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WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the WINTER 2008 issue of this family newsletter. You have been included on the mailing list because you are either close family, a gen-cousin or genealogist who shares a common interest of searching for information on the Dellinger, Knecht, Pfeffer, Silar or allied family surnames.

You have probably noticed that we've changed the formatting of the newsletter from the "web view" to what is referred to as the "print view". This was done for two reasons. First, several of our readers like to print a copy of the newsletter for their files or to pass on to other family members but could not print each entire page in the old format. Secondly, some of you may not have a compatible word-processing program to properly view our newsletter. If this is your situation you can now view and read the contents of this letter through the [Adobe Reader](#) program which everyone with internet access can easily download.

The feature article of this issue is about the Ilges family. The narrative discusses the origin and many spellings of this unusual surname followed by information about Johan Paul Ilges who is recognized as the progenitor of this family line in America, and Thaleischweiler the German village in which he was born. Also included is a description of his descendents

who settled in the Chanceford Township area of York County.

In addition to some general topics of interest for the family historian, the PFEFFER 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 information relative to what has been updated on my paternal family database at the RootsWeb World Connect Project, and as well as recent happenings with regard to the website at RootsWeb's Freepages. A quarterly accounting of the database at RootsWeb shows five new direct ancestral family lines have been uncovered as well as the addition of 38 new individual records.

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 previous newsletters, visit my Newsletter Archives at:

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/Documents/NEWSLETTER%20Archive%20DKPS%20\(ToC\).htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/Documents/NEWSLETTER%20Archive%20DKPS%20(ToC).htm)

Fred Siler

A QUOTE TO NOTE

"Until you make peace with who you are, you'll never be content with what you have." - Unknown



FEATURE ARTICLE



Johann Paul Ilges of Thaleischweiler and his Descendents

It is most probable that the Ilges(Ellis) family line descends from French and German ancestors. The surname Ilges is found to be spelled differently throughout official records. Sometimes it appears as Ilgis, Illis, Eales, Illius, Liges, Ilges and eventually Ellis. The family adopted the English surname of Ellis sometime around the second half of the nineteenth century as it was utilized by Prowell in his "History of York County", published in 1907.

[Johann Paul Ilges](#) is the progenitor of this branch of the Ilges family in America. He was born about 1706 in the village of Thaleischweiler which was at that time located the Bayern-Pfalz. Bayern-Pflaz is an historical region also known as the Rhenish Palatinate. Today The town of Thaleischweiler-Fröschen is the seat of the [Verbandsgemeinde](#) (collective municipality) of [Thaleischweiler-Fröschen](#). It is located in the [Südwestpfalz](#) district, in [Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany](#). It is situated on the western edge of the [Palatinate forest](#), approximately 7 km north of [Pirmasens](#). Thaleischweiler, then located in Leiningen, is first mentioned in 1237 by the name Eiswilre. In 1295 Froschen is mentioned in records for the first time as the hamlet of Froßauwe then found in the area of Deux Ponts. Both communities are far older than the first time they appeared in the local records that have survived the last 1000 years. Apparently Thaleischweiler was already a community as early as the [Frankish Empire](#) when it was located within the southernmost part of the Kaiserslautern within the diocese of Worms.

The Thaleischweiler coat-of-arms contains the arms of the former rulers in the area: the chevrons of the Counts of [Hanau-Lichtenberg](#), the lion of the Pfalz, the eagle of the Counts of Leiningen and the bend of the Dukes of [Baden](#).



This area also included the current villages of Gemarkungen, Thaleischweiler, Thal- and Höhröschen, as well as Höheinöd. Together with Herschberg these towns formed the parish of Thaleischweiler that is still in existence today. While Thaleischweiler emerged as a community as early as the 7th century it was also commonly referred to Thalfröschen between the 9th and 12th centuries.

Around 1728 Johann Paul Ilges married [Maria Catharina Blau](#) who was probably also a native of Thaleischweiler. This union produced at least seven known children of which five were daughters and two sons. Six of these children Susanna Maria, Christina Margaretha, Anna Elisabetha, Maria Ottilia, Anna Catharina, Johann Georg, and Maria Barbara were all born in Germany between 1728 and 1747. In 1750 the couple and these six children boarded the English ship "St. Andrew" at Rotterdam and begin their voyage to the New World. They arrived in Philadelphia on August 18, 1750.

The family moved west to [Lancaster County](#) where in 1752 another son Johann Philp was born. Records of the Trinity Church in Lancaster show that Paul's daughter Anna Elisabetha was married there on January 28, 1753. It is believed that Paul's son [Georg Ilges](#) was the first of this family to locate in [York County](#). He and his wife Anna Margaretha (nee?), were the parents of at least five children, David Paul, Anna Elisabeth, Anna Margaret, and Philip, all born between 1780 and 1789. Georg Ilges is reported to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving seven years as a private. He was a farmer and lived most of his adult life in Chanceford Township where he served as a deacon in the St. Luke's Church.

It was in the generation of George and Anna Margaretha's children when we begin to see the family change their surname to Ellis. My 4th great-

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grandfather [David Ellis](#) was born on the family farm in Chanceford Township. He was christened on March 30, 1780 at Saint Luke's Church also known as Stahley's Lutheran and Reformed Church. David married [Catherine Schall](#), a native of Maryland. Upon the death of Catherine Schall's father, John Schall, David and his wife inherited the Schall farm that totaled about 700-800 acres of land. He and Catherine produced twelve children between 1803 and 1827. There were eight sons Johan George, Michael, Johann, George, Heinrich, Philip, Andrew and Benjamin. The four daughters are Anna, Catherine, Fronica, and Mary.

David's daughter [Catherine Ellis](#), (my 3rd great-grandmother), was also born on the family farm in Chanceford Twp. She married [Adam Arnold](#) around 1840. Catherine and her family, (son David, age 18 and daughter Mary, age 15), are found in the 1860 census of Chanceford Twp., York County, Pennsylvania. She is listed as being a widow therefore it can be assumed that her husband Adam died prior to the 1860 census. Catherine Arnold is listed in the 1880 census as still residing in Chanceford Township. She was 74 years of age at that time, and living with her daughter Mary and son-in-law Jonathan Dellinger. According to the 1880 census information it can be surmised that she was born

around 1806. Catherine lived her entire life in York County, Pennsylvania. She passed away sometime after 1880.



David Ilges (1827-1905)



Maria Ilges



George Ilges (1745-1801)



David Ilges (1780-1843)

Melissa Fitzkee took these photographs, of Ilges family headstones. They are all located at St. Luke's Cemetery Chanceford Twp., York Co., PA. Inscriptions on the three earliest stones are written in German.



NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN



Family Research at the York County Heritage Trust

This is the third in a series of articles focusing on the York County Heritage Trust. The York County Heritage Trust is a not-for-profit educational institution that preserves and uses its collections, historic sites and museums to inspire people to explore the history and culture of York County, Pennsylvania.

The York County Heritage Trust offers to individuals, who live over 100 miles away, a program to answer limited reference requests, for a moderate fee, payable in advance and non-refundable. This search service is limited to one name (of an individual/event/subject) per request. Upon receipt of payment, They will search the following records: (1) vital statistics abstracts (consisting mainly of church records); (2) tax abstracts from 1762, 1783, 1795 for York County; (3) York Co. in the Revolution

by Young/ Pennsylvania and Civil War Volunteers by Bates; (3) marriage index to York County newspapers 1783-1909; (4) death index to York County newspapers 1783-1909; (5) genealogical reports of the Society (*limited number of surnames, cut off date of 1850*); (6) cemetery index of York and Adams Counties (*tombstone records with a cut off date of 1930*); (7) appropriate family file; (8) Will and Orphan's Court abstracts 1749-1850; (9) Manuscript collection index; (10) indices to published York County histories; and or (11) all other sources which seem appropriate.

The Trust's web site is designed to be an introduction into the rich and diverse heritage of York County and can be located at <http://www.yorkheritage.org/>.

How To Use Google Books

contributed by Debra Johnson

When Fred first asked me to write this article for this newsletter, I was not sure that I knew enough about how the Google Book functions to help anyone else. The fact is though that Google has made this search capability very easy for anyone to use.

There are a couple of ways in which to access Google Books, <<http://books.google.com/>>. If it is not already listed above the Google search block as one of the several choices offered, the first way is by going to Google Search at:

<<http://www.google.com/webhp?btnG=Search&hl=en&rls=GGLJ.GGLJ:2006>>-

and entering your ancestor's name and then clicking on the "book" choice below one of the returns or in the pull-down menu under "more" at the top of the page. Sometimes the results will provide a full book (*noted in green at bottom left*) and in others it will only bring up parts of a book. In either case, you don't have to look all through the book to find the person you are trying to find. The name of the person you are researching is highlighted for ease of location.

The other way of accessing Google Books is to go to your Google page and type in Google Books. That will provide a return that can take you to the Google Books search function. Again, you can search either by an ancestor's name, historical location or the name of a book. I usually type in the person's name, because Google will then scan a complete listing of books to locate that person's name. Often in places that I didn't expect to find it. And don't forget to try alternate spellings of your ancestor's surname.

There are two different ways that books will appear. Some books are scanned in completely while others require the author's permission to scan only certain portions of a book. If the book is completely

scanned, it will bring up the first page with the location or your person's name on it. I prefer the books that are completely scanned, because when you are finished with one name, you can scroll up and down through the other pages to see if there is anything else you need. You may also enter additional search information into a box on the right side of the page. There may be information about the area your ancestor is from, occupation or if they were in a battle and there may be more information on the battle. The other good thing about this kind of book is that you can download it to your computer to look at it later.

The books where the authors have only given copyright permission for certain parts of the books are fine however, when you type in your ancestor's name, it brings up a little window with only one or two sentences in it. There may be several little windows with your ancestors name in it to choose from but you still do not have access to a complete book in which to search out other information.

One good thing about going directly into Google Books is that you are able to put a book in your library so you can come back to it quicker next time. You do have to register at: <https://www.google.com/accounts/Login?service=print&continue=http://books.google.com/books%3Fop%3Dlibrary&hl=en> to be able to open a Google Books library, but it is a free service so it doesn't cost you anything.

I hope this has helped and/or encouraged some of you to try Google Books in your research for your ancestors. I know that I have found some great information on my ancestors using the Google Books function.



A "FAMILY TREE" TREE GROWS AT ROOTSWEB



GAMER, NAGEL AND PFISTER Surnames Added to the Database

An updated version of my paternal lineage database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **38** new names have been added during the past three months. It now has information on **1,415** persons. 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 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.

To access the Dellinger; Knecht; Pfeiffer; Silar and allied families database just click on the following link:

<http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=fgsilar&I11.x=20&I11.y=3>

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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 *fgsiler* 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.



WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE??



Our Maternal And Paternal Ancestors: 350 Years Of History In America

New Military Veteran & Unit Image Archives Web Page Five New Surname Pages Added

The discovery that an ancestor was involved in one of our national wars or conflicts is usually an exciting and fulfilling event. In an effort to add more depth to this experience a new web page entitled [Military Veteran & Unit Image Archives](#) has been uploaded to the website. This and other pages are being constructed to better describe the military units in which our ancestors served during time of war. To complement this endeavor many images and photographs related to these military units are being collected and placed into the aforementioned archive for other researchers to access in the future.

You are invited to take a look at five new surname pages found on the DKPS Home Page [http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/Documents/Home%20Page%20\(DKPS\).htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/Documents/Home%20Page%20(DKPS).htm). Recent research has uncovered the following ancestors: (1) Martin Heidecker born 1615 in Bauschlott, Germany, and his daughter Anna Maria Heidecker. This family lived in that part of Germany that lies with the present day state of Baden-Wurttemberg; (2) George Muller born around 1630, probably lived his entire life in or near the village of Blankenloch located in the Karlsruhe district in Baden-Wurttemberg; and (3) Peter Precht born around

1675 the village of [Hoffenheim](#) now located within the present day [Rhein-Neckar-Kreis](#) (*district*).

Over the past three months many new web pages and images have been created and added to [Ancestral Locations](#). The home page has been revised. In addition, new image galleries have been constructed for a wide variety of locations in Baden-Wurttemberg and Bavaria, Germany.

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 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://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/index.htm>.

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:

[Blau](#); [Heidecker](#); [Muller](#); [Precht](#); [Schieck](#)

NEW "DKPS" SOURCE DOCUMENTS:

[Hauer \(1751 Passenger List\)](#); [Schatto/Chateau \(1739 Passenger List\)](#)

NEW "DKPS" FAMILY PHOTOS AND IMAGES:

[David Lieberknecht \(headstone\)](#); [Sarah Lieberknecht\(headstone\)](#);

NEW & REVISED ANCESTRAL LOCATION PAGES:***USA STATES & COUNTIES:***

[South Carolina](#); [Tennessee](#); [Maries Co., MO](#);
[Middlesex Co., VA](#); [Muskingum Co., OH](#); [Richmond Co., VA](#);

WORLD STATES & LOCALITIES:**GERMANY**

[ENZ: Bauschlott](#); [HEILBRONN: Lehrensteinsfeld](#);
[KARLSRUHE: Blankenloch; Neurent; Kraichtal \(Oberacker; Unterowisheim\); Staffort; Sulzfeld](#);
[RHEIN-NECKAR: Sinsheim \(Hoffenheim\); Angelbachtal \(Michelfeld\)](#)

UNITED KINGDOM

[LANCASHIRE: Chipping; Forest Bowland; Goosnargh; Melling; Preston; Salterforth](#);
[SOMERSET: Milverton; Wiveliscombe](#); [MIDLOTHIAN: Cockpen](#)

NEW & REVISED PHOTO AND IMAGE ARCHIVES:**U.S.A**

[Chester Co., SC](#); [Middlesex Co., VA](#); [Muskingum Co., OH](#);
[Richmond Co., VA](#); [Tulare Co., CA](#); [York Co., SC](#);

GERMANY (Districts / Kreis)

[Dilligen](#); [Enz](#); [Heilbronn](#); [Karlsruhe](#); [Rhein-Neckar](#);

UNITED KINGDOM

[Gloucestershire, England](#); [Lancashire, England](#); [Midlothian, Scotland](#); [Somerset, England](#);

MILITARY

[6th Navy Special Construction Battalion \(World War II\)](#); [87th Navy Construction Battalion \(World War II\)](#);
[28th Infantry Division \(World War I\)](#); [2nd Virginia Cavalry CSA \(Civil War\)](#);
[12th NJ Volunteer Infantry USA \(Civil War\)](#); [Continental Line, 10th VA Regiment \(Revolutionary War\)](#);

OTHER NEW & REVISED WEB PAGES:

[Research Tools](#); [Military Image Archives](#)

RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created back in the Fall of 2006 its distribution list has tripled. 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](#) located 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.

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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			
PFEFFER			
Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
WorldConnect	4,507	Australia and New Zealand Records	2
Social Security Death Index	1,913	Alumni Lists	4
Rootsweb Surname List	17	Book Indexes	5
Vital Records	Matches	Cemetery Listings	6
California Death Index	153	BLM/GRO Land Records	14
Texas Death Index	94	Naturalization Records	2
Kentucky Death Index	93	Obituaries	4
Kentucky Marriage Index Husband	25	Military Records	1
Kentucky Marriage Index Wife	24	Newspaper Indexes	46
Maine Death Index	2	Utah State Archives	1
World War One Draft Index	2	Obituary Daily Times	312
Early Death Records	4		
Pre-1920 Marriages	6		
Pre-1920 Births	4		

“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 at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/index.htm>, and database at <http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=fgsiler&I11.x=20&I11.y=3>.

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My ancestors did WHAT?