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WELCOME

Hello everyone;

Welcome to the SPRING 2007 issue of this family newsletter. I've included you on my mailing list because you are close family, a gen-cousin or genealogist who shares a common interest of searching for information on the surnames associated with my paternal family line.

In this issue the feature article focuses upon the war veterans found in the Dellinger, Knecht, Pfeffer, Silar family tree. Over two dozen individuals have been identified as having served in at least four of America's wars.

I am also pleased to announce that addition of a new column entitled "Surname Search." Surname Search features matches of a surname in my database to the huge resources found at RootsWeb.com.

Don't forget to review new information relative to what has been updated on my paternal family database online at Rootsweb's WorldConnect Project, and recent happenings with regard to the website at RootsWeb's Freepages.

As always we will attempt 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. To read my previous newsletters, visit this link [Newsletter Archives](#).

A QUOTE TO NOTE

"To love what you do and feel that it matters--how could anything be more fun?"

Katharine Graham

FEATURE ARTICLE

War Veterans in our Family Tree

The discovery that an ancestor was involved in one of our national wars or conflicts is usually an exciting and fulfilling experience. The information we glean from records regarding military units and battles fought tends to provide researchers and their families with a heightened feeling of not only our ancestors' sacrifices but also our own sense of having roots back to those important events that made our country what it is today. Information about the war veteran's of one's family is also an excellent means of gaining the attention of children as well as indifferent relatives.

Currently at least twenty-eight men in Dellinger, Knecht, Pfeffer, Silar (DKPS) family tree have been identified as war veterans. Research shows that the great majority of them served during the American Revolution and the Second World War. Others were veterans of the Civil War, World War One, and Vietnam.

Ten of those identified ancestors took up arms during the American Revolution. The great majority of whom served in one of the several York County Battalions of Associators, of the Pennsylvania Militia. Some of those men are George ABEL (1744-1785); Jacob DELLINGER (1751-1824), John DELLINGER (1741-unk.), Joshua DELLINGER (c.1737-c.1826), Paul DRITT (1752-unk.), Andrew GILBERT (1728-1816), Anthony KELLER (c.1744-1817), and Frederick LIEBERKNECHT (1732-1797). It appears that many of them were detailed as guards at Camp Security, one of only a handful of prisoner-of-war camps established during this war. Located just east of the City of York in Springettsbury Township, Camp Security housed over 1000 British and Canadian prisoners of war between the summer of 1781 and the spring of 1783. George ILGES, a.k.a. Ellis (1745-1801), was also a patriot of the War. He was a private but it is not know what military unit he served in. Frederick DELLINGER (c.1750-unk.), as did many other men from York County, served in a military unit commonly know as the "German Regiment." The German Regiment originated from a resolution of Congress, 27 June 1776, directing five companies of Germans to be raised in Pennsylvania, and four companies in Maryland, to comprise the "German Battalion". Pennsylvania furnished by far the larger number of both of its officers and recruits. The regiment was in the field and engaged at Trenton and Princeton, and in May 1777 it also took part in General Sullivan's campaign against the Indians. In the spring of 1780, the unit was stationed on the frontiers of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. By resolution of Congress, the German Regiment was reduced and ended its organization 1 Jan 1781.

Four individuals from the DKPS database have been identified as having served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Benjamin A. BENNER (1841-1926); Jonathan DELLINGER (1846-1921); Alexander C. GOTTA (c.1840-unk.); and Jacob LEITHEISER (c.1848-unk.). Benjamin BENNER enlisted into 29th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment in July 1861. He fought in such famous battles as Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and Lookout Mountain. On May 20, 1864 during General Sherman's famous march through Georgia, Benjamin was wounded thus ending his military service. Jonathan DELLINGER served as a Sergeant in the 187th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment from May 1864 to August 1865. During the funeral obsequies of President Lincoln the 187th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, led the procession from the railway station to Independence Hall and guarded the remains while they lay in state. Together with the 1st City Troop the Regiment was then detailed to escort the remains back to the railroad. Alexander GOTTA enlisted September 17, 1861 and served, as a Private, in the 57th New York Infantry Regiment. He fought in most of the major battles in the eastern theater of the war. Jacob LEITHEISER, husband of Wilimina SILAR, enlisted in Union Army in 1864 and was assigned to the 195th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment. While in the Army he participated in the battle of Monocacy Junction.



Harry E. Silar

Three of George and Ida (Dellinger) SILAR's sons fought in World War One. George D. and Sherman R. SILAR served in France as part of the U.S. Army, American Expeditionary Force (AEF). Sherman was wounded twice during his service. Harry E. SILAR was a pilot during World War One. While serving with the 43rd Aero Squadron he was stationed in London, England as well as in France. Albert NEFF, Jr. the husband of Mary E. BENNER is also a veteran of World War One.

Eight members of the SILAR family have been identified as Veteran's of World War Two. Ammon H. SILAR, Freeman A. SILAR, Leon R. SILAR, Robert J. SILAR, and Samuel W. SILAR all served in the United States Army. Lorin G. SILAR and Frederick G. SILER both served in the U.S. Navy. Richard Allen SILAR was a Corporal in the U.S. Army; 15th Air Corps, 304th Bomber Wing, 459th Group, 759th Squadron. He died on June 3, 1945 while in the service to his country. His remains are interred at the military cemetery in Lorraine, France.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

Family Roots Radio Airing

ProGenealogists, Inc. and Genealogy Today announced the launch of "Family Roots Radio," a weekly Internet radio show devoted to genealogy and family history. This hour-long radio show will begin airing each Thursday at 1 p.m. Pacific time (4 p.m. Eastern), beginning February 8, 2007 on Modavox's VoiceAmerica Channel, the nation's leading Internet radio provider.

Hosted by well-known genealogical author, speaker, and researcher, Kory L. Meyerink, the show will feature a wide range of "how-to" elements designed to assist all people interested in family history, from the novice to the professional. In addition to answering general questions from listeners, spotlighting important family history news, and providing research tips from professionals, the show will include guests from among the most prominent genealogists today. The show will also explore effective ways to use software and the Internet in the pursuit of family history, including spotlighting data-rich websites. In addition, an "interactive" feature will walk listeners through the use of important sites, while they are listening to the broadcast.

The addition of an interactive website and downloadable archives of past shows will provide many more listener options than available via traditional radio broadcasts. To listen to the show live, log-on to the VoiceAmerica Channel at <http://www.voice.voiceamerica.com>.

Kory will take calls toll free at 1-866-472-5788. All past shows will be archived and available in MP3 format for podcast download. <http://www.voice.voiceamerica.com>

Research Tips

In this part of my newsletter I will attempt to pass along some tips and tricks that may assist you in breaking down those “brick walls” we all seem to encounter during our research. I intend to present a new idea or two in each subsequent newsletter so please feel free to send me your ideas and suggestions for tips & time saving tricks to add to include in future columns.

Ignore Surnames ??

Yes, that's right! Ignore the surname. Sometimes fixating on surnames just limits our ability to find our ancestors, especially when we're using digital data-bases. We've found that scanning the *given names* instead or entering only given names and other criteria in search forms will frequently result in success when the surname was illegible, oddly spelled or incorrectly indexed. And occasionally, you can even find married daughters and remarried widows this way.

Submitted by Tom Peiffer

When You're Stuck, Write it Up

One of the best ways to break through a barrier in genealogical research is to stop and write your findings in a detailed report for yourself. The process of gathering your information, entering it in a narrative sequence, citing the sources you used, explaining why you used the sources you did and what they revealed, often points out gaps in your research that you hadn't noticed before or new ideas to pursue. Maybe you forgot to check all possible variants of the name; perhaps the time span you searched was inappropriate. It could just be that you actually have all the information you need to solve the problem, you just hadn't put it all together in the right order to see the connections. So the next time you're finding yourself stuck, write it up!

Submitted by Tom Peiffer



A “FAMILY TREE” TREE GROWS AT ROOTSWEB



New Generations Added To The Attig, Gossner, And Hauer Family Lines.

An updated version of my paternal lineage database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **81** new names have been added during the past three months. It now has information on **1,322** persons, which include, not only ancestral grandparents, but also 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 I need to know of.

To access the database just click on the following link: My Paternal Ancestors: Dellinger; Knecht; Pfeiffer; 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.

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

OUR MATERNAL AND PATERNAL ANCESTORS: 300 YEARS OF HISTORY IN AMERICA

WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE??

Honoring and Researching our Family War Veterans New Web Pages for Ancestral Locations in Germany

I've created a new web page entitled Researching Our War Vets. It is designed to provide information that will assist with the research of our ancestors' military experiences. The page contains four key sections as follows: a description of major American wars; supplementary information about each war; general military information; and a guide to U.S. military records. A corresponding page, War Veterans - Dellinger, Knecht, Pfeffer, Silar, has specific information about the Veterans found in this database.

During my research I've come across the names of many German towns and villages that were the homes of my paternal family line. In an effort to ensure that I am referring to the correct location I've launched into a research project to find where exactly these locations are to be found in the modern state of Germany. As such I've added new pages to the website that I hope will assist others with regard to furthering their research into German ancestral locations. Below you will find a listing of the several new pages.

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 AND REVISED SURNAME PAGES:

[Attig](#); [Bard](#); [Beissel](#); [Boyer](#); [Forster](#); [Gardner](#); [Gossner](#); [Hauer](#); [Haug](#); [Hayes](#); [Jacobs](#);
[Kohler](#);
[Leyonberger](#); [Mildenburg](#); [Schall](#); [Wagner](#)

NEW SOURCE DOCUMENTS:

[Hayes](#); [Mildenburg](#)

NEW & REVISED ANCESTRAL LOCATION PAGES:

USA STATES & COUNTIES:

[Adams Co. PA](#); [Alabama](#); [Albemarle Co. VA](#); [Arkansas](#);
[Augusta Co., VA](#); [California](#); [Charles Co., MD](#); [Stevens Co. KS](#)

WORLD STATES & LOCALITIES:

[Cockpen, Scotland](#); [Midlothian, Scotland](#);
[Germany](#); [Karlsruhe Region, Germany](#); [Karlsruhe District, Germany](#); [Kraichtal, Germany](#);
[Rein-Neckar District, Germany](#); [Sinsheim, Germany](#); [Sulzfeld, Germany](#)

Photo and Image archives developed for the following counties:

[Philadelphia Co., PA](#); [Adams Co. PA](#); [Albemarle Co. VA](#)
[Kraichtal, Germany](#); [Sinsheim, Germany](#); [Sulzfeld, Germany](#)

SURNAME SEARCH**SILAR**

Featured Databases	Matches	Vital Records	Matches
WorldConnect	309	Texas Death Index	10
Social Security Death Index	102	Kentucky Death Index	1
Rootsweb Surname List	2	Other Searches	Matches
Vital Records	Matches	Alumni Lists	1
California Death Index	9	Cemetery Listings	1

“Surname Search” features matches, found at RootsWeb.com, of a surname from my database. 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, and database.

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Someday you'll be an Ancestor too!