

Dellinger; Knecht; Pfeffer; Silar and allied families Newsletter

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Hello everyone;

Sometimes good ideas are slow in coming. For several years I have been writing a newsletter for my maternal siblings and cousins. Just recently it dawned on me that I should also develop and share a quarterly newsletter about my paternal ancestors with cousins as well as all of you who have taken the time to assist me with the research of my family roots. I've included you on our mailing list because you share a common interest of searching for information on the family surnames associated with our common paternal family line.

Two years ago my half-brother Tom Peiffer and I started posting our three family databases, (our mutual maternal line as well as our separate paternal family trees), online at Rootsweb's [WorldConnect Project](#). Last year we also initiated a website at [Websites on RootsWeb's Freepages](#). Since we update both sites quarterly to coincide with the publishing of our maternal family newsletter I thought it would also be appropriate to remind my paternal "Gen-Cousins" to take a look at what is new with my family history research. If you do check the website and database you may find some new information that will enhance your own research or you may find some errors that I need to know of. Of course I would always welcome any new information that you may have on our common ancestors.

I try to keep the newsletter brief but informative and hope you will enjoy reading it. If you do not want to remain on my mailing list please let me know and I will stop sending to you.

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

October is Family History Month, a time when our families and we 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.

ANCESTOR PROFILE

George J. Silar (1869-1943)

George J. Silar, the eldest son of William Henry and Sarah (Hayes) Silar, was born at Long Level in Lower Windsor Township, York County, Pennsylvania, circa 1869. The exact date of his coming is unclear as several sources cover a range of years from 1868 to 1870. Even George's middle name is unclear as it may be Jack or Jackson according to differing informants.



George married Ida Dellinger in 1892 when he was about 22 years old. In 1900 he and his family were living East Main Street in the Dallastown section of York Township. He was a blacksmith by trade and may have had his own shop in the city of York. Later, George was employed by John Dobbins Contractor as a supervisor of road construction. During his employment with Dobbins as a foreman in the construction of the first trolley line from York to Red Lion, Pennsylvania he was stabbed by one of his workmen. George sustained nine wounds which punctured his liver and other vital organs leaving him in a critical condition. The incident was reported in the 28 September 1912 edition of the Adams County News, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Later the capture of the perpetrator in Baltimore some sixteen months later was reported in the same newspaper. George's work as a construction supervisor also encompassed the building of the York impounding dam.

George fathered a total of thirteen children (9 boys and 4 girls). His large family lived for many years at 250 Belvidere Ave. in the city of York. George's activity in the community centered around his membership of the Chosen Knights Commandery of the Knights of Malta lodge. After his retirement he resided in Delroy until he passed away in 1943 at the age of 73 years.

NEWS ON OUR “FAMILY TREE” AT ROOTSWEB



An updated version of my paternal lineage database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at Rootsweb.com. It contains information on 1,229 persons, which include, ancestral grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Since the database is updated quarterly to coincide with the publishing of this newsletter you are all reminded to take a look at what is new with our family history research. If you do check the database site 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. Of course we would always welcome any new information that you may have on our common ancestors.

To access the database just click on the following link: [My Paternal Ancestors: Dellinger; Knecht; Pfeffer; Silar and allied families](#). You may also access our family tree by going to <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>. On that page you will see on the left column a box entitled "jump to a specific tree". Type in *fgsilar* and click on "go", or just search for any name in the database and you will be taken to that record.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE??

Our Maternal and Paternal Ancestors: 300 Years of History in America

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 this internet site. 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 SURNAME PAGES = [Abel](#); [Arnold](#); [Dellinger](#); [Gilbert](#); [Keller](#); [Knecht](#); [Pfeffer](#); [Schaffer](#)

NEW SOURCE DOCUMENTS* = * *Most if not all of the new Surname pages also include new source documents*

NEW ANCESTRAL LOCATION PAGES = [Germany](#); [Philadelphia Co., PA](#); [Baden-Wurtemberg](#); [Bavaria](#); [Hesse](#); [Rhineland-Palatinate](#); [York County, PA](#)

REVISED PAGES = [Silar / Seiler Surname](#);
[Ancestral Locations Homepage](#);

You are encouraged to take advantage of this family resource. We will be updating the site on a regular basis. Therefore you should attempt to visit it frequently.

Directions for Accessing the Website:

SIMPLY use the following link:

[Our Maternal and Paternal Ancestors: 300 Years of History in America](#) ;

OR you can go to Rootsweb.com at <http://www.rootsweb.com/>. In the center column you will see "WEBSITES" click on [Websites on RootsWeb's Freepages](#). Select the letter "O" click on it and scroll down the page to the website entitled, Our Maternal and Paternal Ancestors: 300 Years of History in America.

A QUOTE TO NOTE

A great flame follows a little spark."

--Dante Alighieri, 1265-1321

Always open for suggestions as to what you might want to look for in future issues of the

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