



Dellinger; Knecht; Pfeffer; Silar; and allied families



A Family History Newsletter

Genealogy is Hereditary

My ancestors did WHAT?

Genealogy is Hereditary

Welcome	Feature Article	News Of Interest To The Family Historian	News On Our "Family Tree"
What's New At The Website??	Research Connections	Surname Search	Contact Information

WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the SUMMER 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.

We 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 links to worthwhile websites for genetic research as well as sites useful for researching our European ancestors.

At the DKPS website, I've added over 100 new books to the *Genealogy Research Library*. The great majority of these address locations in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

This issue's feature article is the first of two pieces about the History of Lower Windsor Township of York County Pennsylvania. To add interest the names of ancestors have been incorporated where appropriate.

You are reminded to check out the Research Connections to see if anyone else is researching your family. The ULRICH 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 about my paternal family database at the *RootsWeb World Connect Project*, as well as recent happenings with regard to the DKPS website at *RootsWeb's Freepages*. A quarterly accounting of the database at RootsWeb shows the new direct ancestral family line of Gartner has been uncovered as well as the addition of 3 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

"You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing." ~ Pritchard

FEATURE ARTICLE

A Brief History of Lower Windsor Township – Part 1

Today [Lower Windsor Township](#) has a population of between seven and eight thousand. According to the United States Census Bureau, the township has a total area of 25.1 square miles all of it land. In addition to the primary communities of Yorkana and East Prospect the township also contains the hamlets of Leibhart's Corner, Long Level, Craley, Martinsville, Delroy, Margareta Furnace and Mt. Pisgah.

Lower Windsor Twp. was formed in 1838, by a division of Windsor Township, of which it formed a part for a period of eighty years. Lower Windsor is bounded on



the north by Hellam, on the east by the Susquehanna River, on the south by Chanceford and on the west by Windsor. It slopes gently eastward, and is drained by various small tributaries of the Susquehanna. The farming land contained in much of the township is very valuable, and there are still tracts of excellent woodland.

The valley which extends across the entire township in an east and west direction, is fertile with historical associations to the colonial period, and the times of the first settlements west of the Susquehanna. It was originally called the Conojohela Valley, a beautiful Native-American name the meaning of which has been lost over time. During the 19th century the name was corrupted into "Canadocholy". Today we see this used in reference to the Canadocholy Church near the community of East Prospect. It was to this valley that some of the first "squatters" on the west side of the Susquehanna located, and were driven to the east side of the river by the Provincial authorities, before the time of authorized settlements, in 1736. Among these "squatters" may have been my great-grandfather [Jacob Dellinger](#) who arrived in Philadelphia in 1733. When he came to the area west of the Susquehanna he settled on land in William Penn's [Springettsbury Manor](#), but because it was a manor he could not get a patent for the land which he occupied. The first property record discovered for Jacob is his warrant for land in 1762 when Springettsbury Manor was formally surveyed. This would have been his first step in obtaining a patent or deed from the sons of William Penn who were the Proprietors of the Colony of Pennsylvania. This warrant # 52 dated 31 May 1762, survey D63-231 was

for 100 acres from the Penn Family.

Most of the first settlers of Lower Windsor Township were Germans, and the first religious services were held in their native tongue, in the homes of the well-to-do pioneers, and conducted by missionaries. These people, before they left the "Old World", were members either of the Lutheran or German Reformed Church. The early Dellinger families were members of this Lutheran Church. The Dellinger name first appears in the [Canadochly Church](#) records in 1755. Jacob and his wife are also shown as sponsors for Maria Barbara Hermann on 15 May 1758 at the Canadochly congregation service.

The Lutheran and German Reformed congregations, in 1763, joined together in the erection of a house of worship. The whole community assisted in building it, and no one, except the joiner, received any pay for his work. The church was dedicated in 1764. The building lasted for thirty-six years when it was resolved, in 1801 to build a new brick church. A committee was appointed consisting of Michael Kauffelt, and my great-grandfather [Anthony Keller](#) representing the Lutherans, with Conrad Leber and General Jacob Dritt for the Reformed group. It wasn't until 1835 that the Rev. Jonathan Oswald introduced English preaching gradually until one-half of the services were conducted in that language.

The present Canadochly Church was built in 1867. It is located in Delroy on a beautiful site, with an extended view over a large scope of the country-side. On the east side of the church is the cemetery. It is



here that my great-grandparents [George J. Silar](#) and his wife [Ida M. Dellinger](#) were laid to rest. Farther down the sloping hill and across Canadochly Road is the old graveyard where silently sleep many of the early inhabitants of the Conojohela Valley. The faintly visible names and inscriptions on the headstones are craved into the stones in their native German tongue.

Lower Windsor Township to be continued in the next issue, (Fall 2009), of this Newsletter.

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 have taken the time to sort through them to bring us the best. As a result they have recently identified the following worthwhile websites:

Best Sites for "Continental" Researchers**

[Danish Demographic Database](http://DanishDemographicDatabase.com) - Use the nearly 400,000 records in the emigration database, covering 1868 to 1908, to locate Denmark relatives. Then follow them in census records, containing nearly 13 million names as far back as 1769.

[Digitalarkivet](http://Digitalarkivet.no) - Originally home to 1801, 1865, 1875 and 1900 Norwegian censuses, this national archives site is expanding to eventually encompass 1.85 million pages from nearly 11,000 parish records—the most important family research tools in Norway.

[Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies](http://FederationofEasternEuropeanFamilyHistorySocieties.com) - This site is home to resource guides, maps and databases making it a good starting point for researching 14 Eastern and Central European nations and ethnicities.

[Genlias](http://Genlias.com) - Going Dutch takes on a new meaning thanks to this enviable database of nearly 45 million names extracted from some 10.8 million civil register records. New here are statement of succession records (inheritance declarations used to calculate death duties) dating from 1808.

[Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names Online](http://GettyThesaurusofGeographicNamesOnline.com) - Stumped by European place names? This guide to more than 900,000 places in Europe and around the world covers current and historic geography.

*** These sites are for ancestors from Europe. If the homeland you are looking for isn't covered here, check [WorldGenWeb](http://WorldGenWeb.com).*

Best for Websites for Genetic Researchers

[GeneTree](http://GeneTree.com) < <http://www.genetree.com/>>, This innovative site, still in beta, 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.

[MitoSearch](http://MitoSearch.com) <<http://www.mitosearch.org>>

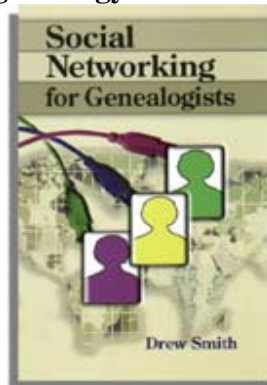
These sibling databases from Family Tree DNA let you search for Y-DNA or mtDNA matches no matter whom you tested with. At Family Tree DNA's site, you can see if your surname is among the 74,355 in the company's client database.

[Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation](http://SorensonMolecularGenealogyFoundation.com)

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. Website at: <http://www.smgf.org/>

New Ground-Breaking Book

Do you know the difference between a wiki and a wooky? Do you think My Space is just for kids? Have you been on We're Related? Do you know how these and other social networking sites can enhance your genealogy research?



You will find out if you read the ground-breaking new book [Social Networking for Genealogists](http://SocialNetworkingforGenealogists.com), by online genealogy authority Drew Smith. This book describes how the wide array of social networking services now available online are transforming genealogy by way of blogs, message boards

& mailing lists, podcasts, RSS feeds, wikis, genealogy-specific social networks, and much more. Priced at \$18.95, [Social Networking for Genealogists](http://SocialNetworkingforGenealogists.com) packs more genealogical punch into its 129 pages than any other book of its size.

New Web Site Ready to Launch

[MyGenShare](http://MyGenShare.com), a free Web site where you can get and share knowledge-based genealogy articles, podcasts and videos, is set to launch in the near future. You can sign up to get an e-mail when the launch happens.

FamilySearch Adds Alabama Death Index and More

New records on the free [FamilySearch record search pilot site](#) include a statewide death index for Alabama with more than 1.8 million names dating from 1908 to 1974. Note this is an index; the database doesn't contain record images.

As FamilySearch digitizes records, webmasters often add the images before the indexes are completed. You won't be able to search such

collections for a name until the index is added, but you still can browse the record images.

To browse, click the region of interest in the map on the [pilot site home page](#). You'll see a listing of collections by country; click the collection title you want. Next, choose from the subcategories (which might be counties, dates, or alphabetical ranges—it depends how the records are organized).

New Changes to Navigation Features at Ancestry.com



Genealogy subscription site [Ancestry.com](#) changed its main navigation feature in an effort to make the site quicker and easier to get around.

The changes don't look huge, but you'll probably really appreciate them if you use the site much at all. Above is the new navigation bar.

One good new feature was added to the search tab. In stead of clicking the Search tab on the home page and then waiting for the page to load so you can click more until you get to the database you want, now you just hover over the Search tab for a drop-down menu of most-used databases—including the census.

The Family trees drop-down menu gives you quick

links to your own trees, to start a new tree and to upload a GEDCOM. Under Collaborate (the former Community area), you'll find links to the World Archives project, message board, member directory and your public profile. Learning Center options include getting started steps, the Ancestry.com blog and FAQs.

The DNA, Publish and Shop buttons don't have drop-down menus. Click these to go to, respectively, Ancestry DNA, My Canvas and the Ancestry.com store. Buttons for your to-do list and quick links are now in the top right corner of every page.

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.



A 'FAMILY TREE' GROWS AT ROOTSWEB



Gartner, surname added to the *Dellinger; Knecht; Pfeffer; Silar* (DKPS) Database

An updated version of the database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **3** new records have been added over the past three months. We now have information on **1,733** 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

Are You Researching Scotch-Irish Ancestors From Northern Ireland? More Pennsylvania and New Jersey Books Added To Our Library

Nine new and revised surname pages have been added to the DKPS Home Page at: <http://tinyurl.com/46qxlr>. The new and revised pages now have an expanded section on the ORIGINS OF THE SURNAME which now includes more information about the meaning and history of the name as well as names of some immigrants to North America who have the surname or variant.

If you're looking for a county history or church records you may find it in our Library. During the past three months I've been concentrating upon the expansion of books in our [Genealogy Research Library](#) that pertain to Pennsylvania and New Jersey. As a result the library has 66 volumes that cover county histories and records, and 34 books that address the histories and records of a many towns and churches in Pennsylvania. The New Jersey collection numbers 36 books about county histories and records, in addition to 23 volumes that address local histories and records. Most of these books are fully searchable and can be downloaded to your computer.

Over the past three months over 20 new web pages and corresponding images have been created and added at to our [Ancestral Locations](#) sub-site located at:

<http://tinyurl.com/5rcafV>. If you are researching any Swiss or German ancestors you may find our new pages on both locations to be informative.

Readers who have an interest in [Historic American Roads And Migration Routes](#) should take a look at the new updates and revisions at the pages which address (1) Routes to the North-Central Lakes Plains, and (2) Routes to Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia.

Because we usually update this site 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 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](#): Bannheurs; Chateau(Schatto); Dellinger; Forster; Gamer; Gardner; Haas; Klein; Schaffer

NEW "DKPS" SOURCE DOCUMENTS:

[DKPS Source Document Galleries](#): 1850 & 1860 Census of Michael Arnold (b. circa 1828); 1850 & 1860 Census of Michael Arnold (b. circa 1833);

NEW "DKPS" FAMILY PHOTOS / IMAGES:

[DKPS Heritage Image Galleries](#):

NEW AND REVISED "DKPS" SPECIALTY PAGES:

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES

U.S.A. Ancestral Locations: Anson Co., NC; Augusta Co., VA; Duplin Co., NC; Georgia; Greene Co., GA; Idaho; Iowa; Jackson Co., GA; Missouri; Pennsylvania

FRANCE Ancestral Locations: Bas-Rhin Departement; Eure Departement; France (Country);

GERMANY Ancestral Locations: Hesse (State); Reutlingen (District);

SWITZERLAND Ancestral Locations: Berne (Canton; Switzerland (Country);

UNITED KINGDOM Ancestral Locations: Antrim, NI; Down, NI; Lincolnshire, England; Londonderry, NI; Northern Ireland

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

U.S.A. Image Archives: Anson Co., NC; Duplin Co., NC; Greene Co., GA; Jackson Co., GA;

FRANCE Image Archives: Bas-Rhin Departement; Eure Departement;

GERMANY Image Archives: Reutlingen District;

SWITZERLAND Image Archives: Swarzenburg

UNITED KINGDOM Image Archives: Antrim, NI; Down, NI; Lincolnshire, England; Londonderry, NI

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES:

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

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Catskill Turnpike; Chicago Road; King's Highway(MA/SC); State Road; Fall Line Road; Routes to the North-Central Lakes Plains; Routes to the Southwest; Routes to Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia

MILITARY Table of Contents Page: 2nd NJ Regiment, 10 VA Regiment (Revolutionary War); 2nd VA Cavalry, 5th VA Cavalry, 187th PA Inf. Regiment (Civil War); 110th Inf. Regiment (WWI); 6th Special NCB, 87th NCB (WWII);

OTHER Pages: [Surname Locator Resources](#)

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

MIGRATION Image Galleries: Carolina Road; Chicago Road; El Camino Real De Los Tejas; Gulf States (general maps); Fall Line Road; Federal Road; Great Indian Warpath; Great Wagon Road; Jackson's Military Road; King's Highway(MA/SC); Mackinac Trail; Natchez Trace; National Road; North Central Lakes Plains (general maps); Old Alabama Road; Old Michigan Road; Old San Antonio Road; Routes to VA, the Carolinas & GA (general maps); San Antonio-Laredo Road; Southwest Trail; State Road; Trails of Tears

MILITARY Image Galleries: 2nd VA Cavalry (Rosters of Field Officers, Staff, Company K); 6th Special NCB (WWII);

OTHER Pages:

RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created back in the Fall of 2006 its distribution list has grown significantly. 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.

Who	Researching Surname(s)	Who	Researching Surname(s)
Debbie Quinlan dgpeds@hughes.net	John Keller (d.1802)	Melissa Fitzkee Mzfitz40@aol.com	Ilges
Marie Shaffer marieshaffer@verizon.net	Shaffer, Shaver	Jim Gilbert jimgil@ptd.net	Gilbert, (DNA Project)

Guy B. Frick gfrick@kns.com	Pfeffer, Knauf	Erika Leiberknecht enl113@psu.edu	Leiberknecht
Roger Dellinger radellinger@argothor.net	Dellinger	Patricia Baron p2e7b5@texasbb.com	Knecht
Monica Lacy ironduck2000@yahoo.com	Margaretha Bard. b. 1824, Hesse Darm, Prussia, m. Augustin Meyer	Sivia Neublum sneublum@uol.com.br	Mildenberg
Edleen Garrett Rodriguez esgr60@msn.com	Benjamin F. Arnold b. 1858 Chanceford Twp.		

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

ULRICH

Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
WorldConnect	34,566	Web Site Search	16,688
Social Security Death Index	6,691	Swedish Records	9
Rootsweb Surname List	100	Australia and New Zealand Records	6
Vital Records	Matches	Alumni Lists	26
California Death Index	752	Book Indexes	51
Texas Death Index	183	Cemetery Listings	55
Kentucky Death Index	120	Census Records	22
Kentucky Marriage Index Husband	43	BLM/GRO Land Records	48
Kentucky Marriage Index Wife	42	Naturalization Records	3
Maine Death Index	2	Obituaries	19
South Dakota Birth Index	12	Plat Records	3
World War One Draft Index	31	POW/MIA Records	2
Early Death Records	60	Military Records	8
Pre-1920 Marriages	38	Newspaper Indexes	117
Pre-1920 Births	6	Utah State Archives	1
		Professional, Society, Religious Groups	2
		Obituary Daily Times	1,943

“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

Dellinger, Knecht, Pfeffer, Silar, and allied families” is a family-history newsletter published quarterly by Frederick G. Siler, 889 Dante Court, Mantua, New Jersey 08051. It is available both in print and online. Print copies may be obtained through written correspondence that includes a SASE. The online version is sent as an attachment to an email message. Issues are also posted into my DKPS Newsletter Archives at <http://tinyurl.com/3vnd3b>. Submissions of articles, photos, documents, etc., are strongly encouraged. Please email to silrem@comcast.net.

Someday you'll be an Ancestor too!

