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*A Family History Newsletter*

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## WELCOME

*Hello Everyone;*

Welcome to the **Fall 2009** issue of the *Dellinger, Knecht, Pfeffer, Silar (DKPS)* family newsletter. I've included you on my mailing list because you are someone who shares a common interest of searching for information on the surnames associated with my paternal family line. I hope that some of the topics addressed within this newsletter will assist you with your genealogical endeavors.

This issue's **Feature Article** is the second 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.

**News of Interest to the Family Historian** contains links to worthwhile FREE websites for Internet Researchers. Also there is news about the new and improved features in the 2010 version of the Family Tree Maker software.

A quarterly accounting of the **DKPS Database** at the *RootsWeb WorldConnect Project* indicates the addition of one new direct ancestral family line as well as 42 new individual records.

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

You are reminded to check out the **Research Connections** to see if anyone else is researching your family or a similar surname.

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

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

*Fred Siler*

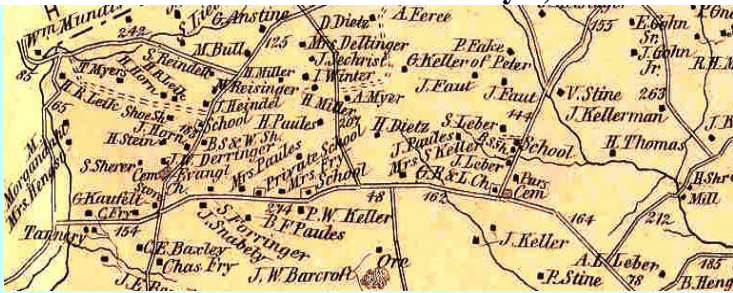
## A QUOTE TO NOTE

*We all grow up with the weight of history on us. Our ancestors dwell in the attics of our brains as they do in the spiraling chains of knowledge hidden in every cell of our bodies. ~Shirley Abbott*

## FEATURE ARTICLE

### A Brief History of Lower Windsor Township – Part 2

The community of Yorkkana is located about three miles west of the Canadochly Church on the York and East Prospect Road, now Route 124 and seven miles distant from the city of York. This place was originally called “Kauffelt’s Store”, and for nearly one hundred years went by that name. It was a center of interest of interest and importance in the township for more than a century. Kauffelt’s Store was the place for the annual muster and battalion parade in the days when the local militia was of great importance. Early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century two men one named Miller and the other Jacobs, each platted a town here. One place was called Millerstown and the other Jacobstown. Miller succeeded in selling a few lots, and a small collection of houses in the vicinity was for many years given the name of Millerstown. During the later half of the 1800’s the town took on the name of Yorkkana. My grandparents George J. Silar and Ida M. Dellinger were married at Yorkkana on February 7, 1892.



The 1876 atlas of York county shows Yorkkana as a busy community with Kauffelt’s Store, the Tannery (Beard’s Tannery), a Shoe Store, the Evangelical Church, a School, and numerous residences of families such as Dellinger, Keller, and Gohn.

Two important historical sites that lie within the area known as Yorkkana are the sites of Beard’s Tannery, and the Evangelical Church. Beard’s Tannery was the last of such enterprises to be located in Lower Windsor Township. Started during the first decade of the 1800’s, it was located just beyond the stream called, “the head of Kreutz Creek,” on the road from York to East Prospect. The bark used in the tanning process was from the chestnut and oak trees in the adjoining woods. The original Evangelical Church was a framed building built in 1867. On January 14, 1893, the old Yorkkana church was destroyed by fire, and a new building was built across the road in the same year. The current building of Christ Church was

dedicated in 1961.

At the base of the Conojohela Valley, located on a charmingly beautiful spot, stands the borough of East Prospect. It is two miles from the Susquehanna River and eleven miles from York, on what was referred to in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as the York and Dritt’s Ferry Road. Today this is Route 124 called Maple Street within the borough. John A. Jacobs laid out the town in 1849. The first house was owned by William E. Oleweiler. The early inhabitants were undecided as to what name to give to the town until Prospect was thought of. Since there was already a town in Butler County called Prospect the name East Prospect was selected. The town was incorporated in 1874. Main Street running north and south was the first to be built up with new homes and businesses. The other primary road in town is Maple Street, which runs east and west. During the early days of the town George Kise kept a dry goods store. Also at that time there were several other stores and a hotel in the town in addition to several companies in the business of manufacturing cigars. At the turn of the 20th century Lower Windsor Township farms were producing a large tobacco crop, and about 100,000 cigars were made daily in factories in East Prospect and around the township.

The Zion United Methodist Church (originally Lower Zion’s Evangelical Church) is located in the center of the village, is a well designed stone structure.



A short distance to the northeast on a small hill overlooking the town center is Riverview Cemetery. A charter was granted in 1868 and it was laid out soon thereafter. Many of the Silar family are buried here including my 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grand parents George W. Silar, Sr. and his wife Mattie (Gilbert) Silar, he in 1881 and she in 1890. Their son, my great-great grandfather William Henry Silar is known to have resided in East Prospect until his death in 1915 and is also buried at the cemetery along with his wife Sarah (Hayes) Siler who passed away in 1917.

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In addition to the aforementioned Zion's Church there are four other historical churches of note within the area of East Prospect Borough. North Trinity Church, no longer in existence, was located about three miles northeast of East Prospect on the road leading to Wrightsville.

The Ebenezer Church is located three miles southeast of East Prospect at Long Level along the Susquehanna River. It was built in 1872 and is a 40 foot by 60 foot brick structure. At the front of this church is a monument



dedicated to veterans of the two World Wars that includes many local family names such as Axe, Blouse, Leiphart, Oleweiler, Reisinger, Silar, and Smeltzer. Among the dozen or so gravestones behind the church is that of Mary Elizabeth Silar who died in 1885 at the early age of 17 years. The Salem Church was originally built in 1840. It is situated five miles south of East Prospect, near the border with Chanceford Township, and about a mile south of Martinsville. There is a very old cemetery nearby. The new church was rebuilt in 1880. The Margaretta Church, which is no longer in existence, was built, under the auspices of the Presbyterian denomination, when the furnace under Henry Y. Slaymaker was in its prosperity. Slaymaker had the wood frame church constructed around 1834, for his employees.

The Lower Windsor Fire Insurance Company was organized in 1879, In 1886 the board of directors was comprised of Joseph Gilbert, Gerard C. Brown, Samuel

Burg, Henry Burg, H.H. Sprenkle, Henry Thomas, Rudolph Neiman, John Tschoop, J. Lieberknecht, Samuel Libhart, and Jacob Leber. The current fire protection unit now called the East Prospect Fire Company was formed in 1907 and provides coverage for much of Lower Windsor Township.

During the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the local iron works were of great importance to the economy of Lower Windsor Township. Margaretta Furnace and Woodstock Forge were both located near where the town on East Prospect now stands. The furnace was built by Samuel Slaymaker, of Lancaster, in 1823, and put into operation in 1825 by his nephews Henry Y. and S. Slaymaker who succeeded in their ownership and began a large business. They utilized a good quality of native ore, in the immediate vicinity, was used and a good pig iron was made. Soon a foundry named Woodstock Forge was erected, in 1828, about one and a half miles east on Cabin Branch Creek, so named because the Indians had built cabins along the creek near the Susquehanna river. It was probably the lure of employment at this foundry that brought John Frederick Siler, a blacksmith by trade, to this part of York County. Two of his son's George W. and Henry also worked here as blacksmiths. John Frederick is identified as the head blacksmith in tax records between 1831 and 1836. It appears that his son Henry succeeded him in that position in 1837. At the foundry, a large number of ten-plate stoves were made as well as iron kettles, skillets, and various kinds of hollow ware. Henry Y. Slaymaker conducted the business alone for a number of years. Although he was very popular with his employees the business did not bring in the revenue needed to keep it going. The Slaymaker Iron Works operation eventually went out of business in 1843.

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

### Speed Up Ancestry.com Searches with These Hot Keys

Feel like you're browsing your Ancestry.com search results in slow motion? Speed things up by using these keyboard shortcuts:

- r: refine the current search

- n: start a new search
- p: show first record preview
- <: show previous record preview

*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).*

## Worthwhile Research Tips and Websites

Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related Web sites popping up? The folks at FamilyTreeMagazine <<http://tinyurl.com/re5ryu>> have taken the time to sort through them to bring us the best. As a result they have recently identified the following worthwhile websites:

### **Best FREE Web-sites for Internet Researchers**

**Access Genealogy** <<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/>>

Besides oodles of links, this portal also serves up census, vital, immigration, cemetery and military records; plus biographies and such Native American essentials as the 1880 Cherokee census and the Final Rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes (aka the Dawes Rolls).

**Ancestry Insider** <<http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com/>>

- Keep up with the latest in online research—especially the doings at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch—with this unofficial, unauthorized, must-read site.

**Bible Records Online** <<http://www.biblerecords.com/>>

Who says you have to venture to some musty attic or repository to research in family Bibles? Not Tracy St. Claire, who rescues old Bibles and digitizes them for all to see—1,158 to date, covering 3,469 surnames.

**DistantCousin.com** <<http://www.distantcousin.com/>>

A grab bag of newspaper obituaries, city directories, census records, ship lists, school yearbooks, military records and other resources, DistantCousin dishes out more than 6 million records from 1,500-plus sources.

**Diigo** <<http://www.diigo.com/>>

Though not targeted specifically at genealogists, Diigo—short for "Digest of Internet Information, Groups and Other Stuff"—can be a powerful companion to your Web research. Use it to highlight and annotate parts of Web pages, not only for your own future reference, but to share with fellow researchers. Diigo works right inside your favorite browser.

**Find a Grave** <<http://www.findagrave.com/>>

Who needs to go tromping around graveyards when you have this easy-to-search site, which makes it easy to, well, dig into graves? You can make quick progress finding not only ancestors' final resting places but also their birth and death dates, transcribed from tombstones, among the 22 million records here.

**Shared Tree** <<http://www.sharedtree.com/>>

As long as you're on the Web, why not keep your family tree there, too? This free online application is a shade more sophisticated than the alternatives. There's nothing to download, it's GEDCOM compatible, files have no size limit, and you can collaborate with fellow researchers in real time.

**FamilySearch Labs** <<http://www.familysearchlabs.org/>>

If the FamilySearch Web site is old hat to you already, check out this "lab" where you can preview the next generation of the site as well cool tools that the brains behind it are developing. An accompanying blog lets you give feedback on these works in progress.

## Family Tree Maker 2010 Released

Depicting your family's story in a meaningful way appears to be the focus of updates to Family Tree Maker 2010, recently released from Ancestry.com.

New and improved features of this well-liked genealogy software is billed as helping you create a family tree faster, easier, and better than ever before.

More specifically, the updates include:

- Enhanced integration with Ancestry.com - Import your Ancestry.com family tree, along with attached photos.
- Improved organization - Enjoy new ways to organize photos and other media.
- Slideshows - Create slideshows from photos in your tree.
- Family books - Publish beautiful keepsakes and books to share with friends and family.
- Standard source templates - Cite the right information every time.

- A new person view - View relationships within the context of your entire family tree.
- Scanner support - Add photos directly from your scanner.
- Family migration paths - View timelines and interactive maps highlighting events and places in your ancestors' lives.
- Better Performance - Experience faster load times and navigation.

See an overview and screenshots of Family Tree Maker 2010 at <http://tinyurl.com/pbooha>. You can purchase it online for \$39.95 (includes a two-week Ancestry.com trial subscription); shipping is free for a limited time. Apparently Ancestry is NOT offering a lower-price version for 2009 users looking to upgrade, which was a practice that they committed to in the past.



# Database Updates



## *Dellinger; Knecht; Pfeffer; Silar (DKPS) Database Now at Ancestry.com*

You will now find our family trees at the *Ancestry.com* website. One is named Ancestors of Sherman R. Silar and contains the records of **1,233** persons. The other tree is Ancestors of Florence E. Pfeffer with **57** records.

An updated version of the database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at *RootsWeb.com*. **42** new records have been added over the past three months. We now have information on **1,775** persons.

Since the databases are 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 either 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 **Database at Roots.web** click on the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/4hbsrt>. You may also access our family tree by going to: <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>.

The two **Databases at Ancestry.com** are located at the Home Page <http://www.ancestry.com/> in the "Search" pull-down button under "Public Member Trees".

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*

#### War Veterans Home Page Updated

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>.

Over the past three months 11 new and revised surname pages, and one source document have been uploaded to the **DKPS Subsite**. To promote easier access to the "Source Document Archives" all Microsoft Word pages have been converted to the more universal PDF format.

18 new web pages and corresponding images have been created and added at to our **Ancestral Locations** sub-site. If you are researching any Scottish or English ancestors you may find our new pages and corresponding galleries to be informative. We've also completed pages for all of our ancestral locations in Missouri. In addition, a better quality

Plat Map for Maries County, Missouri has been added to the Image Gallery.

The scope and volume of the various subsites created for our **Special Topics** continued to increase since the last issue of this newsletter. If you're currently researching a particular U.S. State / County or U.K. Shire take a look at our Genealogy Reference Library for a history or records for that locality. 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. 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 the Oregon, and De Anza trails. Also the Mormon Trail and other routes to the Western Mountain States. Our War Veterans sub-site has basic accounts about each of the eleven most important American war periods in which our ancestors may have participated. Links within the text will provide the researcher with additional insight regarding the key aspects of each conflict.

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Revisions have also been accomplished upon some **Other** web pages. Our Genealogy Research Tool-Kit page which now includes "A Guide to Genealogy Acronyms". "Map a Surname has been added to our Surname Locator & Surname Resources.

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**

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

**SURNAME INDEX:** Gilbert; Gossner; Hauer; Haug; Hayes; Jacobs; Katterman; Keiffer; Klein; Kohler; Schaeffer

**SOURCE DOCUMENTS:** Johannes Gilbert, Shirley, 1751 Passenger List

**FAMILY PHOTOS / IMAGES:**

### **NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES**

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

**UNITED STATES:** Adams Co., PA; Benton Co., AR; Colorado USA; Gasconade Co., MO; Harrison Co., OH; Lewis Co., MO; Louisiana USA; Maine USA; Massachusetts USA; Missouri USA; North Carolina USA; Osage Co., MO

**GERMANY:** Baden-Wurttemberg; Karlsruhe District; Rhein-Neckar District;

**UNITED KINGDOM:** Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Morayshire, Scotland; Wiltshire, England

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

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

**UNITED STATES:** Gasconade Co., MO; Lewis Co., MO; Maries Co., MO Osage Co., MO

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

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

**GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY:** General Reference & Location; United Kingdom Reference; United Kingdom Locations; USA Reference; USA Locations

**HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES:** DeAnza Trail; Mormon Trail; Oregon Trail; Trail to the Western U.S. States

**RESEARCHING OUR WAR VETERANS:** Researching Our War Veterans; 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Cavalry (Civil War); 12<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Infantry Regt. (Civil War); 6<sup>th</sup> Special Naval construction Battalion (WW2)

**OTHER:** Our Genealogy Research Tool-Kit; Our Surname Locator & Surname Resources;

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

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**HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES:** Cherokee Trail; Goodale's Cutoff; Goodnight-Loving Trail; Leavenworth & Pike's Peak Express; Mormon Trail; Old Arizona Road; Trapper's Trail; Trails to the Western Mountain States; Whitman Trail

**MILITARY Image Galleries:** 6<sup>th</sup> Special Naval construction Battalion (WW2); 12<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Infantry Regt. (Civil War); 110<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. (WWI)

**OTHER:**

## RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Since the first issue of this newsletter 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 RootsWeb. 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)
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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

### BARTH

Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
WorldConnect	22,400	Alumni Lists	54
Social Security Death Index	5,942	Book Indexes	141
Rootsweb Surname List	99	Canadian Records	1
<b>Vital Records</b>	<b>Matches</b>	Cemetery Listings	272
California Death Index	620	Census Records	153
Texas Death Index	164	Church Records	7
Kentucky Death Index	152	BLM/GRO Land Records	26
Kentucky Marriage Index Husband	63	Naturalization Records	10
Kentucky Marriage Index Wife	48	Obituaries	54
Maine Death Index	4	Plat Records	2
South Dakota Birth Index	15	POW/MIA Records	2
World War One Draft Index	20	British, UK and Ireland Data	23
Early Death Records	107	Atlas/Gazetteer Listings	9
Pre-1920 Marriages	104	Military Records	12
Pre-1920 Births	7	Newspaper Indexes	168
<b>Other Searches</b>	<b>Matches</b>	One-Name Studies	3
Web Site Search	6,339	Tax and Voter Lists	1
Swedish Records	10	Utah State Archives	7
Australia and New Zealand Records	78	Professional, Society, Religious Groups	6
		Obituary Daily Times	1,538

“Surname Search” features matches of a direct ancestral surname from my database to records that can be found at RootsWeb.com(<http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>). At the Rootsweb Home Page type this or any other surname and 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 surname follow the links to my website at <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>, and database at <http://tinyurl.com/4hbsrt>.

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