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WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the FALL 2008 issue of my family newsletter. I've included you on my mailing list because you are either, family, a gen-cousin or genealogist 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. For example, News of Interest to the Family Historian contains a link that will take you to information about the release of the new Family Tree Maker 2009.

At the website, note the new "images" and "source documents" added to the appropriate viewing galleries. Take a look at the "Genealogical Vocabulary Dictionary" resource at the Research Tools web page. In addition, I've expanded the collection of books at my new Research Reference Library (USA) web page.

The feature article is about the Schall, Arnold, and Ilges families of Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania. The separate family narratives identify where in Germany each lineage originated as well as the name of the ancestor credited as being the progenitor of their family line in America.

You are reminded to check out the Research Connections to see if anyone else is researching your family. The **ARNOLD** 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 and updated information 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 four new direct ancestral family lines have been uncovered as well as the addition of almost 200 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 our mailing list please let me know and I will stop sending to you. To read my previous newsletters, follow this link: <http://tinyurl.com/3vnd3b>.

Fred Siler

A QUOTE TO NOTE

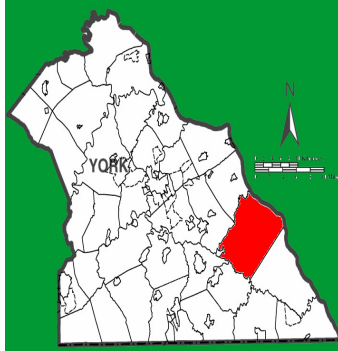
"Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night."

FEATURE ARTICLE

Three Families of Chanceford Township

During a recent trip to the York County Archives I discovered quite a bit of information about several ancestral families that have resided in Chanceford Township for many generations.

Chanceford Township is bounded on the north by Fishing Creek, which separates it from Lower Windsor; on the east by the Susquehanna River; west by the north branch of Muddy Creek, which separates it from Windsor and Hopewell Townships; and south by Lower



Chanceford Township which was created from Chanceford in 1806. Chanceford's population was 2,994 in 1880 and 5,973 at the 2000 census.

The settlement of Chanceford was first made in the southern half of the township about the year 1735 by Scots-Irish settlers from New Castle, Delaware. The settlement of the northern part of Chanceford took place after the American Revolution when some paroled Hessian prisoners and their families located there.

The first church was organized in 1754 by the Guinston congregation of the United Presbyterian Church. The two churches that appear to have had a close association with the Arnold, Schall, and Ilges families are the Lutheran and Reformed Church, also known as St. Luke's or "Stahle's Church", and the New Harmony Presbyterian Church. The Lutheran Church situated in the northern part of the township was founded in 1784. Here the Lutheran and German Reformed congregations united to construct the first building and held services alternately therein. My 5th great-grandfather George Ilges is recorded as having attended a 1786 meeting of the Deacons and Elders. The New Harmony Presbyterian Church was established in 1848. When the German Reformed congregation disbanded at "Stahle's Church" several of the families associated themselves with the New Harmony Church. These individuals included members the Hauer, Ilges, Becker, Werner, Weiss, and Schall families. As members of this primarily Scots-Irish congregation they soon Anglicized their surnames to Howard, Ellis, Baker, Warner, Wise, and Shaull.

ARNOLD FAMILY

My 5th great-grandfather Johannes Arnold, a native of Erlangen, Bavaria, Germany arrived at Philadelphia on the ship "Two Brothers" September 28, 1753. Soon after his arrival in the "New World" Johannes moved west into Lancaster County. Here he married Elizabeth Ulrich on January 26, 1761 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster. He and Elizabeth began a family and produced at least three known children between 1761 and 1770. In 1771 Johannes Arnold, along with Nicholas and John Olerick, purchased a tract of 158 acres in Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania called "Stoney Bottom." Soon

after their arrival in Chanceford Township the family began to attend church at Stahle's (St. Luke's) Church located near the town of Bridgeville. Records of this church show that on April 26, 1801 Johannes and Elizabeth took communion here. Many records of their descendant's baptisms have been found in the documents of this church.



My Arnold family line continues through John a son of the aforementioned Johannes and Elizabeth, and his son Adam Arnold. Adam was born on the family farm in 1799. He lived most of his life here in the household of his father. A review of census documents between 1820 and 1840 do not show Adam as the head of any household. As such it is most probable that he continued to live in the household of his father John Sr. as did his brother Jacob. It appears that Adam remained a bachelor until 1841 when he married Catherine Ellis. Three known children were produced of this union between 1842 and 1847. Adam died in 1851.

My Arnold line ends with my great-great grandmother Mary Arnold born in 1847. She married Jonathan Dellinger in 1866 when she was about 19 years old. Mary tragically lost here first three children early in their lives. Sons John and George passed away on the same day in 1870. Her daughter Katherine died in 1872 just short of her 2nd birthday. Mary went on to have five more children between 1872 and 1883. Prior to her own death in 1932 she was residing in Red Lion, York Co., Pennsylvania. Mary is buried in St. Luke's Cemetery, Chanceford Twp., Pennsylvania.

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ILGES / ELLIS FAMILY

The Ilges surname name is spelled differently throughout official records. Sometimes it appears as Ilgis, Illis, Eales ,Illius, Liges, Ilges and eventually Ellis, which other researchers have cited. The English surname of Ellis was utilized by Prowell in his "History of York County."

Johann Paul Ilges, my 6th great-grandfather, 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 was located in that area known as Bayern-Pfalz, an historical region also called the Rhenish Palatinate. Today this area is located in the German state of Rheinland-Pflaz. During his early years Paul learned the trade of a cooper or barrel-maker. He was married twice during his lifetime. Paul had seven children by his first wife Anna Margaretha. In 1745 he married Maria Catharina Blau also a native of Thaleischweiler. Between 1745 and 1752 they produced at least three known children. In 1750 the family boarded the English ship "St. Andrew" at Rotterdam and began their voyage to the New World. They arrived in Philadelphia on August 18, 1750. Soon thereafter Paul moved his family 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, by his first marriage, Elizabeth was married there on January 28, 1753 to John Michael Weicker Schneider.

My Ilges family line continues through Johann Georg, the eldest off-spring of Paul and Maria Catharina. It is believed that upon the death of his father in 1761 George Ilges, then sixteen years old, removed from Lancaster County to York County. Here he was apprenticed to Paul Trout of Windsor Township, to be taught the art or mystery of a "cordwainer", until he became twenty-one years of age. George was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving seven years as a private. His rifle has been preserved by his descendents. By 1780 George was married to his wife Anna Margaret and settled in Chanceford Township as a farmer. George was an early member and a deacon of St. Luke's "Stahle's" Church. He died at his farm in 1801 and is buried in the cemetery at St. Luke's Church.

David Ellis, one of seven children born to George and Anna Margaret, was born on the family farm in Chanceford Township. He was christened on March 30 1780 at Saint Luke's Church. David earned a living as a farmer and teacher in Chanceford Township. He first married Maria Hake who died in 1805 with no known children. His second marriage was to Anna Catherine Shaul, a native of Maryland. Upon the death of Anna Catherine's father, John in 1814, David and Catherine inherited the 700 acre Shaul farm in Chanceford Township. When the German Reformed congregation

disbanded at "Stahle's Church" David and his family became associated with the New Harmony Church. As members of this primarily Scots-Irish congregation they soon anglicized their surname to Ellis.

My Ellis family line ends with my ggg-grandmother Catherine born in 1807 on the family farm in Chanceford Twp. She was the second of twelve children produced by David and Catherine Ellis. Catherine married Adam Arnold around 1840. They had at least three known children between 1842 and 1846. Catherine Arnold became a widow in 1851 and lived much of her later life in the household of her daughter Mary and son-in-law Jonathan Dellinger. Catherine died in 1895 and is buried at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church cemetery.

SHAUL FAMILY

The earliest known ancestor of the Shaul family of Chanceford, is my 11th great-grandfather Blasius Schall, who was born during the latter half of the 1500's in the German town of Bolanden. Bonlanden a former municipality in the Esslingen district, in Baden-Württemberg is today a section of Filberstadt.

My 6th great-grandfather Joseph Schall was born 1719 in Bonlanden, the illegitimate son of Joseph Schuster, a soldier, and Anna daughter of Hans Schall. Joseph immigrated from Germany to Philadelphia in 1749 on the ship "Albany". By 1761 he had settled in Baltimore County, Maryland. Records show that in 1765, Joseph Shaul signed the petition to move the Baltimore county seat of from Joppa to Baltimore, and in 1778 he also signed an Oath of Fidelity to the cause of the American Revolution. Joseph died in Baltimore County in 1785. The name of his wife is unknown but the following four children were named in his Will: John, Joseph, Elizabeth, and Barbara.

Joseph's son John Shaul was born around 1755. He grew to maturity in Baltimore County. Around 1778 he married Catharine Valentine of Frederick County, Maryland. John and Catherine produced at least nine known off-spring between the time of their union and 1794. The family lived at Piney Creek Hundred, located in Frederick County, Maryland up until 1800 when John removed north into York County, Pennsylvania and settled in Chanceford Township. John owned four properties in both Chanceford and Lower Chanceford Townships. The first purchased in 1800 was 331 acres called "Gwins Town" and "Conquest" from the Patrick McGee estate. The second tract, 341 acres in the area of Collinsville, was also purchased in 1800. The third tract, "Rural Banks," composed of 398 acres, was purchased in 1803. It is now the Lee Kennedy Farm in Lower Chanceford Township. The family cemetery, also known as Wises' Burying Ground, was located on this farm. The fourth tract, "Hill Head Place," composed of 223 acres, was purchased in 1807.

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The last Shaul family ancestor is my 4th great-grandmother Anna Catherine one of nine children born to John and Catherine Shaul. She was born 1786 at Piney Creek Hundred, located in Frederick County, Maryland. Anna Catherine married David Ellis at Chanceford

Township around 1803. She had at least twelve known children eight of which were males. After the death of her husband David in 1842 the widow Catharine Ellis continued to run the family farm in Chanceford Township with the assistance of her son John. Anna Catherine died on the family farm at the ripe old age of 97 years.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

Worthwhile Websites

Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related Web sites popping up?

The folks at FamilyTreeMagazine.com have taken the time to sort through them to bring us the best. As a result they have recently identified the following worthwhile websites:

Find Old Newspapers at Free Library of

Congress Site - <http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/>

The Library of Congress has added more than 79,000 digitized newspaper pages to its free *Chronicling America* web site, for a total of 500,000 pages from 61 titles.

German City Directories Now On Ancestry.com

Something like 42 million Americans—that's 15 percent of the population—claim German heritage. (Quick fun fact: The first German immigrant was Johannes Fleischer of Breslau, Silesia, who arrived April 20, 1608, at Jamestown, Va.) Ancestry.com now has a collection of 500 German city directories with 27 million names at that can be accessed at:

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/default.aspx?rt=37>.

If you're not a member of Ancestry.com see if your library offers access to Ancestry Library Edition, which contains many of the same records.

“Everton's Genealogical Helper” now Online

An Edition of popular genealogy magazine [Everton's Genealogical Helper](http://Everton'sGenealogicalHelper.com), is now available online. The magazine debuted a new Online Edition this July - hosted by FamilyLink.com. This new digital edition will be available for free to subscribers of the traditional print magazine, and will also be available as a separate, online-only subscription at a reduced subscription rate of \$12.00 per year for the monthly

magazine, (the print version has a current subscription rate of \$27.00 per year).

The new [Online Edition of Genealogical Helper](http://OnlineEditionofGenealogicalHelper.com) will be available in PDF format which is fully-searchable. Hopefully, there will be no restrictions on downloading/saving these PDF files to your computer, as it's always nice to be able to go back articles you read months and even years ago

Family Tree Maker 2009 Released

[The Generations Network](http://TheGenerationsNetwork.com) (TGN) has announced the release of Family Tree Maker 2009. It's mainly the same as version 2008 with all its patches plus improved functionality, but it does have some new features.

Those include charts and reports, such as hourglass, bowtie, 180-degree fan and others (in case you're wondering, there's no need to be signed up with Ancestry Publishing to generate these reports).

Automatic backups and more-powerful global data manipulation are other updates. Use the following link to see the full list of new features:

<http://tinyurl.com/3jpb96>.

Several patches are planned for Family Tree Maker 2009 that'll add book-building features, better integration with the subscription data service Ancestry.com, an improved

relationship calculator and more.

The 2009 version will read Family Tree Maker files back to version 4 (which takes you to the mid-1990s). To learn more about it, see FamilyTreeMaker.com.

If you purchased Family Tree Maker 2008, don't buy version 2009—registered 2008 users are eligible to upgrade for free. If that's you, during early to mid-September, you'll receive an e-mail with instructions and a coupon code good for 2009 in the Ancestry store.

The offer will be available for a limited time, but the TGN spokesperson says there'll be follow-up e-mails, so if you just ordered 2008, you still have time to register the software and be eligible for the free upgrade. Get more information on the free upgrade offer on [Ancestry.com's blog](http://Ancestry.com'sblog).

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.



A "FAMILY TREE" TREE GROWS AT ROOTSWEB



BECK, SCHMID, SCHUSTER, and ULRICH Surnames Added to the *Dellinger; Knecht; Pfeffer; Silar Database*

An updated version of the database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **183** new records have been added over the past three months. We now have information on **1,686** persons. Since the database is 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 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 Dellinger; Knecht; Pfeffer; Silar database just click on the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/4hbsrt>. 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.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE??

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

Over 100 Books Added to Our USA Genealogy Library Links created to a *General Genealogical Vocabulary Dictionary*

I recently became aware of the Family Search Pilot Records site at, <http://tinyurl.com/49ooet>. Here I found the following two databases for Philadelphia records: (1) death certificates 1803-1915; and marriage record indexes 1885-1951. As a result I now possess many important records pertaining the PFEFFER, KNECHT, and MILDENBERG families.

On a recent visit to York county, PA I visited the cemetery at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Chanceford Township where I took many photographs of headstones of ILGES/ELLIS and ARNOLD family members.

Many new volumes have been added to my [Genealogy Reference Library](#) during the past three months. The [USA Collection](#) web page now totals well over **200** books covering state-wide, county, and local subjects in **33** states.

You are invited to take a look at **4** revised surname pages found on the [DKPS Home Page](#) at: <http://tinyurl.com/46qxlr>.

Over the past three months many web pages and images have been revised or created and added to my [Ancestral Locations](#) at <http://tinyurl.com/5rcafv>, I've also added links to a comprehensive *General Genealogical Vocabulary Dictionary* located at: <http://tinyurl.com/4gpbwh>.

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://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>.

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:

[Abel](#); [Arnold](#); [Ilges\(Ellis\)](#); [Mildenberg](#); [Schall\(Shaul\)](#)

NEW "DKPS" SOURCE DOCUMENTS:

DEATH CERTIFICATES: [Charles E. Knecht](#); [Charles F. Pfeffer](#); [Charles L. Mildenberg](#); [Elizabeth \(Knecht\) Pfeffer](#); [Elizabeth \(Mildenberg\) Knecht](#); [Frederick Knecht](#); [Frederick Pfeffer](#); [Lewis F. Pfeffer](#);

PASSENGER LISTS: [Two Brothers, 1753, \(Arnold\)](#); [John & Elizabeth, 1754, \(Abel\)](#); [Albany, 1749, \(Schall\)](#)

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT: [Anthony Hauer \(Hower\)](#); [Adam Arnold, 1851, Property Inventory](#);

U.S. CENSUS: [Arnold Family from 1800 to 1870](#)

NEW "DKPS" FAMILY PHOTOS / IMAGES:

[Arnold Family Headstones](#); [Ilges\(Ellis\) Family Headstones](#);

[Jonathan & Mary \(Arnold\) Dellinger](#); [Mary Elizabeth Silar](#)

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES

U.S.A.: [Table of Contents](#); [Lebanon Co., PA](#);
[Washington Co., MD](#); [Westmoreland Co., PA](#)

FRANCE: [Table of Contents](#);
UNITED KINGDOM: [Table of Contents](#);
[Lancashire](#); [North Yorkshire](#); [Yorkshire](#)

GERMANY: [Table of Contents](#); [Enz](#); [Esslingen](#);

SWITZERLAND: [Table of Contents](#)

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

U.S.A.: [Lebanon Co., PA](#); [Washington Co., MD](#);
[Westmoreland Co., PA](#); [Woodward Co., OK](#);
[York Co., PA](#)

FRANCE: [Molsheim](#) *GERMANY:* [Esslingen](#)
UNITED KINGDOM: [Lancashire](#); [North Yorkshire](#); [Yorkshire](#)

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES:

[Tools for Organizing and Evaluating Your Research Findings](#); [110th Inf. Regt., 28th Division, USA](#);
[American Migration Routes](#); [Old Walton Road](#); [Great Wagon Road](#); [Pennsylvania \(Forbes\) Road](#);
[Research Reference Library USA](#);

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES:

[Chickasaw Trail Map](#); [General U.S. Migration Maps](#); [Roads to TN and KY](#); [Upper Road Map](#);
[110th Inf. Regt., 28th Division, USA](#); [Southwestern Trail](#);

We're Building a New Website !!**The Next Generation**
OF GENEALOGY SITEBUILDING **v7!**

One of the benefits of maintaining a website and database at Rootsweb is that I've met and shared information with many experienced genealogists most of whom subscribe to this newsletter. A few months ago I was contacted by David Christman who has developed a website, <http://www.christmanfamily.net/>, dedicated to the Christman surname. David invited me to take a look at his creation and requested that I provide a link from our own Christman Surname web page to his website. As a result I and my brother Tom became interested in the possibility of creating a similar site for our family history research.

As of this newsletter we've purchased the

appropriate software from , *The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding*® ("TNG"), see more at <http://lythgoes.net/genealogy/software.php>, as well as space on a web server. We are not sure what to expect at this point but do hope that the new website will make our online site management a lot easier than before. In addition we believe that the features included into the "TNG" software will enhance our users' ability to access more information at not only our website but all other "TNG" family history websites.

Currently our database of ancestors has been uploaded to the new website which can be found at: <http://www.morelandsilerpeiffergenealogy.com/genealogy/> We'll have more information about how this project in future issues of this newsletter.

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 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.

Who	Researching Surname(s)	Who	Researching Surname(s)
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Monica Lacy ironduck2000@yahoo.com	Margaretha Bard. b. 1824, Hesse Darm, Prussia, m. Augustin Meyer	Sivia Neublum sneublum@uol.com.br	Mildenberg

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

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Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
WorldConnect	414,173	Canadian Records	1
Social Security Death Index	48,718	Cemetery Listings	634
Rootsweb Surname List	726	Census Records	378
Vital Records	Matches	Church Records	16
California Death Index	5,342	BLM/GRO Land Records	1,041
Texas Death Index	3,108	Naturalization Records	8
Kentucky Death Index	2,791	Obituaries	197
Kentucky Marriage Index Husband	1,072	Plat Records	11
Kentucky Marriage Index Wife	1,018	POW/MIA Records	3
Maine Death Index	149	British, UK and Ireland Data	166
South Dakota Birth Index	33	Atlas/Gazetteer Listings	7
World War One Draft Index	1,891	Deeds	3
Early Death Records	307	Military Records	63
Pre-1920 Marriages	459	Newspaper Indexes	322
Pre-1920 Births	157	Passenger Lists	2
Other Searches	Matches	One-Name Studies	4
Web Site Search	220,199	Tax and Voter Lists	20
Swedish Records	21	Utah State Archives	14
Australia and New Zealand Records	237	Professional, Society, Religious Groups	23
Alumni Lists	168	Obituary Daily Times	28,149
Book Indexes	607		

“Surname Search” features matches of a direct ancestral surname, from my database, found at RootsWeb.com(<http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>). 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://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>, and Database at <http://tinyurl.com/4a2ck4>.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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