campaigns to the 110<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was 4,183 casualties including 760 dead. The 28th Division was awarded numerous citations for their bravery in battle.

All of other men of the 110<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment were awarded the World War I Victory Medal (left) and the WWI Occupation Medal for their service in France. The Six-Fleur-de-lis on the Regimental insignia commemorates World War I service.

The Division remained in France and Germany for five months following the Armistice, but by late May 1919 the men of the 28th had returned to the United States.



Upon arrival in Pennsylvania and a triumphant homecoming parade in Philadelphia on May 15, 1919 the Division was placed on an inactive list.

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

### Worthwhile Research Tips and Websites

Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related Web sites popping up? The folks at [FamilyTreeMagazine.com](http://FamilyTreeMagazine.com) have taken the time to sort through them to bring us the best. As a result they have recently identified the following worthwhile websites:

#### Newspaper Abstracts

Find your ancestors in the news—without getting ink on your fingers. At last count this volunteer project included nearly 52,000 pages of abstracts and extracts from historical newspapers, with an emphasis on items of interest to genealogists such as obituaries. Website at:

<http://www.newspaperabstracts.com/>

#### Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection

Click on the county map to see what's available and where to find it in this collection of nearly 450,000 digitized pages from 136 Colorado newspapers, published from 1859 to 1933. Coverage spans 71 cities and 41 Centennial State counties. You'll need Internet Explorer to get the most out of this site at:

<http://www.coloradoshistoricnewspapers.com/>

#### Free BMD

As the name implies, this free volunteer site, at <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/> offers birth, marriage and death records, more than 186 million in all, from 1837 to 1933. A sibling site is similarly generous with 4.2 million parish records at: <http://www.freereg.org.uk/>.

### New National Genealogical Society Website Easier Than Ever to Use

The National Genealogical Society is pleased to announce its new website at [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org). The professionally designed site restructures available information for members and the general public, making it faster and easier to find what you're looking for.

The site is designed for ease of use. At the top right corner of each screen, just under the banner, you'll find Text Size (+ and -) buttons to enlarge or reduce the size of text on the website to suit your personal needs. Click the easy-to-navigate tabs across the top

of each page to go to the section of interest: References for Researching, Educational Courses, Publications, Conferences & Events, Awards & Competitions, About NGS, Become a Member, or the Members Only section of the site. Additional sub-menu items below the tabs easily transport users to frequently used services such as the NGS online store, the member log-in area, or a press room for the latest press releases.

*by Pamela K. Sayre, CG, CGL, NGS  
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### FREE Online Lessons in Searching on Ancestry.com

If you think you can improve on the way you use Ancestry.com, you're probably right. You can now take advantage of free, online video tutorials that will help you maximize your use of this robust resource. Professional genealogist and nationally known lecturer and author Barbara Renick has produced a series of online video tutorials entitled "Searching at Ancestry." Each tutorial is twelve to fourteen minutes long, each building on the previous one. Part 1 introduces the new Ancestry.com search engine. Part 2 uses a case study approach to locating members of a family on Ancestry.com. It steps through a sample search while Barbara explains the actions and analyzes the results for the viewer.

She shows how to refine a search by layering a search with more details to home in on members of a desired family. Part 3 offers search techniques by layering information in Ancestry.com's different search templates to search for common names. Part 4 addresses the topic, "Finding Name Variants,"

If you want to improve your success with Ancestry.com, these tutorials are well worth your time! You can find them at: <http://www.zroots.com/tutorials1.htm>. You can also find these tutorials from the [www.zroots.com](http://www.zroots.com) home page. Just click on Notes, click on NGS, and then click on Tutorials.

*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](mailto:silrem@comcast.net).*



## A "FAMILY TREE" TREE GROWS AT ROOTSWEB



### Klein, surname added to the *Dellinger; Knecht; Pfeffer; Silar Database*

During the past three months I've posted new information about the Barth (Bard) family line, as well as many new records for the Henry Siler lineage.

An updated version of the database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **19** new records have been added over the past three months. We now have information on **1,730** persons. Since the database is completely updated quarterly to coincide with the publishing of this newsletter you are all reminded to take a look at what is new with regard to my family history research. If you do check the

database site you may find some new information that will enhance your research or you may find some errors in my data that I need to know of. So please contact me as soon as possible with your corrections.

To access the *Dellinger; Knecht; Pfeffer; Silar* database just click on the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/4hbsrt>. You may also access our family tree by going to: <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>.

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

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE??

### *Our Maternal and Paternal Ancestors: 350 Years of History in America*

#### Did Your Pennsylvania Ancestor Serve in the 110<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regt. during WWI ??

#### Are You Researching German Ancestors Who Came From:

#### Bergstrass; Lower Saxony; or Main-Taunus ??

I've recently added new material to my web page about the [110<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, of the 28<sup>th</sup> "Keystone Division"](#) of World War One. Those of you researching southeastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey ancestors may find the information I've collected interesting because this regiment was organized at Philadelphia and as such most of the men were from the aforementioned localities.

The [Burlington County](#), New Jersey web page has been revised and now includes a Gen-Toolkit. The Gen-Toolkit contains valuable information about where and how to locate county records, historical and genealogical societies, local libraries, and county historical sites.

You are invited to take a look at 10 revised surname pages found on the [DKPS Home Page](#) at: <http://tinyurl.com/46qxlr>.

Fifteen new or revised [Ancestral Locations](#) pages

have been added to the website. If you are researching German ancestors you may be interested in looking at the three new web pages about locations in Germany.

Because we usually update this site several times between the publishing of this Newsletter you are reminded and encouraged to take a look at what is new with regard to the family information and genealogical resources contained at our internet web site entitled, [Our Maternal & Paternal Ancestors 350 Years of History in America: An Archive of Genealogical Information](#), at the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>.

As with the database you may find some new information that will enhance your own research or you may want to advise of some new information that we can include at the site. Either way I 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:**

**DKPS Surname Index:** Arnold; Abel; Barth; Beck; Boyer; Bracher; Cammerer; Clement; Knecht; Laux

**NEW "DKPS" SOURCE DOCUMENTS:**

**Silar family census documents 1870-1920;**

**NEW "DKPS" FAMILY PHOTOS / IMAGES:****NEW AND REVISED "DKPS" SPECIALTY PAGES:****NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES**

**U.S.A. Ancestral Locations:** Amherst Co., VA; Burlington Co., NJ; Carter Co., KY; Christian Co. KY; Floyd Co., KY; Hopkins Co., KY; Lancaster Co., VA; Middlesex Co., VA; Russell Co., VA;

**FRANCE Ancestral Locations:** Sarthe

**GERMANY Ancestral Locations:** Bergstrass; Lower Saxony; Main-Taunus

**UNITED KINGDOM Ancestral Locations:** Cambridgeshire; Surrey

**NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES**

**U.S.A. Image Archives:** Amherst Co., VA; Burlington Co., NJ; Carter Co., KY; Christian Co., KY; Floyd Co., KY; Hopkins Co., KY; Lancaster Co., VA; Middlesex Co., VA; Russell Co., VA;

**FRANCE Image Archives:** Sarthe

**GERMANY Image Archives:** Bergstrass; Main-Taunus

**UNITED KINGDOM Image Archives:** Cambridgeshire; Surrey

**"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES:**

**LIBRARY Table Of Contents Page:** General Reference & Location; United Kingdom Reference; United Kingdom Locations; USA Reference; USA Locations

**MIGRATION Table of Contents Page:** American Migration Routes; Braddock's Road; El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro; Mohawk Trail; Mohawk Turnpike; Northeastern US Migration Trails; Pennsylvania Road; Routes to the American Southwest; Routes to the Central Plains States; Routes to the North-Central Lakes Plains; Routes to the Southeastern Gulf Plains; Routes to Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia; Trails to the Pacific Coast; Trails to the Western Mountain States; Trans-Appalachian Migration Routes

**MILITARY Table of Contents Page:** 5th Virginia Cavalry (CSA); 87<sup>th</sup> Naval Const. Batt. (WWII); 110<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. (WWI);

**OTHER Pages:** **Bordentown H.S., NJ, 1941 Yearbook;** **Surname Locator Resources**

**"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES:**

**MIGRATION Image Galleries:** Braddock's Road; Bradshaw Trail; Burd's Road; Catskill Turnpike; El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro; Greenwood Road; Gist's Trace; Honeymoon Trail; Migration Routes to the Southwest; Mohawk Trail; Mojave Road; Northeastern US Migration Trails; Pennsylvania/Forbes Road; Santa Fe Trail; Temple Trail

**MILITARY Image Galleries:** 6<sup>th</sup> Special NCB (WWII); 87<sup>th</sup> NCB (WWII); 110<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. (WWI);

**OTHER Pages:** **Bordentown H.S., NJ, 1941 Yearbook**

**RESEARCH CONNECTIONS**

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created back in the Fall of 2006 its distribution list has tripled. Along the way I have interacted with many genealogists that have expressed an interest in one or more of the family lines contained within my DKPS Database at Roots Web. Because networking is a key to the success of any family historian I feel that it is important for this newsletter to help in making that connection. Below is a listing of several subscribers and the common family lines they are researching.

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*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

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Featured Databases	Matches	Vital Records	Matches
<a href="#">WorldConnect</a>	3,670	<a href="#">World War One Draft Index</a>	8
<a href="#">Social Security Death Index</a>	191	<a href="#">Pre-1920 Marriages</a>	1
<a href="#">Rootsweb Surname List</a>	8		
Vital Records	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
<a href="#">California Death Index</a>	22	<a href="#">Web Site Search</a>	403
<a href="#">Texas Death Index</a>	2	<a href="#">Alumni Lists</a>	1
<a href="#">Kentucky Death Index</a>	1	<a href="#">Newspaper Indexes</a>	1
<a href="#">Kentucky Marriage Index Husband</a>	2	<a href="#">Obituary Daily Times</a>	44

“Surname Search” features matches of a direct ancestral surname, from my database, found at RootsWeb.com(<http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>). Follow the links to information that may be useful and hopefully rekindle your own research into this family as well as other topics at RootsWeb. To see what information I have uncovered on this family follow the links to my Website at <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>, and Database at <http://tinyurl.com/4a2ck4>.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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