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A Family History Newsletter

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My ancestors did WHAT?

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WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the **Fall 2010** 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 about my Attig, Bannheurs, Boyer, and Clements ancestors. This is the first part of an ongoing series of articles about my "brick wall families".

See the **News of Interest to the Family Historian** section for an article about family activities for October which is Family History Month. We've also included an article about "TinyURL" a worthwhile addition to your genealogy tool-kit.

A quarterly accounting of the **DKPS Database** at the *RootsWeb WorldConnect Project* indicates the addition of 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 **Beissel** 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 Silar

A QUOTE TO NOTE

To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root.

FEATURE ARTICLE

My Brick Wall Families, Part 1: Attig; Bannheurs; Boyer; Clements

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 be 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 e-mail to one of my genealogists 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 "one generation" 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.

ATTIG

Very little is currently known regarding my Attig family line other than they probably originated in the Hessen area of Germany. My 7th great-grandmother Anna Margaretha Attig lived during the 18th century. She married Johan Stephan Abel and likely lived her entire life in Germany. Although not proven Anna could be the daughter of Johann Adam Attig, born 1677 at Balzenbach, Hessen, Germany. As such she could also be the sister of Johann Peter Attig born 1705 who migrated to America in 1736.

BANNHEURS

The only ancestor known of this lineage is my 12th great-grandmother Maria Bannheurs. Maria was probably born circa 1555 in that area of present day Germany now known as the state of Baden-Wurttemberg. Sometime before 1580 she married Hans Haas. Of this union one child is known to have been born. Maria died in 1594 and probably lived out the remainder of her days in or near the town of Eningen. My lineage continues through Maria Hasen (Haas) the daughter of Maria Banheurs. Maria was born in the village of Dettingen an der Erms which is located about 6 kilometers from the aforementioned Eningen. As such it is quite probable that the family of Hans and Maria (Bannheurs) Haas lived in Dettingen an der Erms and their death events are reflected in the records of the Eningen Parish which may have included both communities.

BOYER

My 6th great-grandmother Maria Catherine Boyer was born in Germany in 1734. She most likely migrated to America with her parents and then married Johan George Abel in Pennsylvania around 1765. She was married to Johan George Abel for at least 20 years as her last child Jacob Abel was born in 1785 when Maria Catherine was 51 years old. She then married Joseph "Joshua" Dellinger in 1794. She was 60 years old when this event occurred. Catherine Dellinger's Will was

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written 8 May 1817 in Hellman Twp., York County, Pennsylvania. The Will probated on 5 May 1820 mentions her daughter Margaret Abel who married Frederick Pfaff (*Poff*). Also mentioned within this document were her sons George Abel, my 5th great-grandfather; Peter Abel; and John Abel, as well as her daughter Catherine Abel, who married Abraham Sharer (*Sherrer*).

CLEMENT

Catherine Clement was born in Germany in 1845. In 1871 she emigrated to the United States. Catherine began her voyage to the United States in the German city of Bremen where she boarded the steamship "Donau". She was probably traveling alone as there were no other members of the Clement family listed as passengers. She arrived in the port of New York on November 25, 1871. Catherine married Frederick Pfeffer on May 15, 1872. This event occurred less than

six months after she had arrived in America. As such it is most probable that Catherine and Frederick had known each other in Germany and were even engaged to be married. Catherine produced a total of eight children. Her first-born was Frederick L., my great-grandfather, who arrived in 1875. Catherine became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1878. Twins George and Otto were born in November 1886. Catherine was 45 years old when she had her last child, Herman, in 1891.

After her husband Frederick died around 1906 she and her son George went to live with the family of her daughter Elizabeth May (Pfeffer) Knauf in Camden, New Jersey. In 1920 she continued to live in the Knauf household then located in the Westmont section of Haddon Township, New Jersey. Catherine probably lived with her daughter's family for the remainder of her life. It is believed that Catherine died in Camden County, New Jersey around 1939.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

October is Family History Month

October is Family History Month, a time when we and our families should celebrate our family heritage. This means sharing information about our ancestors and commemorating their lives and accomplishments. Most of all, this should be a family affair, and with that in mind, I would like to suggest a project for you and your family for Family History Month.

Family photographs are excellent reminders of people, times, and events. Most of us, however, probably have loads of loose photographs in boxes or drawers that need to be labeled and organized. A great project for Family History Month involves getting your family together, sitting down with your photographs, and working together to organize them. Find a place where you can spread out your materials—make sure it accommodates the group. Examine photographs, and label them as appropriate. Passing around the photographs and sharing stories about the people, places, and events helps involve everyone in the project.

Discuss and agree upon an organizational scheme that allows you to sort the photographs and then place them in some order. This project may take several sittings, depending on the number of photographs you have. However, it can be an enjoyable experience for every member of the family, and it can also promote good preservation skills for everyone.



An event such as the photograph project is a great way for involving your family and celebrating Family History Month and it is as relevant now as they ever were. Family and family values are timeless, as every genealogist knows. With a little work, like this newsletter, we can start a groundswell, grass-roots effort to celebrate family and all that is right with it. I hope you will join "the family."

“TinyURL” a Worthwhile Addition to Your Genealogy Tool-Kit

Are you sick of posting URLs in emails only to have it break when sent causing the recipient to have to cut and paste it back together? Then you've come to the right place. By entering in a URL in the text field below, we will create a tiny URL that *will not break in email postings and never expires*.

[Here is an example](#)

Turn this URL:

http://www.amazon.com/Kindle-Wireless-Reading-Display-Globally/dp/B003FSUDM4/ref=amb_link_353259562_2?pf_rd_m=ATVPDKIK_X0DER&pf_rd_s=center-10&pf_rd_r=11EYKTN682A79T370AM3&pf_rd_t=201&pf_rd_p=1270985982&pf_rd_i=B002Y27P3M

into this TinyURL: <http://tinyurl.com/KindleWireless>

Which one would you rather cut and paste into your browser? That's the power of TinyURL!

Enter a long URL to make tiny:

Custom alias (optional):

<http://tinyurl.com/>

May contain letters, numbers, and dashes.

FROM THE EDITOR: We have been using TinyURL for many years in the creation of this newsletter. If you quickly browse through this issue you can readily see where we've taken advantage of this worthwhile publishing tool. And most importantly it is FREE.

Best FREE Web-sites for U.S. Researchers

Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related Web sites popping up? The folks at [FamilyTreeMagazine](http://FamilyTreeMagazine.com) <<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:

Florida Memory Project Indexes link to digitized originals Spanish land grants, Confederate pension applications and WWI service cards. The Florida Photographic Collection at <http://tinyurl.com/27nnwep> shows off the state's past in 143,000 online images.

Massachusetts Archives - at <http://tinyurl.com/2pdpfs> The star attractions here are the index to vital records (1841 to 1910) and the in-progress database that will index more than 1 million immigrants through the port of Boston from 1848 to 1891.

Maine State Archives < <http://tinyurl.com/2bxlc6a> >

A new interactive feature lets you search online databases such as the marriage index (1892 to 1967 and 1976 to 1996), then order copies of the records you find. Don't miss the primer on Maine genealogy or the link to the Maine Memory Network www.mainememory.net, which holds more than 12,000 pieces of history from 180-plus museum and other archives.

Making of America: University of Michigan and Cornell University - These tandem sites serve up more than 4.7 million pages from historic books and journals chronicling America's story. Recent additions include 99 volumes about New York City and many titles about the Civil War. You'll find the search engine on the Cornell University site at <http://tinyurl.com/29xp9a7>.

New Land and Revolutionary War Records at Ancestry.com

U.S. County Land Ownership Maps, 1860–1918



Find your ancestor in this collection of maps and you'll get a good look at the old homestead, or even the city block. Maps include drawn outlines of individual plats, each with the property owner's name. The latest

improvements make all 6.9 million names fully indexed and searchable at, <http://tinyurl.com/28yz9vp>.

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.

Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800–1900

Includes an estimated 80,000 application files from officers and enlisted men who served in the Revolutionary War in all branches of the American military. Applications cover pensions and land claims offered as an enticement to serve during the Revolutionary War.



Database Updates



New Records Added To the Database at Rootsweb

Our **Siler-Pfeffer Family Line** database at *Ancestry. Com* currently contains the records of **2,091** persons. The database can be viewed by all Ancestry subscribers. This tree will change every three months as we edit, remove, or otherwise modify the data therein.

An updated version of our **DKPS** Database was recently uploaded to the, open to all and FREE, World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. New records have been added over the past three months. We now have information on **1,878** persons. Since we update the database quarterly to coincide with the publishing of this newsletter our readers are all reminded to take a look at what is new with our family history research. If you do check out the website you may find some

new information that will enhance your own research or you may find some errors in ours that we need to know of.

The **Database at Rootsweb** free for all to use. It is located at: <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>. You may also access our family tree by going to: <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>.

The **Database at Ancestry.com** can only be accessed by subscribers. It is located at the Home Page <http://www.ancestry.com/> in the "Search" pull-down button under "Public Member Trees".

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

What's New at the Website?

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

Muster Rosters 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions for York County Militia added to 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, **Our Maternal & Paternal Ancestors 350 Years of History in America: An Archive of Genealogical Information.** To access the site's Home Page use the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>.

In the near future revised surname pages at our **DKPS Subsite** will include two new research topics. The first will be "Migrations of An American Family" which includes a narrative and corresponding map of that family's migration in the U.S. The other new topic area contains maps and information about where the surname is distributed in the United States as well as the European country of origin for that family.

At our **Ancestral Locations** sub-site **ten** new or revised web pages have been created and added. Pages for all of our ancestral states have now been completed as well as all counties with the exception of a few in Virginia which we hope will be finished by the end of this year.

The scope and volume of the various sub-sites created

for our **Special Topics** continued to increase since the last issue of this newsletter. We have continued to upgrade and increase the number of volumes within our **Genealogy Reference Library.** During this quarter we've added separate pages for our ever growing collections of books for Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, and South Carolina. 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 updated page that addresses routes taken by pioneers to settle in the Northeastern U.S. states such as New York and Pennsylvania. We also posted some new images and maps that pertain to the Bay Path, Boston Post Road, and Great Genesee Road. The following new and revised military information can be accessed through our newly revised **War Veterans** sub-site home page. If you have ancestors who served in the York County Militia during the American Revolution be sure to take a look the Muster Rolls for the First, Second, Third Battalions. This is an ongoing project where our

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goal is to transcribe, from the Pennsylvania Archives, the Muster Rolls for all eight of the York County Militia Battalions. Also we've found an online digital copy of the "History of the 110th Infantry Regiment". Anyone interested in this topic will find all of the information they will ever need about this military unit through the link provided at the webpage. We've revised our Research Tools webpage by creating links to the many forms, worksheets and letter formats offer for use at the "Family Search" website. We are

especially pleased about the complete overhaul of our "Source and Citation Formats" webpage. We believe that it will be beneficial to our readers who truly believe in citing their sources.

As with the database you may find some new information that will enhance your own research or you may want to advise us of some new information that we can include at the site. Either way we would appreciate an email from you just to let me know that you've found your way to our online website.

NEW AND REVISED "DKPS" SURNAME PAGES

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

SURNAME INDEX:

SOURCE DOCUMENTS:

FAMILY PHOTOS / IMAGES: OTHER:

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES

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

UNITED STATES: States – Maryland; Counties – Chester Co., PA^{NEW}; Greenville Co., SC^{NEW}; Highland Co., OH^{NEW}; Kent Co., DE^{NEW}; Lancaster Co., PA; New York Co., NY^{NEW}; Northampton Co., PA^{NEW}; Talbot Co., MD^{NEW}; Union Co., SC^{NEW}

GERMANY:

UNITED KINGDOM:

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

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

UNITED STATES: Chester Co., PA; Greenville Co., SC; Guilford Co., NC; Highland Co., OH; Jackson Co., AL; Kent Co., DE; Lancaster Co., PA; New York Co., NY; Northampton Co., PA; Queen Anne's Co., MD; Sedgewick Co., KS; Talbot Co., MD; Union Co., SC; Cemeteries, Johnson Twp., Maries Co., MO

GERMANY:

UNITED KINGDOM:

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES

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

GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY: General Reference Collection; United Kingdom Reference; United Kingdom Locations; France Reference; Germany Reference; USA Reference; USA Locations; Maryland^{NEW}; Massachusetts^{NEW}; New Jersey; New York^{NEW}; Pennsylvania; South Carolina^{NEW}; Virginia

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES:

RESEARCHING OUR WAR VETERANS: 6th Special NCB (WWII); 110th Infantry Regt. (WWI); War Veterans Research

OTHER: Research Tools; Source and Citation Formats^{NEW}; Immigrant Ancestors Research

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

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

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Bay Path^{NEW}; Boston Post Road^{NEW}; Great Genesee Road;

MILITARY Image Galleries: Pennsylvania Militia of York County (Rev. War), First, Second, Third Battalion Muster Records^{NEW}; 6th Special NCB (WWII)

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.

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Edleen Garrett Rodriguez esgr60@msn.com	Benjamin F. Arnold b. 1858 Chanceford Twp.	Scott Robertson aircaraccess@millenicom.com	Quickel Family of York Co. PA
Verna McDowell vernamae@smnet.net	Pfeffer from Mecklenburg Ger. Hartmann from Saxony	Wendy Howard wendynai@att.net	Hauer Ancestors of George Howard (1836-1908)
George Howard g-howard@charter.net	Need direct male ancestors George Howard (1836-1908) for DNA project	Dave Barnett dtb1322@yahoo.com	Parents of Sarah Abel, Philadelphia c. 1820-50 (possible John – Mary)

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 that can be found at RootsWeb.com that may be useful and hopefully rekindle your own research into this family as well as other topics at RootsWeb. To see what information we have uncovered on this family surname follow the links to our Website at <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>. and Database at <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>.

Search RootsWeb.com

	BEISSEL	Search
First Name	Last Name	By Keyword

To access the databases listed below
Follow this address:

<http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>.

At the Rootsweb Home Page type this or any other surname into the “Last Name” box and click “Search”.

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Featured Databases	Matches
WorldConnect	1,974
Social Security Death Index	190
Vital Records	Matches
California Death Index	20
Pre-1920 Marriages	6

Other Searches	Matches
Web Site Search	205
Australia and New Zealand Records	2
Book Indexes	6
BLM/GRO Land Records	1

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